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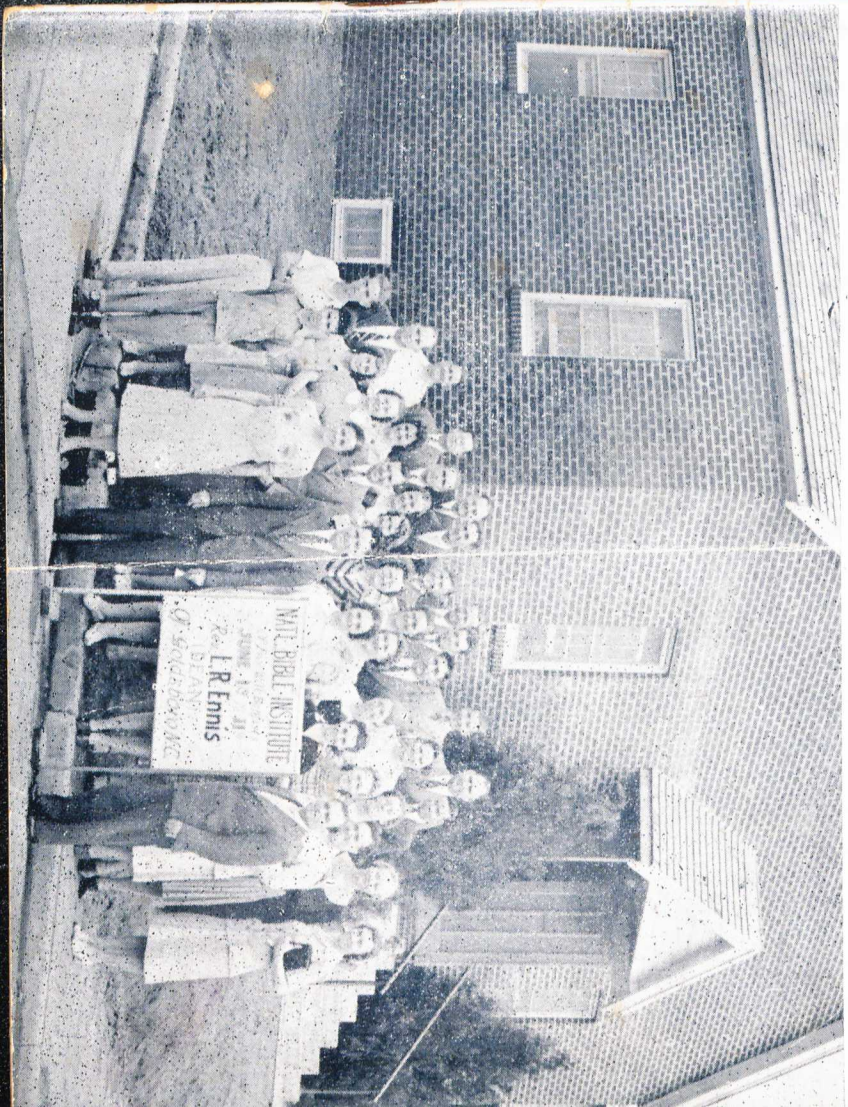
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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

Monett, Missouri

The National Association

Enterprise Department

News of the Tulsa Institute

By The Editor

The front page carries the picture of the student group and the four faculty members of the Christian Workers' Institute held at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in June of this year.

This session of the Christian Workers' Institute scored the highest attainment yet in enrollment and in benefits to the entertaining church. There were thirty-three certificates awarded for the completion of ALL the courses offered. Of this number, more than a dozen certificates were left in the Tulsa Church, including one to the

pastor and one to his son. Other members received enduring benefits upon their attendance of given classes but who were not given certificates.

This was a real climax, but the highest attainment has not been reached yet. Come to Monett in July where, for the first time in the history of the world, Free Will Baptist students will graduate from the Christian Workers' Institute, and receive Normal Diplomas which is earned upon the completion of four two-weeks' sessions of the Christian Workers' Institutes.

Christian Workers' Institute, Monett, Missouri

July 20 to 30, 1942

Officers

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Glennville, Georgia.

Rev. Chester Pelt, Pastor F. W. B. Church,
Durham, North Carolina.

A Glorious Day Coming!

The Christian Worker's Institute

Surely the Holy Spirit never spoke more definitely in any matter than when He moved upon the Board of Education of the National Association to make provisions for the Christian Worker's Institute. Not one single person who has attended regularly the sessions of these institutes, which are just a portable Bible school, but will cheerfully testify to this guidance of the Holy Spirit—not only in His speaking

to the members of the National Board of Education but also to the leaders in these institutes.

Every institute, thus far, has been a glorious success, both to the individuals in attendance and also to the communities in which they have been held. The proofs of this statement are too numerous to mention. The blessing derived from the study of the Word of God and from those worthy methods and means by which the Free Will Baptist denomination may effectively propagate its sacred truths, was so complete at Monett in July, 1941, that another session of the Christian Workers' Institute has been planned for this place. Gathered in Monett last July were students from five states. It is hoped that the enrollment this year may represent a greater area. The work is steadily expanding as is evidenced from the fact that eight states were represented in the Tulsa session held in June of this year.

Those students who have attended former sessions and who have received certificates at these sessions will be ready to receive their Normal Diplomas in July at Monett.

The institute at Monett, however, is not just for these former certificate students. The Institute Courses of Study have been so planned as to provide for the entrance of new students at any time. It is therefore urged that the following make their plans *now* to come to Monett in July, and partake of the blessings that await them there: ministers, prospective ministers, evangelists, Sunday school officers and teachers, workers in Woman's Auxiliary and Missionary Circles and Free Will Baptist Leagues. In fact all Christians who are desirous of becoming more efficient and effective workers will find in this Portable Bible School those courses that will enable them to make their desire a realization.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good!"

Description of Courses

The courses of study offered in the Christian Workers' Institute have been arranged in four groups. Upon the completion of any single group, however, a certificate will be awarded the student; and, for the completion of the four groups of courses, a normal diploma will be awarded. Each

group of courses offered may be finished in a session of two weeks.

A new course is being given in this fourth Institute session—"The Rural Church". The author and instructor of this course, Rev. Robert Crawford, graduate student in the Vanderbilt School of Religion, is one of Tennessee's outstanding young ministers. Formerly from Alabama but now he is pastor of the Ashland City church at Ashland City, Tennessee. Rev. Crawford comes with this course in rural church problems, desiring to help all rural church leaders and workers in a more effectual service.

BIBLE DOCTRINE—This course will treat on the doctrine of the Trinity, with special emphasis on the person and mission of Christ, the personality, office, and work of the Holy Spirit, together with the doctrines of salvation and the Church. The method of treatment will not be systematic except as applied to the specific teachings of the Word of God. The student will find this course to comprehend much of that volume of Christian thought and faith which is essential to stability in personal life and efficiency in service.

BIBLICAL SURVEY—The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to



Rev. Robert Crawford
Teacher of "The Rural Church"

the Bible as a whole. An examination of both the Old and New Testaments with a view to recognizing their interrelationship, literary and historic importance will receive attention. How we came in possession of our Bible, and on what grounds we may be assured of its inspiration and authorship is considered.

EVANGELISM—Soul winning is the privilege of every Christian, and no minister or church worker may be considered efficient, evangelistic or truly faithful who disregards his obligation to the lost. In this course the student will receive vital training in the use of the Bible in personal, pastoral, and professional evangelism. He will be taught how to deal with all classes of unsaved people.

PUBLIC DISCOURSE—This course deals with the preparation and delivery of sermons and gospel addresses. The subject will be presented simply, but with a thoroughness sufficient to meet a universal need among ministers and Christian workers who have not had the advantage of homiletical training.

MISSIONS—The course in missions is considered of major importance. The subject is treated under four separate headings, and will run throughout all four sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute. In the first session the Biblical background of missions will be studied; in the second session brief outlines in world-wide missions will be reviewed; in the third session Free Will Baptists in modern missions will be considered; and in the fourth session the recent awakening and present program of foreign mission will receive attention.

Our missionary to India, Miss Laura B. Barnard, is the author of this course.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORGANIZATION—The subject matter presented in this course is contained in the minutes of Free Will Baptist organizations, and in the unwritten customs and traditions of our denomination. Special attention will be given to the variations of customs and practices of local churches and general bodies. The purpose of this course is to bring about uniformity in organization, practices, and program.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE—The prominence of youth in modern society lays upon Christian bodies grave responsibilities.

Practically all vocations demand trained men and women. This course is offered in response to a widely recognized need for trained workers in all departments of the church.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—Evangelical denominations have been spared the reproachment, if not a collapse, as a result of the devotion and missionary passion of their women. Woman's Auxiliary is comparatively new to our present generation of Free Will Baptist women; but, it is nevertheless the most highly perfected organization in the denomination. There is, however, need of uniformity and simplification. This course is designed to inspire and inform pastors of the possibilities of Auxiliary work, and to give essential instruction to women regarding the conduct of the organization.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION—The Sunday school is fundamentally an evangelizing agency. The latest estimate reveals that seventy-four per cent of those who unite with the churches annually come from the Sunday school. Efficiency in administration will be the theme of this course.

Expenses

It has been the purpose of the National Board of Education and the management of the Christian Workers' Institute to offer Free Will Baptists throughout all the states the advantages of training in this Portable Bible School without any cost whatsoever to the student except the actual expenses of board and incidentals. We have urged upon local churches the importance of this training to Christian workers, and have thereby secured their sponsorship of the Institute on a sacrificial basis. The good people of our church in Monett have insisted that they would not make a profit on boarding students in the Institute. Only the actual cost is desired. We are glad therefore to announce that the board rate for the entire session will be only \$8.00. There will be no charges for rooms. The usual registration fee of \$1.00 is required of all students. Thus the total cost to the student for this session of the Christian Workers' Institute will be \$9.00.

Registrar

Reverend O. T. Allred, 117 Broadway, Monett, Missouri will serve as registrar for the Monett session of the Christian

Workers' Institute. All students desiring to enroll will please forward their applications to Brother Allred. The enrollment fee of \$1.00 should attend all applications. Those who will expect to accompany friends to Monett and would desire to remain with those friends will please so inform our registrar. For the convenience of the prospective students an enrollment blank is published herewith. It is urgent that applicants fill out their applications and mail them in early as possible.

Student's Application

For Enrollment In Monett Session
of Christian Workers' Institute
July 20 to 30, 1942

Name
Address

Age..... Give name of church of which you are a member
Are you a minister?..... Of what church or churches are you now pastor?.....
If not a minister, for what phase of work do you desire preparation?.....
Will you pay your expenses for the duration of the Institute or will your church assist you?
What amount of your expenses will be paid by your church?
What amount in excess of your registration fee (\$1.00) are you forwarding with this application? \$.....
Signed

Please mail your application with registration fee (\$1.00) to Rev. O. T. Allred, 117 Broadway, Monett, Missouri.

