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The general view of the three main buildings: On the left is the Girls' Dormitory, in the center is the Office, Reception and Dining Hall, and the building on the right is the Boys' Dormitory.

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The Story with the Frontpeice

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The Free Will Baptist Orphanage

Middlesex, North Carolina

Rev. James A. Evans, Supt. and W. A. Jackson, Chair. Board of Trustees

THE FREE WILL Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina had its inception several years prior to its opening. In the years of 1910-1915, some of our leading Free Will Baptists became interested in providing a home for orphan boys and girls of our denomination and state. We had men and women from the various Conferences and Associations, which embraced the entire state, that saw this great need, so they began to advocate the building of a home where we could provide care, training, and the necessary comforts of life for our children that would otherwise be supported by relatives or by County, State, or Federal Aid.

In the year of 1915, the interest became so great that the State Association voted unanimously to assume the responsibility



The Orphanage Baby, Haywood Stevenson and the Superintendent's Baby, Kay Nell Evans



Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent

of providing for those helpless boys and girls. At that annual session held at the Shady Grove Church, it was decided to elect a Board of Trustees to make the necessary arrangements to provide this home. There was not at this time any money provided or any land donated for a site. The trustees elected were: Elders J. F. Casey, W. R. Coats, M. C. Prescott, J. E. Davis and Brother W. J. Braxton. This Board of Trustees soon began their work and on January 1, 1916 they accepted a gift of fifty acres of land about two miles north from the town of Middlesex, from Elder B. B. Deans, and a few years later, purchased the adjoining tract of 111 acres making

a total of 161 acres. Of this, about 68 acres are in cultivation and the remainder is in pasture and woods.

The first building was begun in the latter part of the year of 1916, this was a three story building with a basement. This building has 31 large rooms and is now used by the girls and is called the Girls' Dormitory. This building was opened for the admission of children on May 23, 1920.

The first application was passed on Feb. 11, 1920. The first children admitted were Nellie, Helen, Dorothy and Carl Whitley on May 23, 1920. In just a few years it became necessary to erect another dormitory for the boys, which was built in 1925 consisting of a two story building containing 16 rooms, and is known as the Boys' Dormitory.

A modern building was erected in 1940 consisting of an adequate dining room, kitchen, storage rooms, office and reception room. The Superintendent's home is an old building but has been remodeled and is now a very adequate nine room building in which he and his family live.

There are several poultry houses, stock barn, dairy barn, shop, wash house, and several hog houses.

The capital outlay is more than \$100,000. The people as a whole have been very nice to the Orphanage. They have always contributed very generously in the building and upkeep of the home.

The following have served as Superintendent of the home during the 23 years of operation, viz.

Mr. L. B. Dunn,

November 5, 1919 to March 23, 1920

Elder L. H. Wetherington,

March 23, 1920 to July 1, 1921

Mr. C. G. Pope,

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December 20, 1934 to January 17, 1935

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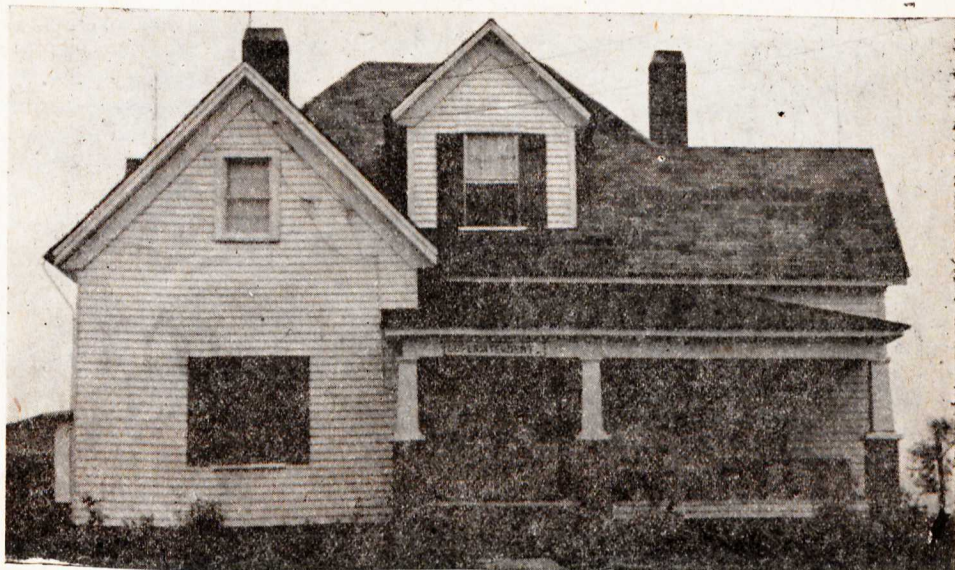
Elder J. A. Evans,

May 15, 1941 now serving.

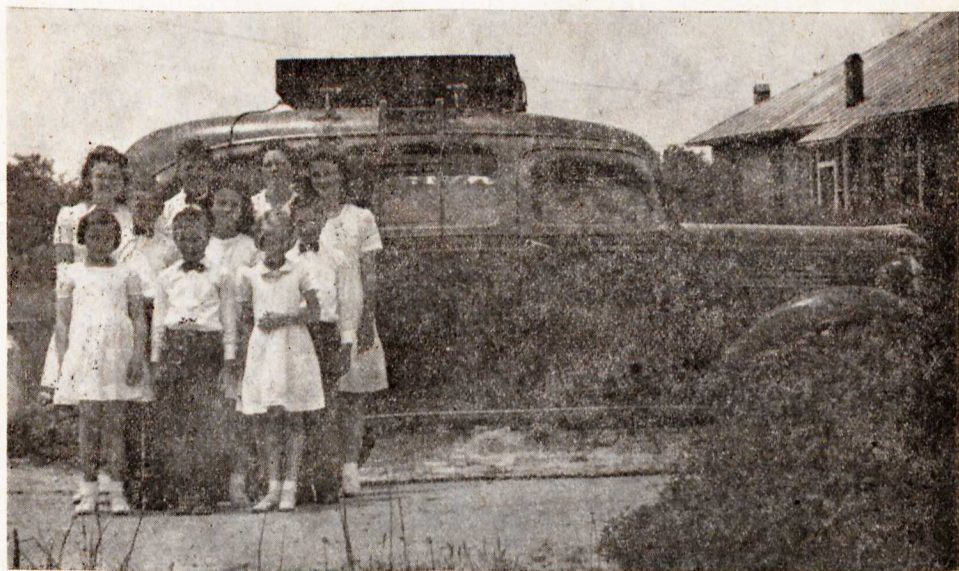
The following have served on the Board of Trustees, viz.—Elder J. F. Casey, W. R. Coats, J. E. Davis, M. C. Prescott and Mr. W. J. Braxton were the first Board of Trustees. Others are Elders J. C. Griffin, B. P. Parks, R. V. Self, J. W. Alford, R. N. Hinnant, J. C. Moye, Mr. R. L. Little,



Entire Group at Christmas with Santa Clause, and Mr. Page on the Right and Mr. Lamm on the Left of Milbourny Church



The Superintendent's Home



Concert Class of Spring and Summer of 1943 and Manager, in back row,
Between Girl and Boy

W. A. Jackson, Wiley Lamn, D. W. Parker, H. C. Wood, Levi Hill, C. A. Fitzgerald and Dr. M. Hinnant. The following are the present Board, viz.—Mr. W. A. Jackson, Chairman; Elder J. C. Moye, Treasurer; Dr. M. Hinnant, Mr. Levi Hill, Mr. H. G.

Wood, Elder James A. Evans, the Superintendent, also secretary to the Board.