Continued Victory with Foundation Checks

By Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman National Board of Education, Bryan, Texas

CERTAINLY it is of mutual concern to all true Free Will Baptists that the Foundation Check Plan continues to pile up victories from week to week. Faith in our being able to retire the entire indebtedness by the time the first note is due need not be criticised, for as sure as the interests continue as they have been running for the past two months we shall be over the top. It seems now that all those who wish to get in on the proposition should make it known right away. Would it not be fine for us to put the one hundred checks needed on the table at the National Association in July? That will be one epoch in our history if all respond who should do so.

Since the last report we have added quite a few names to our honor roll, of those giving one hundred dollar checks. The record as it stands on this, the fifteenth day of June 1942 is as follows:

From State of Texas:
John Moody, Anderson \$100.00
F. J. Boone, Bryan 100.00
R. C. Cloud, Bryan (present address, Ancon, C. Z.) 100.00
J. F. Payne, Carthage 100.00
Mrs. Ethel Carmichael, Clayton 100.00

C. F. Goen, Bryan (post dated but due 6-15-42) 100.00
East Texas Quarterly Meeting 100.00
Keith Church, Iola 100.00
Total from Texas \$800.00

From State of Kentucky:
Rev. F. S. VanHoose, Paintsville\$100.00

From State of Georgia:
H. N. Baxter, Glennville \$100.00

From State of Florida:
C. L. Brown, Dukes \$100.00
Eurie, Hollis, B. E. and Mary Brown, Lake Butler 100.00
W. Y., J. L. and S. M. Brown, Lake Butler 100.00
J. S. Howard, Dukes 100.00
J. M. and A. E. Howard, Dukes 100.00
Total from Florida \$500.00

From State of Oklahoma:
Tulsa Institute, Tulsa \$100.00
First Church of Tulsa 100.00
Total from Oklahoma \$200.00

From State of North Carolina:
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Webster, Washington \$100.00
Mrs. Walter Barnes, Wilson 100.00
Mrs. E. B. Deans, Wilson 100.00

Mrs. Sophia Hardee, Greenville	100.00
Rev. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill	100.00
Davis Church, Davis	100.00
Marsh Swamp Church, Wilson	100.00
Total from North Carolina ..	\$700.00

From State of Illinois:

Harmony, Plaster View and Oakland Churches, Herrin	\$100.00
Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant View Churches and Bear Point Wo- man's Auxiliary, Herrin	100.00
Freedom Church	100.00
Bear Point Church	100.00
First Church of Mt. Vernon	100.00
Rescue Church	100.00
Webb's Prairie Church	100.00
Franklin County Quarterly Meeting ..	100.00
Arnold View, Mt. Zion and Liberty Churches	100.00
Total from Illinois	\$900.00

From State of Tennessee:

Ashland City Church, Ashland City	\$100.00
Mrs. G. T. Harris, Ashland City	100.00
E. D. Parker, Nashville	100.00
Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City ..	100.00
D. W. Hudgens, Ashland City	100.00
Erwin Institute, Erwin	100.00
Total from Tennessee	\$600.00

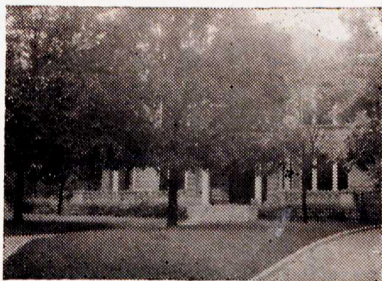
From State of Missouri:

Flat River Church (Post dated) ..	\$100.00
Mine LaMotte Church (post dated) ..	100.00
Desloge Church (post dated)	100.00
Macedonia Church (post dated)	100.00
Mt. Clive Church (post dated)	100.00
Hannon Church (post dated)	100.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	100.00
Third Church, St. Louis	100.00
Flat River Institute	100.00
Fredericktown Church	100.00
Oak Grove Church, five checks	500.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Lamar	100.00
Rev. and Mrs. Albert Tucker, Flat River	100.00
Free Will Baptist Gem, by Rev. and Mrs. Rollins	100.00
Rev. W. K. Weston, Monett	100.00
Rev. George La Shum, Monett	100.00
Rev. C. B. Dees, Desloge	100.00
Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd, Flat River	100.00
W. L. Powell, Monett	100.00
(The 7 last ones listed are post dated.)	
Total from Missouri	2,300.00
Monett Church (over half cash	

in hand)	\$51.00
Third Church, St. Louis, cash over check	63.30
Rev. D. Self Jones, St. Genevieve, cash on check	25.00
C. C. Pirtle, Desloge, cash on check	10.00
Total cash raised on incom- plete Missouri checks	\$149.30
Total checks in Missouri on which some cash has been paid	\$400.00

The above figures reveal the fact that sixty-two checks have been completed, and that several more are in the process. Beside this, reports have been coming of many more being in the making, and such reports come from several different states. Many other should do as Brother and Sister George Webster of Washington, N. C., did last week; just go to the bank and arrange to mail a cashier's check to cover one of the Foundation Checks. How many of you will do as these did when you are through reading this report? Just talk it over with Jesus and do what He says, and we will be happy with you.

P. S.—We ask the brotherhood to join with us in rejoicing for the success of the Christian Worker's Institute which we have operated since last July. Almost two hundred workers have received training in the four sessions held—"Praise Ye The Lord".



F. W. B. Bible School, Nashville, Tenn.

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can nat be Done Without a Paper**

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The Program of the National Association

To be held with the Free Will Baptist Church at Columbus, Mississippi, beginning Tuesday evening July 14, 1942.

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:30 — Devotional, Rev. J. A. Card, Chicago, Illinois.
8:00 — Sermon, Rev. F. C. Zinn, Bristow, Oklahoma.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Opening of the National Association

- 8:45 — Devotional, Rev. Millard VanHoose, Paintsville, Kentucky.
9:00 — Association called to order by the clerk; moderator takes charge. Appointment of committees, letters called for from the various states; accepting of letters and seating of delegates, and hand of fellowship.
9:30 — Election of officers; Appointment of Committee on Committees.
10:00 — Welcome address by M. L. Hollis, pastor of local church.
Response by Rev. Chester Pelt, Durham, North Carolina.
10:30 — Report of the General Board.

- 10:45 — Report of the National Executive Secretary, Rev. L. R. Ennis.
11:00 — Song and prayer service. Leader to be selected.
11:20 — Associational Sermon, Rev. J. W. Alford, Kenly, North Carolina.
12:00 — Lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 — Devotional, Rev. M. H. Mellette, Turbeville, South Carolina.
1:45 — Miscellaneous Business Period: Reading of minutes of morning session, enrollment of delegates and ministers late in arriving, report of committee on committees, report of credential committee.
2:15 — Moderator's message, Rev. James F. Miller, Kirksville, Missouri.
2:45 — Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Fanny Polston, Nashville, Tennessee.
3:00 — Report of Sunday School Convention, W. E. Coville, Nashville, Tenn.
3:15 — Report of Free Will Baptist League, Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn.
3:30 — Report of North Carolina Orphanage,



Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus,

Mississippi

James A. Evans, Superintendent.

- 3:45 — Report of Tennessee Orphanage, by
Rev. Paul Woolsey, Superintendent.
4:00 — Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:29 — Devotional, Dr. Leonard Earl Harris,
Chicago, Illinois.
8:00 — Sermon, Rev. Damon Dodd, Flat
River, Missouri.

THURSDAY MORNING

- 8:45 — Devotional, Rev. Jesse B. Parson,
Nashville, Tennessee.
9:00 — Business Period: Reading of min-
utes of Wednesday session; enroll-
ment of delegates and ministers
late in arriving; reports of tem-
porary committees — Publicity, Bus-
iness, Resolutions, Entertainment
Fee Committees and others.
10:30 — Report of Home Mission Board,
Rev. M. L. Hollis, Chairman.
11:00 — Song and prayer service. Leader
to be chosen.
11:20 — Sermon, Rev. Raymond Riggs, High-
land Park, Michigan.
12:00 — Lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 — Devotional, Rev. J. W. Addington,
Virginia.
1:45 — Reading of minutes of morning ses-
sion; further reports of temporary
committees.
2:00 — Report of Foreign Mission Board,
Rev. Winford Davis, Chairman.
2:20 — Report of Superannuation Board,
Rev. F. C. Zinn, Chairman.

- 2:40 — Report of Educational Board, Rev.
J. R. Davidson, Chairman.

- 3:00 — Report of Denominational Publica-
tions: Free Will Baptist Press,
Ayden, N. C., Rev. R. B. Spencer,
Editor; Free Will Baptist Gem,
Monett, Mo., Rev. John B. Rollins,
Editor.

- 3:30 — Business Period: Further reports
and selection of location for next
association.

- 4:00 — Adjournment.

THURSDAY EVENING

- 7:30 — Devotional, Rev. Harry Staires,
Drumright, Oklahoma.
8:00 — Sermon, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glen-
ville, Georgia.

FRIDAY MORNING

- 8:45 — Devotional, Rev. Joe Fort, Jakin,
Georgia.

- 9:00 — Business Period: Reading of min-
utes of Thursday session; final re-
ports of all committees; treasurer's
report; discussion on number, print-
ing, and distribution of minutes,
and completion of all unfinished
business.

- 11:15 — Report of National Statistician.

- 11:30 — Sermon, Rev. W. R. Spurlock,
Bonnie, Illinois.

- 12:00 — Final Adjournment.

Song leader to be chosen from time
to time.

By the Committee:

M. L. Hollis,

J. C. Griffith,

Winford Davis.

Program for the Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Theme: "The Love of Christ Constrains Us"

Song: "I Love To Tell The Story"

Scripture: 2 Cor. 5:14

MONDAY EVENING

- 7:30 — Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story".
Invocation, Mrs. L. E. Ballard.
Enrollment.

- 8:00 — Solo, Mrs. Chester Pelt.

Devotional Topic: "The Love of
Christ" 2 Cor. 5:14, Miss Marie
Thomas.

Prayer, Mrs. Hattie Newman.

- 8:15 — Welcome Address, Mrs. R. R.
Crossley.

Response, Mrs. J. F. Miller.

Recognition of chairman of local
committees on Annual meeting
arrangement.

Appointment of Committees:

Greetings

Appreciation

Registration

Plan of Work

Resolution

Obituary

Announcements

8:30 — Hymn: "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"
Address: "The Love of Christ Constrains Us to be 'Laborers Together With God'," Mrs. H. W. Christian.

Hymn:
Benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00 — Hymn: "I Love To Tell the Story"
Prayer, Mrs. C. B. Thompson.

Devotional Topic: "Constraineth Me", Mrs. Chester Pelt.

Special Music, Mrs. J. C. Moyer.

9:30 — Minutes of Executive Committee.

9:30 — Message of the President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

9:45 — Reports:

Field Secretary, "Serving With Love in ——— States."

Fifth Vice President, "Sharing Love"
Corresponding Secretary, "Love In Action."

Committee Reports: Greetings, Registration, Appreciation, Plan of Work.

Announcements.

11:00 — Hymn.

Prayer, Mrs. Lovering Pierce.

Special Music, Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

Convention Message, "Constraining

Love", Mrs. Elsie Curtis.

Hymn.

Benediction.

12:00 — Lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 — Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story".
Prayer, Mrs. C. C. Moore.

Devotional, "Our First Love", Miss Laura B. Barnard.

Special Music.

1:30 — Reports:

1. First Vice President, "Christ's Love Constrains Us to Enlist Through the Printed Page".

2. Second Vice President, "Christ's Love Constrains Us to Teach".

3. Fourth Vice President, "Christ's Love Constrains Us to Give".

4. Third Vice President, "Christ's Love Constrains Us to Study, Pray and Go".

5. Treasurer.

6. Resolution Committee.

2:20 — Report of Obituary Committee and Memorial Service.

2:20 — Miscellaneous Business.

3:45 — Hymn.

4:00 — Benediction.

Program Committee:

Miss Rebecca Stewart

Mrs. J. R. Bennett

Miss Dot Harvey.

Program for the Sunday School Convention

SUNDAY NIGHT

7:45 — Song and prayer service, Rev. R. P. Harris.

8:15 — Sermon, Rev. Henry Melvin.

MONDAY MORNING

9:00 — Devotional, Rev. Damon Dodd.

9:15 — Convention called to order by secretary; President takes charge.

9:20 — Appointment of Credentials Committee; Appointment of Finance Committee.

9:25 — Enrollment of ministers and delegates.

9:30 — "We are glad to have you," Rev. M. L. Hollis.

9:40 — "Thank you, we are glad to be here," Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith.

9:50 — General officers' reports:
President, W. E. Coville

Vice President, L. E. Duncan

Secretary, Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith

Ass't. Secretary, Miss Jean Welch
Treasurer, W. L. Williams

Director of Organization, Mrs. L. E. Ballard

Director of Denominational Enterprises, Rev. L. C. Johnson

Director of Records and Reports,
Rev. Robert Crawford

Director of Literature, Rev. L. R. Ennis

Director of Publicity, Rev. John B. Rollins.

11:00 — Report of Credentials Committee

11:10 — Election of Officers

11:30 — Appointment of Business Resolutions Committee

11:35 — Open Forum — Topic of discussion:
"What can we do to make our Con-
vention a more effective organiza-
tion?"

Noon — Refreshments

MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 — Devotional, Rev. K. V. Shutes
1:45 — President's message
2:00 — Business session:
Reading minutes of morning session
Enrollment of ministers and dele-
gates late in arriving.

Report of Business Resolutions Com-
mittee.

3:30 — "Our need of field workers and of
finance for field work" Miss Eliza-
beth Warren.

3:45 — State Conventions, Rev. L. E. Ballard
Note — Rev. Winford Davis will arrange
and direct the song services throughout the
session.

The president requests that all General
Officers be present at the church at 7:00
o'clock on Sunday night for a meeting of
the Executive Board.

CONVENTION REPORT

(Quarter or Annual)

Report of Sunday School
for ending 19.....
(Quarter of Year)

Enrollment at close of last quarter or year
New pupils last quarter or year Pupils leaving Sunday
School past quarter or year Present Enrollment
Number Visitors Number Daily Bible Readers
Number Chapters Read..... Number Paid Birthday Offering.....
Amount of Birthday Offering \$..... Number of Tithers
Average Attendance..... Average Grade (Six Point System).....
Number 100 Per Cent Pupils..... Number of Converts.....
Number Additions to Church from Sunday School
Number Classes Number Officers and Teachers
Number Monthly Workers' Conferences Held
Average % Officers and Teachers Attending Conferences%
Average % of Pupils Attending Preaching Services%
Rating on Standard (Check points reached) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Amount of Regular Offering (Quarter or Year) for: Missions \$.....
Education \$..... Orphanages \$..... Other Enterprises \$.....
Amount of Convention Dues Paid for Quarter or Year: District
\$..... State \$..... National \$.....

..... Superintendent
..... Secretary

Form 15 National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

"Each state convention reporting to
the National Convention shall send
\$5.00 with report, each district conven-
tion shall send \$3.00 and each local
school \$1.00 and delegates representing
in National Sunday School Convention
\$1.00 each."

Blessings in Cuba

By T. H. Willey, Missionary in Cuba

THE following is a letter that I received this morning from our native worker in Pinar del Rio. I left Luis Diaz last Thursday in this new field, not knowing anyone, only a few casual acquaintances that we had made that day. I am sure you who read this will rejoice with us at the success attending our faith. We have on the field now, actually, four native workers; two of these will be married soon, making six workers, for the girls are very capable also. We are taking on another worker this week who has for months prayed about his labor with us and now feels definitely God's leading. This will make seven workers. I wish you might know each of them, see their sacrifices and feel with us their deep consecration to the Lord and the cause. They are yours, so pray earnestly for them that they might be filled with love of God and the power of the Holy Ghost to witness and build up a strong church here for His glory. We are praying God to give us a hundred workers in this needed province.

Senor Thomas Willey
Jaruco, Cuba
My Beloved Brother:

It is my fervent desire that you are in good health in both body and spirit. I am writing you in regard to the marvelous things that God is doing.

They were not able to give me a place on the American Tobacco farm at Rio Seco. So the first night I passed here in San Juan looking for the group of believers whom we had heard about. The following day I kept searching for them and finally when I did find them they were filled with joy. When I made them our proposition one of the brothers carried me from house to house and I found them all filled with joy and very content that I had come. That night we had a service in the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The second day after finding this group, who are like sheep without a shepherd, I found that they had made a covenant to pray, demanding of God that he send them a pastor. The following I found written

on the blackboard when I arrived for the service: "Service, preaching in charge of our brother Luis Diaz, who was brought here to tell us the good news of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ."

Tonight they studied our proposition and our actual labor. I invited them in the name of the Free Will Baptists (Bautistas Libres) to unite their souls with us to praise God who provided our redemption through the blood of His Son. They all expressed their desire to unite with our church because God had answered their prayer in a moment. But their decision was held over that they might present it to all that they might have a unanimous vote on the proposal.

Last night, May 22, the congregation met together and asked for my identification and decided to receive me in the Presence of God as their pastor. They are still amazed and are relating over and over the similarity of their experience to that of Peter when he was in prison and the church prayed for his deliverance. God answered their prayers and set him free, then when he stood in their presence they could hardly



Louis Diaz and His Sweetheart

believe that it could have happened so quickly. They were made to realize that they were dealing with a living God. So this group had called for a night of prayer, just two nights before I came, they were praying for a pastor and God sent one.

I wish to be brief and not weary you. There is one expression I am hearing from all of them, "I want to be baptized".

Today I am going to a mission which they have started 25 kilomers (15 miles) from here. We have to go by train and horse back. Here there are thirty Christians. Others say there are more than that. At 2:00 p. m. today there is Bible study and at 4:00 p. m. preaching service. They want to be baptized soon and to form a church. This is what they say to me.

It is the case of Philip and the Enoch, but in this case it is repeated with a group who want to unite with our association of which we are, Acts 8:29-38.

The group in San Juan had never been baptized as they had no preacher to instruct them in the full meaning of baptism. Because of this I have told them that I

would instruct them beginning Wednesday on the meaning of baptism and the constitution of the Free Will Baptist Church. So they will hear from us what we are able to say on this subject and we shall give the truth for which they are waiting.

So they are praying for us, and please come when you are able to baptize these who are in truth longing to be baptized.

There are other places also where we can go and open up by the help of God. There are precious young people here. This is a marvelous opportunity that we have.

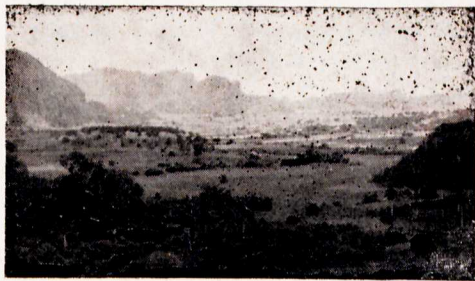
Greet mother and Barbarita and the Honorable Elena and the brothers. Receive from me your son in the Gospel a very strong embrace.

My health is not good now, please pray for me in this particular; it is a touch of grippe.

Lovingly your son in Him,

— Louis Diaz.

This letter was translated from Spanish. Do pray earnestly for this precious young preacher and this new found group.



Scenes of the Valley in Pinar Del Reo, Cuba

The Tennessee Orphanage Advances

By Paul Woolsey, Acting Superintendent, Greeneville, Tennessee

WE wish to take this opportunity to thank the people all over our beloved denomination for their wonderful co-operation and support in the behalf of the "Home". During the month of May, we heard from nine states in the form of an offering. Since we last wrote we have increased our family by two, making a total of twenty-six (26) in our entire orphanage family. Through the generosity of the people we have been

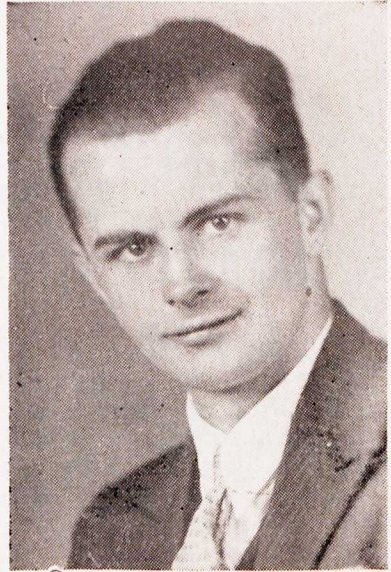
able to buy the following farming tools: a disk harrow, a wheat drill, a mowing machine, a turning plow and two smaller plows. The boys are happy in their new quarters, the Boy's Dormitory.

We have just finished our evening devotions. We are reading Hurlbut's Story of the Bible. Tonight we read the story of Joseph making himself known to his brothers and forgiving them for selling him

as a slave to the Ishmaelites. After the reading a call was made for voluntary prayer. I would that many hard-hearted sinners could have heard the children as one by one they offered the sincere desires of their hearts. They mentioned each other, those that care for them, their church, the league, our missionaries and the various enterprises of our denomination. I would that some of our so-called leaders would have as much interest as these young Free Will Baptists, who such a short time ago had known nothing of the love of the Christ who died for them, or even the better things of this life. Even now a proselyte would have a time with any of our family.

Below I am listing some of the states and the amount of their offering outside of Tennessee: Missouri, \$263.00; Virginia, \$76.38; West Virginia, \$51.20; Alabama, \$25.50; Kentucky, \$15.65; Illinois, \$7.00; Georgia, \$5.00; North Carolina, \$20.10.

We are not only trying to meet the need of the present but also build for the future. We are doing our best to improve the farm so it can largely provide the food. A dollar now will enable us to save five later. A dollar to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage of Tennessee means a dollar for training in Christian service for our denomination and will help provide our leaders of tomorrow. Here the Cause of Christ, espec-



Rev. Paul Woolsey

ially as it is represented by the Free Will Baptists, is ever kept before the children.

We are fully convinced that this work is truly God's, and that if we all stay in the center of His will that many souls will be born in His kingdom because of the effort our people make at this place.

Yours for the Cause of Christ and the Salvation of the Lost.

The Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage A Source of Raw Material for the Denomination

By Paul Woolsey, Acting Superintendent, Greeneville, Tennessee.

ANY agency for the care and development of the physical body can justify itself only when such care is preparatory to the development of the mental and spiritual life. Especially is this true of the institutions of the Church. Every effort of the Church should have only two aims in mind: the edification of the Saved and the Salvation of the Lost. Unless these paramount ends of the Church are achieved, any church benevolence is not justified.

An outstanding fault, common to so many Free Will Baptists, is the self-consciousness that suddenly seizes us when we are about to plead the cause of our beloved denomination. Denominational bigotry is always to

be avoided by a follower of the lowly and meek carpenter of Nazareth. On the other hand lack of denominational patriotism has always proved fatal. Loyalty and affectionated devotion are essential to any cause. We should be proud and happy that God has called us to work in that part of His moral vineyard for which He is holding the Free Will Baptists responsible.

A true Christian earnestly desires to see the extension of God's Kingdom. A truly devoted Christian who is a Free Will Baptist will ever strive to enlarge the scope and usefulness of the Free Will Baptist denomination. The same can be said of

any member of a sister denomination. For us the extension of the Master's Cause and the increased usefulness of our denomination must be one and the same thing.

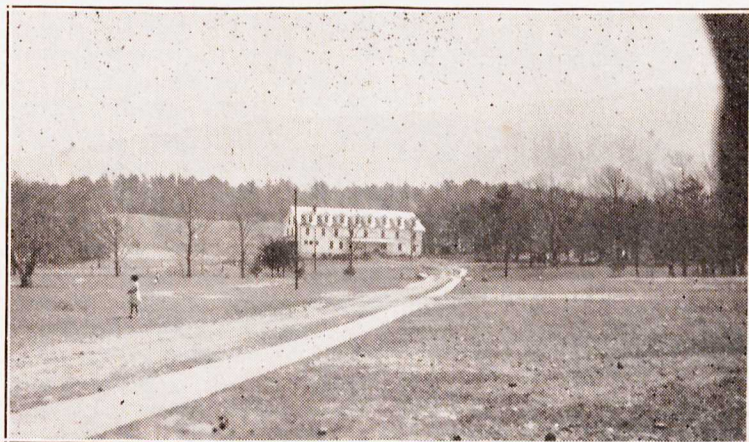
The realization that these two great truths are inseparable has largely guided the destiny of The Home thus far. We are taking every precaution in order that the physical, social, mental, and educational side of each and every boy and girl shall be developed to the Nth degree. This, of course, is to insure a greater usefulness in God's Kingdom. There has been no attempt to select any phase of human activity or endeavor for any of the children nor will there be any such attempt. However the greatest of care is being taken to sow the right kind of seed; the increase is in the hands of our Heavenly Father. We take every opportunity to encourage any native ability or worthy ambition. If a girl is interested in nursing we give her every opportunity to gain all practical knowledge possible. Care is taken to guide and develop all laudable interests. Such talents as singing, piano playing, public speaking, dramatizing, skill in such arts as sewing, cooking, housekeeping; care of live stock, farming and appetites for any trade or profession are watched with interest and sympathy. Of course the children have their regular work and are taught that all honest work is noble and upright. Above every thing else the need of the church and the opportunity it affords every individual in every walk of life are ever kept foremost in the minds of our children.

Education is held up before our boys and girls not as an end in itself but as a means to an end. It will be a great disappointment if all of our family does not finish high school. Then we hope that God will open the way for them to take advance training for their life's work. It is our fondest hope that many from the "Home" will find their way to our Bible School in Nashville. It is our prayer that God will lay it upon the hearts of our Quarterly Meetings, District Associations, Woman's Auxiliaries, churches and individuals to begin now to raise money for loan scholarships for our boys and girls to be paid back by them as soon as they enter their life's work.

I also wonder if any group would care to bare expenses of any of the older girls to any of our Christian Workers' Institutes to be held before the opening of school?

We are not only trying to meet the needs of the present but building for the future. We are doing our best to improve the farm so it can largely provide the food. A dollar now will enable us to save five later. A dollar to the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage means a dollar for training in Christian service for our denomination and will help provide our leaders of tomorrow.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the churches and good people for their wonderful co-operation and especially the Missouri State Association and the Oak Grove Church for their wonderful gift. May God bless each and every one.



Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage

Overcoming
With Christ



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The World
For Christ



The Hour of Prayer

By Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in his sight" 1 John 3:22.

IN these words of John we find one of the greatest secrets of unanswered prayer. How many times have you heard someone say, "I have asked and asked for certain things and haven't received them", and when that person digs down into the root of the matter, he usually finds that he has failed to do these things which are pleasing in the sight of God. God has given us certain commandments to keep and if we fail to keep those commandments, we do not have any promise of answered prayer. If we expect God to do what we ask of Him, then we must do what He bids us do. Many times we pray for the salvation of certain ones whom we would not associate with at all. Is it fair for us to ask God to save a person whom we think too low to put our arms around and tell them about Jesus? I say it is not. If we do not try to help answer our prayers by keeping His commandments and doing the things which please our Lord, then God is under no obligation to answer our prayer.

There was a certain girl in a community one time which had gone astray. One summer two of the churches held their revival together, and every night during the revival some of the mothers of that community requested prayer for this girl. One night the girl, with several others, came to the altar for prayer. Different ones were going to the altar and telling them the way of salvation, but no one went to this poor benighted girl. She was too low for them to associate with, although they had been praying that she would be saved. The minister finally had to go tell her the way

of salvation. My friends such prayers as those are of no avail. These women were selfish too in their desire to see this girl saved. They wanted her saved in order that their daughters would not be led astray by her. Prayers like these are an abomination in the sight of God.

Jesus has ordained and chosen us to be fruit bearing Christians. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" John 16:16. Then to receive the things for which we ask of the Father we must bring forth some fruit. This is pleasing in His sight. I do not believe, according to God's own word, that we can please Him unless we do bring forth fruit. The Christian life should be a fruit bearing life. To be a fruit bearing Christian and win souls to the Lord Jesus, we must put forth some special efforts in personal soul winning. Jesus won most all of His followers during his earthly ministry through personal effort. Jesus truly revealed His love for lost sinners during His earthly ministry. His meat was to do the will of Him who sent Him, and because of this the Father heard Him always.

Through the Woman's Auxiliary this month we are stressing the need of personal service. Let us pray that God will help us as Christian women to have a greater zeal for the lost in about us, and help us to go out in the highways and byways and bring them into the fold. Pray that God will help us to enlist the unenlisted women of our church into His great army. Remember we shall have the things for which we ask, if we keep His commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in His sight.

Finishing Up the Year

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

WE are facing the very last lap of the journey. How is it with you? Are you among those who are looking back at many lovely plans made in the beginning of the year, programs that were to have been attractive and enticing? Are you remembering that one afternoon each week was to have been set aside to visit absentees and prospective members, and are you remembering with dismay how you let things interfere and now you find yourself discouraged with a disorganized group limping toward the year's close?

Or are you among those who *DID* pray and plan about their meetings, and who have seen splendid results in growing interests, new members, awakened consciousness of the spiritual needs of the world and individual responsibility? Who have seen the members—young and old—develop in their understanding of the missionary message of the Bible? Who have watched their prayer life grow beyond the confines of self and home and reach out to include missionaries and mission fields and have seen their eager response to service in Christ's name?

If you are in this last class, then you are looking forward to the particular things that are to be accomplished before the annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary which is to be held at Columbus, Mississippi in July. To the leader who feels that she has failed miserably we say: "Don't be discouraged to the point of giving up; we have all passed this way; instead look at what *you can do* before July 14, 1942.

June is Christian Education month. It was set aside as such by the National Auxiliary Convention and all auxiliaries—local, district, and state organizations,—if loyal to our adopted Plan of Work, will under present circumstances and opportunities never afforded the National Convention before in its history, respond with a FOUNDATION CHECK for the FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL which is located in Nashville, Tennessee. The response of our people depends largely on the way we present the needs to them. We as auxiliary members pride ourselves on the fact that

we are the auxiliary to the association. Are we, if we sit idly by and fail to do our share of burden lifting? The debt on our school is, or can be if not removed in July, a burden. Only a few more checks are needed to remove all traces of debt from *OUR* school. So Auxiliaries can do much right now in these last days to remove discouragement from your hearts and at the same time increase the already high enthusiasm of the National Board of Education by securing *foundation checks* which are to be used to clear all indebtedness on our school. Not in years have Free Will Baptists been so near the open portals of a Bible School.

No greater challenge has ever faced the Free Will Baptist church than this—to permeate education with the Spirit of Christ. Increasingly it is seen that education must be spiritualized and that in the deepest, truest sense whether in the school rooms of the world, or in the churches all education carries with it missionary implications.

What challenge is here thrown down to Christian education, God's mightiest handmaiden, to dedicate to humankind its conscience and its brain. Shall not Christianity come to the aid of humanity in the struggle which our country is now witnessing.

If we as a denomination would be of any great help in such work we must make **READY** the **GROUND** to **PRODUCE** the **EVENT**.

To wire a church for its transmitting service to the world will mean training leaders; for this educational task on a scale hitherto undreamed of.

The time to decide what part Free Will Baptists are to have in this educational program that fits the church to function according to God's plan for it, will come in July, 1942. Are you by your donations making it possible for your auxiliary to share in this great movement among Free Will Baptists? Or are you by your withholding, placing a stumbling block in the way?

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High Lights From Science



Written records, drawings and notes of other scientists, led Michael Faraday in 1821 to experiment with the electro-magnet or dynamo. His notes and drawings have been carefully preserved. Little improvement has been made on Faraday's notes. Today, electricity, generated by gigantic dynamo generators, supplies the factories, store and home. Costs are at a minimum and production is speeded up.

The above is the simple story of ALL IMPORTANT part that paper played in the invention of the greatest power-producing agency in the world. The natural, potent, raw resources have been harnessed and put to use, and this factor makes our country to be the greatest power producing country in the world.

Paper also has a prominent part in the

utilizing of the potent power in the spiritual realms among men. A religious paper gathers all the scattered spiritual resourcefulness into a solidarity of a unified organism which advances for the betterment of mankind.

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EDITORIAL



A PROBLEM SOLVED

For a good many months we have wrestled with the problem of having good manuscripts to be crowded out of the current issue for a belated appearance in a succeeding issue, or to be thrown in the waste basket. These reports of church activities come to us from a field which include 35 or more states. They are good, but too numerous. Those thrown away do not make good advertisement for the *Gem*. The very atmosphere is charged with uncertainty even for those whose reports find

space in the *Gem*. One pastor advised his reporter, "Go ahead and report to the *Gem* and if your report finds the editors waste basket, don't let that discourage you."

We think we have found the solution to the very grave problem which has confronted us so long, and it will eliminate the possibility of discouraging the reporters.

We now ask all reporters, and would be reporters, to come on with your reports. Confine your reports to the activities of your church or quarterly meeting or whatever you are reporting. Leave off personal testimony; the *Gem* readers will know

whether you love the Lord by the activity you produce in the church—besides a testimony meeting is very difficult to edit and print.