The Home was opened with only a very small number of children but soon began to increase in number, and in the year 1926 we cared for 84 children, and in 1930

we reached 108, this being the greatest number in any one year. Last year we cared for 92.

During the 23 years we have operated, we have cared for 303 children on an average of 8 to 15 years each. We take the children at the age of 3 to 12 years and keep them until they reach the age of 18 or the completion of High School and any other training that they might be able to receive.

It has been very encouraging to us to note the great improvement of the children after entering the home. The majority of these boys and girls have come from very poor homes that were destitute of the needed care and the proper environments of life, and some had never known anything about a place they could call home. In a very short time after entering the home, we have noted great improvements in the life and disposition of the child. We have found in many of these boys and girls valuable talents that otherwise would never have been developed. The children of this home, after completing the course we have to offer, are filling important places in life. Some are preaching the Gospel, some are teachers and principals of the various schools of the

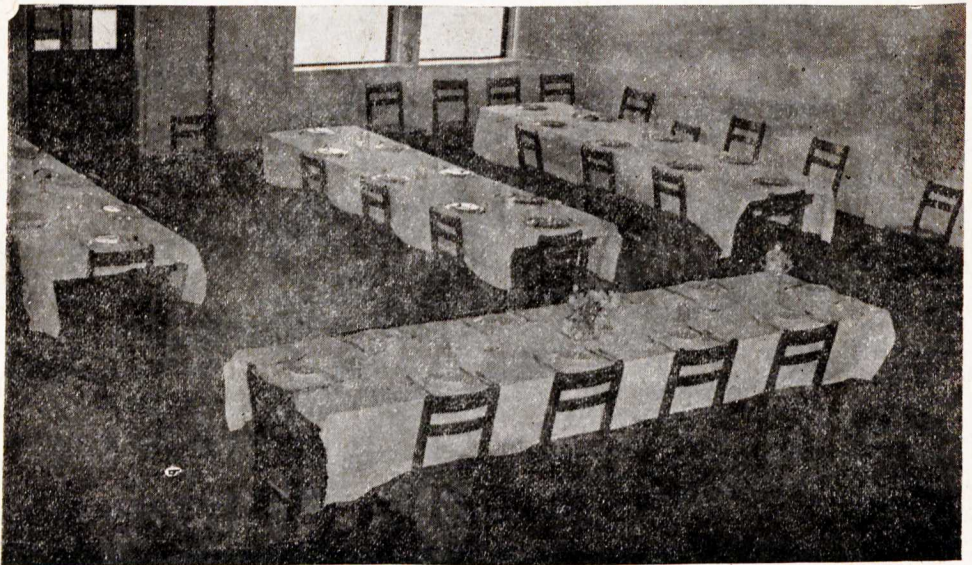
State, some are bookkeepers, stenographers, nurses, clerks, some have married and established homes and have become leading citizens. We have sent many boys and girls out that are to-day rendering valuable service.

Our staff in the home consists of 12 persons who supervise and care for the children, operate the farm, dairy etc. Our school work is all done in the State school which is located near by, and giving them a full High School course. The religious training is given in the home daily.

We have a Concert Class that we send to the various parts of the state (usually to the churches) that has been a great help in getting our people more interested in the Orphanage work as well as a financial asset.

Our operating expense has increased very rapidly. Last year, it cost \$25,629.73 to maintain and operate the home. Our donations from the various churches, union meetings, conferences, and associations have been both liberal and regular.

We usually produce good feed and food crops on the farm. There is on the farm 75 to 100 head of hogs and pigs that produce a great portion of the meat and lard, 25 to 35 head of cattle, both dairy and



Southwest Corner of Dining Hall, Erected 1940-41

beef, used in the home. We also keep 1200 to 1500 chickens which furnish all the eggs and chickens needed for the home for eating purposes, and also have quite a number to sell. We operate the farm with a tractor and four work stock. We have a feed mill which is a great asset.