If the *Gem* will not hold all the reports, we will create a new department called "Gold Nuggets" or "Spot Lights" or whatever, in which the editor will "boil down" reports, which would otherwise be left out, into highly concentrated paragraphs of honorable mention of the churches represented by the reports.

This will have some very definite advantages, and we trust will prove to be a satisfactory solution to the problem with which we have wrestled for many months.

WHEN CHANGING ADDRESS

The Free Will Baptist Gem is mailed under a second class mailing permit, therefore it is impossible for any post office to forward a copy of the *Gem* to any address. We have known certain persons to move and leave a forwarding address with their post office and expect the *Gem* to follow them. Months later, they would write and give the editor a "once over" for stopping their *Gem*.

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Often we are forced to ignore a request for a change of address because the information is incomplete. We then wait and pay two cents for an official report from the Post Office you have left. In this case, the subscriber misses a copy of the *Gem*, then too, all post offices do not report. The Editor does not like to be sewed up in a sack, so help him out by sending him your own notice of your change of address. Only three things are needed.

1. Your old address
2. Your new address
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THE AUGUST ISSUE

It has been our custom to make the August issue of the *Gem* a special feature, giving all the annual reports of our denominational activities from a national standpoint as they are collected at the National Association. We propose to do the same this year, only we shall do it a little differently.

Heretofore, the Editor has been working like a slave while at the National Association, collecting reports, borrowing them, from the Clerk and copying them, sending them to the office by special delivery mail, etc., in order that the August issue may not be delayed *any more than possible*. As a result of this procedure, the August issue has never been on time.

Last year, the National Association voted to close ALL books on June 30 and that reports be prepared before going to the National Association. What a wonderful thing!

Now, since the reports which will be read at the National Association must be prepared before the Association convenes, why not make a duplicate copy and send the *Gem* Office one before going to the National Association?

Well, here it is whether you like it or not, Old Chief Bigfoot himself is now setting his big foot *DOWN*—If you want your department of activity reported in the *Gem*, you *WILL* send a copy of the report before going to the National Association. This goes for the report of the National Executive Secretary, the reports of the five departmental Boards, a concentrated report of the National Sunday School Convention, and of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and of any other outstanding enterprise sponsored by any individual, board or group of committees.

We are expecting a fine August issue, mailed on time, so come along and may the Lord bless you all and add to your virtue knowledge.

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What halts the progress of Christian education among Free Will Baptists? Only one thing—a shortage of funds in the treasury of the National Board of Christian Education. Who is responsible for the shortage? The Free Will Baptists who have in their possession money that belongs to God. Free Will Baptists who have made no contribution to our denominational institution where leaders—men and women—can and will be prepared and equipped to serve the Master and humanity at home and abroad in an all-out world crusade for Christ when the present conflict is over. The great opportunity of Christians will come when peace is declared. Wisdom has departed from us if we do not right now make preparations for that time and our preparations must be spiritual. This is the task to which our National Board of Education has set itself and for this task it is girding its strength. Are you making it possible for it to realize its desire? The opportunity is yours now.

Many a Free Will Baptist's money is standing between this institution and "approved workmen". Is yours? We shall never see the world evangelized while we spend twenty times as much on ourselves as on missions, Christian education, and other work necessary for the extension of the kingdom in which the church is now called upon to engage. "To him who knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). If we are finding it hard to contribute to the support of Christ's bride (His church) and Christ's program (preach and teach), we

should look to our **SPIRITUAL** condition rather than our **FINANCIAL** condition.

What has your auxiliary done to minister to this need of spiritual preparation of our leaders and workers for the days ahead? Second Vice Presidents, we have a few more weeks in which to prove ourselves, in which to be real helpers, "laborers together" with the National Board of Education in its effort to open our Bible School in September, 1942. And when our hearts and minds get saturated with the conviction of the endless capacity of the human soul, we are impelled to join God in that patience, educative, hopeful love which helps that soul attain.

Let us put our *best* into this last month, proving by our words and deeds expressed with **FOUNDATION CHECKS** that we are genuine, sincere "laborers together" with the National Association in its great program of Kingdom extension work. Make investments for eternity; put our money in immortal souls, in enduring securities. How much have you laid up in heaven? Genuine religion open the pocketbook as well as the heart; so use your money in such a way that you will not be friendless and a pauper in eternity.

From the heart of a local second vice president this urgent petition is sent—that we make this last month preceding our annual meeting really count for providing an institution for training Free Will Baptists, and thus make it count for Christ.

Your co-laborer in Christ,

—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Second Vice President
East Nashville Woman's Auxiliary.

GENERAL ARTICLES

Free Will Baptists in Birmingham

Rev. J. J. Stabb, N. Birmingham, Alabama

MAY I greet you in Jesus' name and thank our editor for printing this article of our work in North Birmingham, Alabama.

In 1936, I became a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. Since there was no

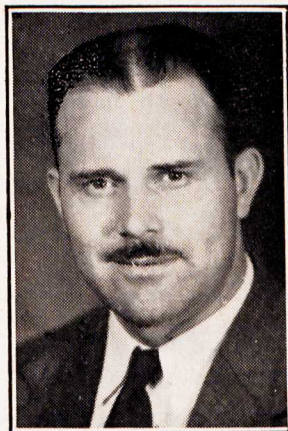
church of our denomination (Congregationalists) in our city, I went out about 20 miles from my home where I joined a small Free Will Baptist church. I had, prior to this time, secured some literature which I studied with all the carefulness

one could, so I readily became convinced that I must be a Free Will Baptist.

After contacting some of the older preachers of North Alabama, and one dear old saint, Rev. John Davis, who invited me to one of their quarterly meetings, the church I had joined requested my ordination. I readily went to work in our city of 300,000 people which I though had been neglected too long.

We have very few Free Will Baptists in our city but the Lord had called me to this field, after much prayer for God to lead me. I rented a store building and began a Free Will Baptist Mission, having the Apostle Paul's conviction that I was ready to spend and be spent. I began to work with the co-operation of my friends. God blessed our work, and our small congregation has a wonderful vision. We have worked hard, and by so doing, we have bought a lot, the Lord's blessings having made it possible for us to pay cash. So we are ready to build the first church and the only church of the Free Will Baptists in Birmingham.

Dear readers, I hope you will join our small congregation in helping us to build



Rev. J. J. Stabb

a church in this city that will be a credit to God and our denomination of Free Will Baptists. If you want to send a contribution, please send it with a prayer that God will bless us with spiritual strength that we may be a beckoning light in our city.

If you have an offering you may send it to Rev. J. J. Stabb, 2313 33rd Avenue, North Birmingham, Alabama.

A Proud Sunday School Teacher

Rev. Mark Lewis, 2043 Sidney St., St. Louis, Missouri

I am thankful that the Lord has given me the privilege to work in His kingdom, and I am really proud of my class. This is such a wonderful group of young people; but that is not all. The thing that I am so proud of is that every one on this picture are new pupils except one. Brother James Langley is a charter member of our church, and has been very active in the Sunday school at all times. He is now the class secretary. He is the first one on the right in the front row.

All of these new pupils have started since the first of the year. There were a few of them that had come before that time, but the class that I taught before that time varied in ages from about 16 to 40 years. This group was in that number. They

asked for a young people's class to be organized as this class was so large it was hard for everyone to take an active part. I might add that it has been very difficult to get any groups of young people



Morning Star Class

interested in the work here; that was the reason for such a mixed class before.

So when this group asked for a class, we felt that it was an answer to prayer and wasted no time in granting their request. We then remodeled a room in the basement of the church for the class room. The class was organized the second Sunday in March and took the name of Morning Star Class because we really want to shine for the Lord. On that day, I resigned the class that I had been teaching and took charge of this class, so why shouldn't I be a proud teacher? I would covet your

prayers that I may always lead them aright.

I would like to mention too, that we have the Standard Free Will Baptist Sunday School Record System, and praise it very highly. We feel that it has increased our Sunday school in efficiency, effectiveness, interest, and in numbers. We surely do recommend it to Free Will Baptists everywhere.

The teacher of this class (Rev. Mark Lewis) is the kindly over-stuffed fellow standing first in third row on left.

Pray that the Lord will lead us out to be a *Greater Sunday School* here.

A Memorial for Ray Jaques

Ray Jaques, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Jaques of Monett, Missouri, lost his life in the recent sinking of the aircraft carrier *The U S S Lexington* in the Coral Sea battle.

Ray was a fine Christian boy and very devoted to the church, and supported it loyally with his navy earnings. Before going to the Navy, his offering of public prayer in the church rang with such clear-



Ray Leon Jaques

ness and sweetness that true spiritual worship was attained by the audience.

Ray was to have returned in August and he was bringing his sweetheart, Rev. Doris Miller, to be married, with Rev. W. K. Weston officiating at the wedding. Now, instead, Rev. Weston conducted a memorial

service in the Nazarene Church where Ray was a member at the time of his fatal experience.

We join the Jaques family in their bereavement, and we also join them in the consolation that a Blooming Rosebud has been picked which we know is now adorning the Garden of God.



GOSPEL SERMONS



Power - Acts 1:8

By J. W. Handy, 7838 Baltimore, Houston, Texas

WE wish to deal, in this brief article, with the subject of Power; having in mind the fact that power was the first and greatest evidence of the coming of the Comforter as promised by our Saviour in John 14:17.

In order that we may more fully appreciate the acquisition of power, let us first get a glimpse of the spiritual weakness of our Lord's disciples before they received power at pentecost. On the night of the betrayal, we find Peter so destitute of spiritual power that his temper overcame him and he cut off a man's ear with his sword. Just a few minutes later we find him under the pressure of a Jewish maid denying all knowledge of His Lord, and confirming it with profanity. Just here, let us leave him for a time while our Saviour goes yonder to be scourged and spat upon, to wear the cruel crown of thorns, to bear His own cross up golgotha's hill there to surrender his life on the cross that we might live, and His glorious resurrection from the tomb brought our wonderful saviour to utter the language of our text, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you" Acts 1:8.

Some fifty days have now passed since we left the apostle Peter, a cowering weakling, denying his Lord and repenting. Now we find him at pentecost with his whole being charged, as a result of his waiting before God, declaring in seventeen national languages the divinity of Him whom he

had denied (Acts 2:36), and why this great change in Peter's demeanor? He had been filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised them this great power and presence that they might be witnesses unto Him, both in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Spiritual power is the heritage of every child of God. It is his to know the exceeding greatness of God's power for the believer, and to be more than conqueror in his struggles with the powers of darkness. Emerson says, "Life is a search for power". That which men most long for is power. The things we eat, the things we wear, books, pictures, institutions, machinery and wealth represents power in some form or degree, either physical, intellectual or moral.

Educational institutions are valuable, not in proportion to the amount of money expended in the building or equipment, but in proportion to the mental power which they can stimulate, and the great thinkers they can produce.

Churches are valuable, not for the outlay in the buildings or splendid forms of worship, but in proportion as they are centers of moral power for the regeneration of individuals and their salvation from evil.