We are at this time creating a fund to build a chapel as soon as war conditions will permit. We are investing the money in series "F" War Bonds and at this time, we have received for this purpose, \$3,294.89 in actual cash.

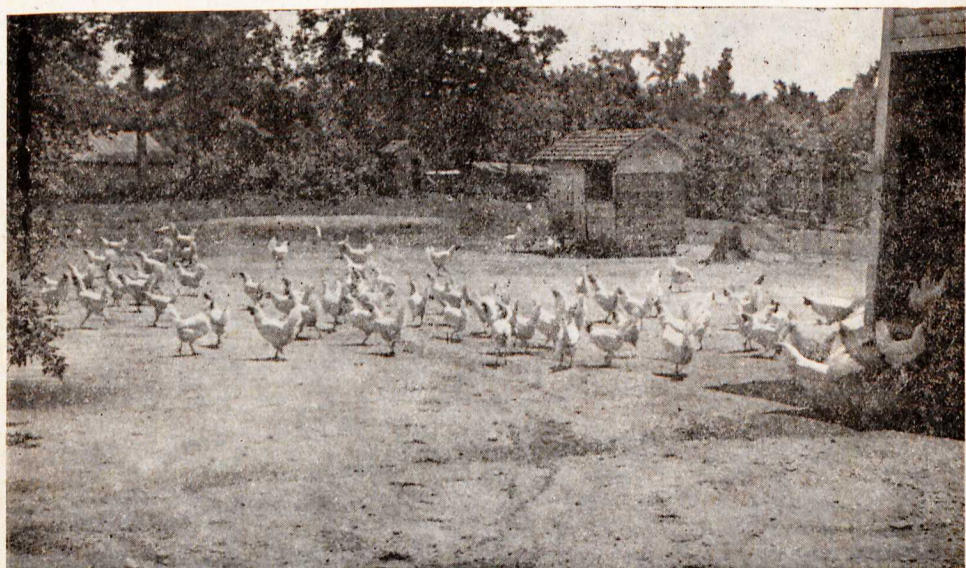
In conclusion, we will set forth the operation of the home in terms of service rendered, and cost per child per year. In 1942, we started out with 86 children, 16 orphans, 70 half-orphans (5 with mother dead and 65 with father dead). There were 44 boys and 42 girls. We had 6 children under 6 years of age, 27 from 6-12 years of age, and 53 from 12-18 years of age, and 6 children 18 and over, giving us a total of 92 cared for during the year.



Scene in the Pantry with Mrs. C. G. Pope,
Dietician



A Scene of the Farm Crew, ready for afternoon work. The man on white horse is the Farm Manager, Mr. E. D. Massey



A Scene in the Poultry Department

Physical Care of Children

Six children were given Tuberculin tests, 75 small-pox vaccinations, 75 typhoid vaccinations, 6 diphtheria, 6 wasserman tests, 5 vision test, and 6 mental tests.

We had 57 children who had been in the Institution one year or longer who gained weight. There was one child who lost weight during that year. The boys average gain was 10 pounds and the girls 9 pounds.

Thirty-five children spent one day or more in bed on account of illness or detention in cases of suspected illness. We had the services of Duke Hospital and Carolina General Hospital for examinations. We had two tonsil operations. Through the State Dental Department we had 68 children given dental care having 43 teeth filled. Each child is provided with comb, brush, tooth brush, wash cloth, bath towel, face towel, sleeping garments and personal clothing.

The children consumed more than 7,000 gallons of fresh cows' milk which was produced in our dairy.

The physical education and recreational program of our Institution is very limited because of work assignments and Religious activities. We are hoping that in the near

future, we may improve this phase of our work.

Library Facilities

We have the following volumes in library: Agriculture 36, Biography 45, Economics 9, Fiction 150, Geography and Travel 63, History 142, Home Economics 17, Literature 231, Religion 170, Science 101, Reference 67, Other 210, totaling 1,041.