The great need, both of the church and of the individual, today, is spiritual power. We fail to do what we know is right because we are spiritually weak. For this

wonderful power to overcome temptation, the believers yearns and frequently prays. David experienced this thirsting for God and for power (Psalms 42:1-2), and without this our code of moral ethics is of little value. The heathen have a religion, but it is a religion without power; and as a result the millions who blindly and ignorantly worship at the pagan shrine are degraded and miserable as if they had no religion. Real, true Christianity is a mighty, potent, dynamic power. That same mighty power that called Lazarus from the tomb, that healed Jairus' daughter, and that opened Bartemaus' blinded eyes is exactly the same power that spoke the worlds into existence. Paul must have had some fact like this in mind when He declared, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation" Rom. 1:16.

Jesus, the great head of the Church, and the captain of our salvation, is declared to be the Son of God with power (Rom. 1:4). This same Jesus came with power to impart life and energy to His people. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly" John 10:10. The greater the life the greater the power. This greater life and power is both for the individual and for the church, battling with the powers of darkness today.

Spurgeon tells us that churches are like factories, splendidly built and furnished with the most perfect machinery, but without power they are useless. The power of

the church is not materialistic but supernatural and invisible. The Spirit of God is that unseen yet mighty agency which imparts spiritual life and power to the human soul. Without it men are spiritually dead and Christianity is but a form. "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his." "As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God." The Holy Spirit is the connecting link between the throne of God and the human heart, regenerating, sanctifying, and purifying the soul.

Oh, brother, sister, why is it we are not feeling out more after God? Seeking to have more of His presence in our life? Seeking to know Him and the power of His resurrection? Why do we not hunger and thirst for the presence of the Spirit since this is the means by which we are to receive power? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give us the Holy Spirit than we are to give our children bread (Luke 11:13). For a special and yet a general out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in this awful time of trouble when nations, one after another, are falling, and men's hearts are failing them for fear, every child of God should be pleading. Companies of God's children should be gathered together to seek special help and power from God, that we might be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:19), which is in itself the mighty power of God.

Church Letters - Field Reports

Quiri Quire
Venezuela, S. A.
May 8, 1942

Dear Gem Readers:

I guess it's about time I said "hello" to my friends, especially my church at Myrtle, Missouri. This leaves us well and enjoying life as much as it's possible to enjoy life in a war torn world. At times I wonder how and when it will all end, but being a puny human being I can't see the end.

I had a letter from Miss Yeley, our missionary here in Venezuela a few days

ago. I wish I could meet her, but guess that is impossible for she is 3 or 4 days journey by car from here and in some places the roads are impassable. She said she wasn't in very good health. I think those brave souls who are risking health and in some cases their very lives to help those unfortunates of foreign lands should be a shining example to those of us who selfishly do so little to help our unlearned brethren in other lands.

Just last week I talked to one of the missionaries here in this little village. She

is so happy in her work, and it isn't for pay because they get very little. Her face fairly shone as she told about the little girls and boys in her Bible class; also the grown-ups. She is refusing to go home for her vacation because she is afraid she can't come back. She lives in Norman, Oklahoma. She says anything else would not satisfy her half as well as telling these poor people of Christ and teaching them other things that we at home take for granted.

I went to the village here yesterday to buy some things and passed a school house. It's front door opened right on the sidewalk. The sidewalk is about 3 feet wide, no porch nor any screen; the little boys and girls sitting on straight homemade chairs; the seats of cow hide with the hair still on the hide; no desks; their books on the floor under their chairs; the blackboard about 3 feet wide and 6 feet long, just like a homemade table top nailed on the wall. I couldn't help but compare that to our modern school houses at home, and the careless attitude we take and how some of us, especially the young ones, fail to take advantage of the great opportunities offered them, while our cousins across the sea have so little. That makes me so glad I am an American and I feel that to give my life for my country would be a small price to pay for the grand country that's ours.

I thank God every day that He has given us our great land and I wish each American would thank Him and ask his guidance as to what we should do. I believe prayer would stop all wars—prayer and obedience to God's commands.

I guess everybody is thinking of the Missouri State Association. I still plan to be home by then if not hindered some way. I am still feasting my soul on the wonderful sermons I heard last year. This was my first time to attend a State Association.

I wish so much I could get the *Gem*. I had the January and February numbers but that's all. I enjoy it so much. My mother-in-law gets so much enjoyment out of the *Gem*, now that she's a shut-in most of the time, and also my mother and grandmother. Grandmother is now 80 and in poor health, but I am asking God to spare all my dear ones and us until we get home.

The rainy season is starting now. The grass is shooting up and the tree's in the jungle blooming. There's a tree that's covered with yellow blossoms that's the first to bloom when the rains start. The seasons aren't the same here that they were the first time I was here. The rains have started earlier.

Every few days we see lots of airplanes flying over and several times they have stopped at our local airport for the night. My brother-in-law and his partner are building a big airport now, and have it almost finished. I hope what I have just said about the airport won't be cut out by the censor, still sometimes we say things that if the right person read it, it would aid the enemy.

I guess I have told enough this time. I want to ask the prayers of all God's people for the dear boys—members of my Sunday school class—who have joined the army to help keep our homes for us. May they return safely to us is my constant prayer. God bless you all is the prayer of your sister in Christ.

Mrs. S. L. Dotson, % S. O. V.
Quiri Quire, Venezuela, S. A.

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Pleasant Home League Report Wanzant, Missouri

A Free Will Baptist League was organized at Pleasant Home church, April 12, 1942, under the direction of Brother Hogue.

The introductory subject was "Unity in the Church" by Bro. Hogue.

The league constitution and by-laws were read and accepted by 26 persons, who became charter members of the league. These charter members elected Harold Pamperein, president; Ollie Johnston, vice president; and Eva Day, secretary.

We have a nice large group of young people and hope to do good work.

—Eva Day, Secretary

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Central Avenue F. W. B. League Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Bro. and Sister Shinn, Sponsors
Geraldine Warden, Reporter

Dear Readers of the *Gem*:

As we were preparing to present to the *Gem* our first report of our league ac-

We need every available gift of the Lord as well as talent. Many have already shown a hearty response to our need and are doing all to help in Christ's cause. Many times the writer has witnessed answer to prayer beyond his expectation. Truly the Lord has been good to us.

We wish to thank the executive board of the Northwest Missouri Association for its commissioned counsel for the purpose of ordaining the writer to the gospel ministry.

We are looking forward to meeting a host of friends and loved ones at the Northwest Missouri Association as it convenes with the Mt. Zion Church at Starfield, Missouri, this fall.

Yours for Jesus,

— Eld. A. H. DeWeese

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Ladies' Aid Report of Brilliant and Boston, Alabama Churches

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

The Free Will Ladies' Aid of Brilliant and Boston, Alabama, is still working. We thank God that we have been able, in our weak way, to have a report to send in.

We still meet each Monday. We have several new members for which we thank our Lord. The following is what we have given to the needy: 5 boxes clothes, 18 gal. milk, 20 lbs. butter, 10 qts. fruit, 15 trays to the sick, paid out \$3.25 for fruit for the sick. We also made 100 visits to the sick and read 400 chapters.

We feel sure this is not much but we hope after you "Gem" readers read Bro. Ben McDaniel's poem which he wrote after we visited him you will feel as we do. If this one visit was all we did in a year, it is worth all our labor just to make Bro. McDaniel feel that we are willing to pray for him, and to leave a feeling of the spirit behind and to leave in his heart such sweet words to write about us. Bro. McDaniel is a member of our church and has been a shut in for a long time. He spends his time writing poems and reading his Bible. I want to ask every Gem reader to pray for him that his health will be restored to him. The ladies aid of Brilliant Boston is having the Gem sent to him for one year. We all hope he will enjoy

reading this good paper.

— Mrs. A. P. Leonard, Rec. Sec'y.

When winter winds are chilly
And days are dark and grey,
That faithful group of women
Just meet somewhere and pray.

They sing together of Heaven
They've got the devil beat,
They pray so humbly to Jesus—
Their voices are so sweet.

A visit from them when I was sick
Made my faith grow strong;
It was just a visit from Jesus
For His Spirit came along.

They pray for you and sing for you,
And work with willing hands—
They're just a group of Christians
That Jesus understands.

A lot of your prayers have been for me,
And I felt them, too—
And when I kneel in secret prayer
I whisper one for you.

God bless the Christian women
From the queens to the humblest slave;
'Twas women last at the Savior's cross.
And first to reach His grave.

And when you get your final call,
And through the last trial wade;
I know your work will still live on—
God bless the Ladies' Aid.

Composed by Ben McDaniel; dedicated
to the Ladies' Aid of Brilliant-Boston.

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ATTENTION

F. W. B. Ministers of Alabama

As your state moderator, I would be pleased to receive your letters of suggestion of how we may be more progressive in our state in mission and Sunday school work, and radio broadcast. Also write me if you have any suggestions on how we may unify our work more.

Rev. J. J. Stabb, 2313 33rd Ave.,
North Birmingham, Alabama

Report of H. M. and Lizzie McAdams National Field Workers

Dear Co-Workers:

We are at home at this writing. A few days ago we were called home to my mother who is very ill. We have thought every day would be the last, but she is still here and we will be here for a few days yet.

All state field workers in the Auxiliary work—send your state report to me at

Huntsville, Texas. That will give me time to make up my report for the National Association.. Also you that have your "fast money" ready can send it, and if you don't you can turn it to me at the National Auxiliary Convention.

Pray for us at this time. We need your prayers, and while we are cut off for a few days we are praying for you.

Yours for Jesus,

—H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.



Gold Nuggets



From the Mine of "Here and There"

THE Ohio State Association convened with the Free Will Baptist Church in Welston, Ohio, June 2-4, 1942. A large delegation and an enjoyable time was reported. A lot of business was done in harmony, including giving the Woman's Auxiliary a day for their meeting. Tuesday of the association week was named. Elder W. J. Sheppard was elected as field evangelist.

— John Henning, Reporter

REV. Bruce Phillips of Springdale, Ark., reports full activity in his ministry to the churches of northwestern Arkansas. He is very much concerned over the dull, inactive attitudes which are prevailing in the country. May the Lord bless Brother Phillips as he strives to overcome this very serious problem.

THE Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of Henderson, Texas, reports a splendid revival which was conducted by Rev. Ova Stalcup of Enid, Oklahoma. Four souls were saved. Brother Stalcup is highly recommended by the Friendship Church as being consecrated, efficient in expounding Biblical topics, and as an evangelist. He feels a call to foreign missionary service, and is ready to offer himself for India.

— Anna Reed, Reporter

THE East Texas Quarterly Meeting met with the Friendship Church in Henderson, Texas, May 30-31. Five churches were represented with God's approval upon the

assembly. A Foundation Check of \$100.00 was raised for the Bible School.

— Anna Reed, Reporter

THE church in Tulsa is shouting the results of the Christian Workers' Institute which was held there in June. Evangelist Elsie M. Curtis of Illinois is conducting a revival meeting there. The church was honored with the presence of the parents of Rev. Marvin P. Dalton who were from California and others members of the Dalton family from Texas and Arkansas; also Reverends (Mr. and Mrs.) Paul and Cleo Furcell of Tecumseh, Oklahoma. A general round of preaching was featured with Rev. Dalton and Rev. Paul Purcell.