Religious Work

In regard to our religious activities, we have Sunday school each Sunday morning and church services each first Sunday afternoon. When a visiting minister comes in during the week, or any time, a service is held at that time. Prayer service is held in the boys' and girls' buildings daily, and on Wednesday nights they assemble together in the chapel for their regular service.

Discipline

Corporal punishment is permitted in extreme cases by staff members, which is safe-guarded in various ways. Reports are made to the Superintendent on the cause and type of punishment given. Care is taken to see that no real injury is done to the child's body. We have a form of reward given to those who comply with the rules of the Institution. They are known

as "Children in Good Standing," and have extra privileges.

Social Service

A diagnosis of each applicant is made before admission by the Superintendent. We study the needs of the child before it is admitted in order to determine how we can best help it. We work with the other social agencies of the community for placing the children who cannot be received through our Institution. There is an extensive study made in placing children who are ready to leave. We seek jobs, schools and other opportunities for them. As has been stated, our educational work is carried on through the State school system two miles from our campus.

Many of our children are now in the armed forces of our country. The Alumni Association and the Free Will Baptist Press through its weekly publication help to keep alive the friendship and welfare of our children throughout our country.

The average operating expense per year for the past five years was \$21,826.00 and in 1942 was \$25,403.00. The cost per child per year, five year basis, was \$260.72 and in 1942 the cost per child was \$332.73. There was an increase of \$72.01 per child over the average for five years before.

The Orphanage is one of the outstanding achievements of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. It is the practical expression of the heart and soul of Christianity as it reaches out over the state and gathers the precious human fragments from among the broken ruins of North Carolina homes. One may point to the Orphanage and say, "There is Christianity at work!" It is an investment in North Carolina boys and girls, it is an abiding opportunity for voluntary, individual and personal expression of a feeling and desire to help others. It will remain as long as needy children of our state are bereft of their homes.



The Swine Department, with Porkers and two Brood Sows
Manager of the Department is Johnny Pittman



GOSPEL SERMONS



The Death of Jesus Christ

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"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have now received the atonement." Romans 5:6-11.

ABOUT TWO Thousand years ago, there was born in Bethlehem of Judæa a babe of very humble and lowly parents. He was born of Mary and conceived of the Holy Ghost. He was one hundred per cent human and one hundred per cent God. He was the only perfect man, and His name was Jesus Christ. For one reason was He manifested in the flesh—that He might die.

Jesus lived a perfect life in the flesh, and always had before Him the Cross. He showed Himself to be God by the things that He did while here upon earth. He knew His mission in this world—that of seeking and saving that which is lost and giving abundant life. All this could only be accomplished by His death and resurrection.

He knew the time that He would die, and when it came, He set His face toward Jerusalem where He must go and suffer many things before His death. The night before His death, He suffered as no man ever suffered. The Cross was before Him and the sin of the whole world was upon

Him. He prayed, knowing that He must die, and His prayer was "Not my will but Thine be done." The angry mob came and took Him as He offered no resistance, they accused Him falsely, and crucified Him between two thieves.

There on the Cross Jesus bore our sins and suffered that we might live. He actually died there just as any other man would die. When we view the fact of the death as stated in the scriptures, we see a man dying just as the thieves on either side of Him died. "He was numbered with the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12. He was to the Jews of that day, and to many today, just another man being crucified. But when we see the prophecy being fulfilled and know the character of Jesus and the reason for all this suffering, we know that



Rev. George Waggoner

truly His soul was being offered as a sacrifice for sin to reconcile man unto God. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." Isaiah 53:4.

His death was extraordinary when we consider the One who died. We know that He could have avoided it, but He willingly died that we might have life. He, Himself, foresaw His own death, and looked into the future of His life, seeing the Cross standing at the journey's end. He said many times that He must die, and looked forward to it. Nor was He the only one that saw, for the prophets in the Old Testament saw also. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Isaiah 53:5-7.