— Mrs. Fipps, Reporter

MRS. R. F. Dodd reports good regular Sunday services in the Flat River Church, Flat River, Missouri, of which her son is pastor. Mrs. Dodd has a fine Christian home, and her three boys and two girls are all saved except one. One son is in the army, and he was recently saved. She requests prayers for herself and her children.

THE Fifth Sunday Council Meeting of the Old Mt. Zion Association in Arkansas met with the Pilgrim Rest Church in May with Bro. George Been in charge. Brother Bill Oxford preached a soul stirring sermon after which two young ladies were saved. A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon. The balance of the day was spent

in good singing directed by Brother Ike Lynch, and topic discussions by Brothers Bruce Phillips, J. W. Allred, and Cecil Garrison; also talks by Brothers Jodie Roberts and Johnnie Johnson. An offering of more than \$28.00 was given for the district evangelist.

— Mabel Phillips, Reporter

Gertrude Bowe is reporting from Washington, D. C., for the Sandy City Church in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, in which she announces the annual singing convention the fourth Sunday in June, and the annual Communion and Feet Washing the first Sunday in July. Miss Bowe has been unable to find a Sunday school in Washington and she is destitute of this needed service and training. She is alarmed at the pleasure-loving madness of the youth in her environment. She requests the names and addresses (phone number if possible) of any Free Will Baptist's friends who may be in Washington, D. C. who might be interested in being organized into a "prayer band". If anyone has Christian friends in Washington, D. C., write to tell Miss Gertrude Bowe, 123½ Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

THE Ladies Aid of the Free Will Baptist Church of Picher, Oklahoma, reports intense activity for the Lord. The church has been repaired, papered, and painted. There are thirty members in the Aid, and they have also been serving the sick of the community. An income of \$36.13 and an expenditure of \$32.90 is reported.

Mrs. Ethel Grooms, President,
Mrs. Marie Layton, Secretary.

THE Independence Church, near Stockton, Missouri, is under the pastoral care of Rev. Mrs. Lowell Martin. Regular Sunday school and league work is carried on, with prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. This is a rural church and is progressing nicely as reported by Mrs. Pearl Pruitt.

MR. E. K. Brown, Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi, wishes to stir up your pure minds by reminding you that the entertainment fee, as set by the National Association, is \$2.00 for each person. He also requests the photographic

cuts of all those who are on the program, including the general officers of the National Association be sent to him for publicity work in the local paper. Address: E. K. Brown, P. O. Box 48, Columbus, Mississippi.

THE Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the church in Bryan, Texas, Mr. T. A. Cloud, issues a Macedonian Call. The church in Bryan is without a pastor and they need one greatly. Anyone having any information or assistance will kindly contact Bro. Cloud.

CHIPS—FROM HERE AND THERE

From The Free Will Echo

BEWARE—"Whosoever shall offend (cause to stumble) one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6).

The virtue of adversity is fortitude.

The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

To get rid of an enemy, make a friend of him.

The war that will end war will not be fought with guns.

Regenerated people are the only material which regenerated society can be built.

If we have an attack of religion, it will be contagious.

We rise by the things we step on.

Counted blessings usually offset imagined ills.

One way to break a bad habit is to drop it.

Lying covers a multitude of sins—temporarily.
—Moody

RENOUNCE THE CUP

From The Free Will Echo

A drunkard reached his cheerless home
The storm without was dark and wild;
He forced his weeping wife to roam,
A wanderer, friendless, with her child;
As through the falling snow she pressed,
The babe was sleeping on her breast.

And colder still the winds did blow,
And darker hours of night came on,
And deeper grew the drifted snow:
Her limbs were chilled, her strength was gone,
"Oh God," she cried, in accents wild,
"If I must perish, save my child."

She stripped her mantle from her breast,
And bare her bosom to the storm;
As round the child she wrapped her vest,
She smiled to think that it was warm.
With one cold kiss, a tear of grief,
The broken-hearted found relief.

At noon her cruel husband passed,
And saw, her on her snowy bed,
Her tearful eyes were closed at last,
Her cheeks were pale, her spirit had fled;
He raised the mantle from the child,
The babe looked up and sweetly smiled.

Shall this sad warning plead in vain?
Poor thoughtless one, it speaks to you;
Now break the tempter's cruel chain,
No more your dreadful way pursue;
Renounce the cup, to Jesus fly —
Immortal soul why will you die,
— Selected.

OBITUARIES

BOYDSTUN — Horace Patterson Boydston, son of Johnnie and Ellen Boydston was born February 4, 1867, and departed this life on May 23, 1942, at the age of 75 years, 3 months and 19 days.

In 1889 he was united in marriage to Margaret Idella Neely and to this union was born 8 children, all surviving except a daughter who died in her infancy. To mourn his departing are Mrs. Eva Webb of Hugo, Okla., Walter C. Boydston of Los Angeles, Calif., Homer Boydston of Thermal, Calif., Dow and Henry Boydston of Rogers, Ark., Raymond Boydston of La Rue, Ark., and Virgil Boydston who is stationed with the army in Nome, Alaska, also 23 grandchildren, one great grand child, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church at Rocky Branch with the Rev. Bruce Phillips and J. W. Allred officiating and with Loyd Bland assisting.

Interment was made beside his wife at the Bland cemetery at La Rue, Arkansas, with the Burns Funeral Home of Rogers in charge.

GRANDDADDY DEAR

A dear and precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A chair is vacant in that home
Which can never be filled.

We will not ask or question why,
That he has left to dwell there;
We will try to understand the vacant chair
and some day join you there.

Today we know you live in the garden fair
And with joys here it can not compare;
We will love you the same always,
Oh, you are not dead but just resting away.

— By his granddaughter,
Mable Comstock, Allen, Okla.

EUBANKS — Lola Pearl Eubanks, daughter of James and Mollie Eubanks, was born April 24, 1911 at Cassville, Mo., and passed away at Martinez, Calif., at the age of 31 years, 1 month and 18 days.

She was married to Oral A. Luney on February 17, 1934.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Merls Chapel church. She remained faithful unto the end.

Pearl had a cheerful happy disposition and was patient through all her suffering.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Oral A. Luney; her father, James Eubanks; 4 brothers, Earl and Loyd of Cassville, W. E. of Detroit, Mich., and Jack

of Portland, Oregon; three sisters, Mrs. Opal Burg, Martinez, Calif, Mrs. Lois Jacobson, Verona, Mo., and Mrs. Ethel Bush, Cassville, Mo.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Luney; and a host of other relatives and friends.

"O grave where is thy victory and death

where is thy sting" when it is the gate into "the city of eternal life."

Funeral service was conducted at Merls Chapel in the presence of a large audience by Rev. Winford Davis and Rev. Noel Greenway. Interment was in the Mineral Spring cemetery.

Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Missouri State Association	\$137.88	Woman's Auxiliary of Sandy City	
North Carolina State Auxiliary		Church of Kentucky	4.08
Convention by Mrs. Fannie Polston	94.62	Bownemont S. S. of West Virginia ..	4.00
White Oak S. S. of North Carolina ..	3.64	Wewoka Church of Oklahoma	6.25
Ladies Aid Piney Grove Church		Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morris,	
of North Carolina	2.00	Bentonville, Arkansas	5.00
Turned in by Miss Barnard from		State of Ohio by Grace Peach	\$250.00
North Carolina	307.03	Mr. and Mrs. Jay Thomas,	
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals,		Port Oxford, Oregon	10.00
South Carolina	2.00	Mt. Vernon Church of Illinois	2.00
Martin F. W. B. Union of Georgia ..	4.00	Young Peoples Class of Tulsa	
		Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma	10.00

Report of Missouri Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Foreign Missions

Amity Church	\$2.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	8.13
Mrs. S. A. Davis, Monett, Missouri ..	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Jemes, Niangua, Mo.	15.00
Rev. Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan. ..	1.00
Will Price, Arcola, Mo.	13.50
Mt. Clive (Neola) Auxiliary	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Martin,	
Greenfield, Missouri	4.50
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	6.44
Denmont Marshall, Arcola, Missouri	35.00
True Blue Class, Mt. Olive (Neola)	
Sunday School	1.00
Shibleys Point Church	1.70
Merls Chapel	3.00
Independance Church	14.61
Mr. & Mrs. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.	3.00
Pleasant Grove Sunday School	4.11
Hazel Creek Union Church	8.50
Leadington Sunday School	7.00
Aurora Church	3.82
The Willey Auxiliary of Flat River	10.00
Rock Chapel	2.00

Niangua Church	3.50
Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek	
Union Sunday School	5.00
Blue Eye Church65

New Machinery Fund

Denmont Marshall, Arcola, Mo.	\$15.00
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Benevolent Fund

Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary (for	
Tennessee Orphanage)	2.25

Jehoida Chest Fund

Fredericktown Church	\$1.00
Willey Auxiliary of Flat River ..	2.00
Hannon Church	1.00
Macedonia Church	1.00

Educational Fund

Mr. & Mrs. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.	\$3.00
Leadington Sunday School	4.20

Allocation Fund (Penny-a-day)

Merls Chapel	\$7.50
Aurora Church62
Hannon Church	1.75

Announcements of Associations

This announcement service is a regular annual feature of the Free Will Baptist Gem. These are taken from the minutes of the annual associations. If anyone has an announcement of any association not already listed here, please send it to be listed in this department in the August issue. — Editor

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The 29th annual session of this association will be held with Mill Creek Church at Myrtle, Missouri, beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September, 1942.

Mission sermon on Monday night by Eld. Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.; Eld. Melba White, alternate.

League sermon on Tuesday 11:00 a. m. by Eld. Damon Dodd, Flat River, Mo.; Eld. Marie Thomas, alternate.

Introductory sermon on Tuesday night by Eld. Frank Linton, Branch, Mo.; Eld. W. K. Weston, alternate.

Eld. James F. Miller, Mod., Kirksville, Mo.
Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

The 101th annual session of this association will be held with New Hope Church beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Cecil O. Garrison to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Willie Capps, alternate.

H. M. Knox, Moderator, La Rue, Ark.
H. R. Neely, Clerk, La Rue, Arkansas.

LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The 45th annual session of this association will be held with the Lindloff Church, in Morgan County, Missouri, beginning at 3:00 p. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1942.

The introductory sermon is to be preached by Eld. J. G. Kock; Eld. Curtis Wilson, alternate.

Eld. J. R. Reid, Moderator,
Eld. Curtis Wilson, Clerk.

HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

The 49th annual session of this association will be held with the Hopewell Church near Coleman, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Ben Hill to preach the introductory sermon.

Bro. R. L. Bonds, Moderator, Folsom, Okla.
Sister Ruth Swindell, Clerk, Colbert, Okla.

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The 9th annual session of this association will convene with the Friendship Church of Pell City, Alabama, on Friday 8:30 a. m. before the fourth Sunday in September, 1942.

Eld. O. B. Hamilton, Moderator, Alabama City, Alabama; Eld. C. L. Carlisle, Clerk, Pell City, Alabama.

THE WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION

The first annual session of this association will be held with the Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan, on October 3-6, 1942.

Rev. C. E. Riggs to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. N. P. Gates, Clerk, Box 41, Hazel Park, Michigan.

EASTERN OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The third annual session of this association will be held with Cotton Wood Church, about six miles southeast of Muldrow, Okla., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Rev. I. B. Dunaway, Mod., Stillwell, Okla.
Mrs. Norma Wilson, Clerk, Muldrow, Okla.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

The 74th annual session of this association will be held with Mt. Pisgah Church at Boles, Arkansas, on Highway 71, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

Eld. A. R. Brooks to preach the opening sermon.

Eld. J. S. Lovett, Mod., Magazine, Ark.
Dell Conley, Sec'y-Treas., Ratcliff, Ark.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

The third annual session of this association will be held with Liberty Church, beginning Thursday at 3:00 o'clock before the second Sunday in September, 1942.

Eld. John W. Silvey to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. O. L. Claxton, alternate.

Eld. T. B. Marler, Moderator, Ava, Mo.
Orville Belvins, Clerk, R. 4, Seymour, Mo.

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

The 15th annual session of this association will be held at the Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site, on Drumright-Saluba Highway, beginning on Tuesday morning before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, Mod., Tulsa, Okla.
Eld. Elmore Gilbert, Clerk, Jennings, Okla.

of Portland, Oregon; three sisters, Mrs. Opal Burg, Martinez, Calif, Mrs. Lois Jacobson, Verona, Mo., and Mrs. Ethel Bush, Cassville, Mo.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Luney; and a host of other relatives and friends.

"O grave where is thy victory and death

where is thy sting" when it is the gate into "the city of eternal life."

Funeral service was conducted at Merls Chapel in the presence of a large audience by Rev. Winford Davis and Rev. Noel Greenway. Interment was in the Mineral Spring cemetery.

Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Missouri State Association	\$137.88	Woman's Auxiliary of Sandy City	
North Carolina State Auxiliary		Church of Kentucky	4.08
Convention by Mrs. Fannie Polston	94.62	Bownemont S. S. of West Virginia ..	4.00
White Oak S. S. of North Carolina ..	3.64	Wewoka Church of Oklahoma	6.25
Ladies Aid Piney Grove Church		Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morris,	
of North Carolina	2.00	Bentonville, Arkansas	5.00
Turned in by Miss Barnard from		State of Ohio by Grace Peach	\$250.00
North Carolina	307.03	Mr. and Mrs. Jay Thomas,	
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals,		Port Oxford, Oregon	10.00
South Carolina	2.00	Mt. Vernon Church of Illinois	2.00
Martin F. W. B. Union of Georgia ..	4.00	Young Peoples Class of Tulsa	
		Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma	10.00

Report of Missouri Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Foreign Missions

Amity Church	\$2.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	8.13
Mrs. S. A. Davis, Monett, Missouri ..	1.90
Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Jemes, Niangua, Mo.	15.00
Rev. Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan. ..	1.00
Will Price, Arcola, Mo.	13.50
Mt. Clive (Neola) Auxiliary	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Martin,	
Greenfield, Missouri	4.50
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	6.44
Denmont Marshall, Arcola, Missouri	35.00
True Blue Class, Mt. Olive (Neola)	
Sunday School	1.00
Shibleys Point Church	1.70
Merls Chapel	3.00
Independance Church	14.61
Mr. & Mrs. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.	3.00
Pleasant Grove Sunday School	4.11
Hazel Creek Union Church	8.50
Leadington Sunday School	7.00
Aurora Church	3.82
The Willey Auxiliary of Flat River	10.00
Rock Chapel	2.00

Niangua Church	3.50
Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek	
Union Sunday School	5.00
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New Machinery Fund

Denmont Marshall, Arcola, Mo.	\$15.00
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Benevolent Fund

Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary (for	
Tennessee Orphanage)	2.25

Jehoida Chest Fund

Fredericktown Church	\$1.00
Willey Auxiliary of Flat River ..	2.00
Hannon Church	1.00
Macedonia Church	1.00

Educational Fund

Mr. & Mrs. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.	\$3.00
Leadington Sunday School	4.20

Allocation Fund
(Penny-a-day)

Merls Chapel	\$7.50
Aurora Church62
Hannon Church	1.75

Announcements of Associations

This announcement service is a regular annual feature of the Free Will Baptist Gem. These are taken from the minutes of the annual associations. If anyone has an announcement of any association not already listed here, please send it to be listed in this department in the August issue.

— Editor

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The 29th annual session of this association will be held with Mill Creek Church at Myrtle, Missouri, beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September, 1942.

Mission sermon on Monday night by Eld. Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.; Eld. Melba White, alternate.

League sermon on Tuesday 11:00 a. m. by Eld. Damon Dodd, Flat River, Mo.; Eld. Marie Thomas, alternate.

Introductory sermon on Tuesday night by Eld. Frank Linton, Branch, Mo.; Eld. W. K. Weston, alternate.

Eld. James F. Miller, Mod., Kirksville, Mo.
Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

The 101th annual session of this association will be held with New Hope Church beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Cecil O. Garrison to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Willie Capps, alternate.

H. M. Knox, Moderator, La Rue, Ark.
H. R. Neely, Clerk, La Rue, Arkansas.

LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The 45th annual session of this association will be held with the Lindloff Church, in Morgan County, Missouri, beginning at 3:00 p. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1942.

The introductory sermon is to be preached by Eld. J. G. Kock; Eld. Curtis Wilson, alternate.

Eld. J. R. Reid, Moderator,
Eld. Curtis Wilson, Clerk.

HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

The 49th annual session of this association will be held with the Hopewell Church near Coleman, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Ben Hill to preach the introductory sermon.

Bro. R. L. Bonds, Moderator, Folsom, Okla.
Sister Ruth Swindell, Clerk, Colbert, Okla.

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The 9th annual session of this association will convene with the Friendship Church of Pell City, Alabama, on Friday 8:30 a. m. before the fourth Sunday in September, 1942.

Eld. O. B. Hamilton, Moderator, Alabama City, Alabama; Eld. C. L. Carlisle, Clerk, Pell City, Alabama.

THE WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION

The first annual session of this association will be held with the Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan, on October 3-6, 1942.

Rev. C. E. Riggs to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. N. P. Gates, Clerk, Box 41, Hazel Park, Michigan.

EASTERN OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The third annual session of this association will be held with Cotton Wood Church, about six miles southeast of Muldrow, Okla., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Rev. I. B. Dunaway, Mod., Stillwell, Okla.
Mrs. Norma Wilson, Clerk, Muldrow, Okla.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

The 74th annual session of this association will be held with Mt. Pisgah Church at Boles, Arkansas, on Highway 71, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

Eld. A. R. Brooks to preach the opening sermon.

Eld. J. S. Lovett, Mod., Magazine, Ark.
Dell Conley, Sec'y-Treas., Ratcliff, Ark.

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

The third annual session of this association will be held with Liberty Church, beginning Thursday at 3:00 o'clock before the second Sunday in September, 1942.

Eld. John W. Silvey to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. O. L. Claxton, alternate.

Eld. T. B. Marler, Moderator, Ava, Mo.
Orville Belvins, Clerk, R. 4, Seymour, Mo.

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

The 15th annual session of this association will be held at the Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site, on Drumright-Saluba Highway, beginning on Tuesday morning before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Melvin Bingham, Mod., Tulsa, Okla.
Eld. Elnora Gilbert, Clerk, Jennings, Okla.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOCIATION

The 64th annual session of this association will be held with New Hope Church, New Hope, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

E. J. Oneel, Moderator, New Hope, Ark.
R. D. Smith, Clerk, New Hope, Ark.

INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

The 30th annual session of this association will be held with Macedonia Church, near Purdy, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

The introductory sermon is to be preached on Tuesday night by Eld. B. F. Henderson.

Ministers' Conference on Monday night and Tuesday. Everyone welcome.

Eld. O. T. Allred, Moderator, Monett, Mo.
Eld. John B. Rolins, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

The fourth annual session of this association will be held at Union Free Will Baptist Church, near Linns Park in Argo Settlement, beginning Friday night before the first Monday in September, 1942.

Eld. Douglas Harris, Mod., Birmingham.
Brittie Hanks, Clerk-Treas., Adamsville.

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION

The 34th annual session of this association will be held with Wewoka Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma. The State Home Mission work convenes Monday night and the association Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1942.

Eld. E. E. Morris, Moderator, Ada, Okla.
Winnie McLain, Clerk, Oklahoma City.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The fifth annual session of this association will be held with Rock Chapel Church, near Norwood, Missouri, beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Eld. Widd McClanahan to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. John Mace, alternate.

Henry Long, Moderator, Phillipsburg, Mo.
Vinita Broyles, Clerk, Grovespring, Mo.

FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The 45th annual session of this association will be held with Tecumseh Church, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1942.

A ten day's camp meeting preceding the association will also be held at Tecumseh.

Eld. W. E. Dearmore, Mod., Wnette, Okla.
Eld. Cleo Pursell, Clerk, Tecumseh, Okla.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The 11th annual association will convene with Cordova Church, Cordova, Alabama, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1942.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Mod., Columbia, Tenn.
Dewey Kyle, Clerk, Cordova, Alabama.

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

The next session is to convene with Friendship Church of Pell City, Alabama, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November, 1942.

Rev. J. J. Stabb, Moderator,
R. P. Ritch, Clerk.

ROBERTS-McGEE ASSOCIATION

The 42nd annual session of this association will be held with the Free Will Baptist Church of Fanshawe, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1942.

J. E. Yandell, Moderator, Red Oak, Okla.
Mae Didway, Clerk, Cameron, Oklahoma.

DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

The 35th annual session of this association will convene with Bryant Church, near Maysville, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday evening preceding the second Sunday in September, 1942.

C. L. Hudson, Mod., Blanchard, Okla.
Fannie Smithen, Clerk, Alex, Oklahoma.

HCPEWELL ASSOCIATION NO. 2

The 19th annual session of this association will be held with Wirt Church, Wirt, Oklahoma, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1942.

J. O. Hudson, Moderator, Clemesot, Okla.
Clerk, S. I. Butler, R. 2, Ardmore, Okla.

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

The 28th annual session to be held with Pleasant Mound Church, Bellevue, Texas, meeting Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1942.

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Pres., Bryan, Texas.
Thomas A. Cloud, Sec'y., Bryan, Texas.

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

The Arkansas State Association will convene with Pocahontas Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas, on Highway 62 in Randolph county, beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1942.

Eld. Ralph Staten to preach the introductory sermon.

All coming from the west on 63 take 62 at Imboden, Arkansas, to the church. All coming from the north, follow 67 to Pocahontas. All coming from the south take 67 to the Y on west side of river at Pocahontas then take 62 to church.

Ralph Staten, Mod., Pocahontas, Ark.
S. L. Woodard, Clerk, Warren, Arkansas.

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