We know that He had to die to be made an offering for sins. The holiness of God demanded it. God's holiness is emphasized in the Old Testament; and especially in the Sentential laws — the laws of the clean and unclean, the tabernacle and temple with its outer court, its holy and most holy place, the priestly order and the high priest, the bounds set around Mt. Sinai, sacred times and seasons, and the feasts and offerings. By one man sin entered into the world, and by the atonement sin is forgiven; although in one sense sin is not forgiven, but is placed on Jesus and the penalty exacted. It required the death of Jesus to justify man's being able to stand before God. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1). It was necessary for Christ to die to fulfill the Scriptures from Genesis 3:15 on through the Book. The redemptive work runs like a scarlet thread through the Bible, since it is by the work done by the death of Jesus Christ. The people of the Old Testament

times looked forward to His coming just as we look back to the Cross. The offerings of those under the law did not save them, but they were saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, just as we are saved. The offerings merely showed their faith in a coming Redeemer.

Because of the sinfulness of man it was necessary for Christ to die. God must be pleased with a covering for broken law. The blood of Christ was the answer. Man had sinned and because of the love of God for the world, He gave His only Son to redeem man. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Jesus died for the whole sinful world, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. He made provision in His redemptive plan for everyone. Only our unbelief limits Him in giving us salvation. His death was not an accident, for it was planned. "Therefore doth my father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

God of Heaven, Son of Glory T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Tex.

God of heaven, Son of glory,
Ruler of the universe,
Prince of Peace and King forever,
Who for man was made a curse,

Boundless love bestowed on mankind
So unworthy and undone,
Is beyond man's comprehension,
Understood by God alone.

Shall such love go unregarded,
Spurned, neglected, and ignored?
Full redemption is provided,
Full salvation is restored.

Sinner will you still refuse Him,
When He's done so much for you,
Still ignore, and still abuse Him,
Truest friend you ever knew?

John 10:17-18. He did not die as a martyr nor as a moral example; nor yet was it to prove that God loved the world of sinful people. God does not love sin, but the souls of sinners. There is also a sense in which He died for each individual, "...that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Heb. 2:9. Christ died for the ungodly (Rom. 5:6-10); for the unjust (1 Peter 3:18); and for the sinner (1 Tim. 1:15).

Nor for sinners only did Jesus give His life. We see from Ephesians 5:25-27 that "Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it." We are to be the bride of Christ and shall be married unto Him. We are saved from wrath through His death. We shall eventually be saved from the presence of sin, just as we are now being saved from the dominion of sin, and as we have been saved from the guilt and penalty of sin; and all as the result of the death of Christ. He died as a ransom for us as pointed out in Matthew 20:28, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give his life a ransom for many." Also as a propitiation for our sins, 1st John 2:2, "And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world..." He died as a reconciliation, Eph. 2:16, "And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the Cross, having slain the enmity thereby." He is our substitution, Isaiah 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Christ's death was felt by the physical and material universe. Mysterious things took place the day He died. The earth was shaken, darkness covered the earth, the veil of the temple was rent in twain, etc., Matt. 27:50:54. He removed the existing enmity between God and man; that the Law could never do. Satan's power was neutralized and a provision was made for the world's sin. Provisions were made that we might be justified before God, that we could be adopted into His family. We now have access to God the Father.

God looked upon the travail of Christ's soul and was satisfied. An offering for sin was made once for all and it was the only offering that the Father could accept to cover a broken law. Since the veil was rent in twain, we no longer have to go by way of the priest to reach God. By Christ's death, we may now enter into the Holy of Holies. We have a high priest (Christ) who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, because He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (Heb. 4:15). He knows what suffering means more than we shall ever know. The price was great, but Jesus paid it willingly.

So we see the Cross as the symbol of our faith because it was here that Jesus bled, suffered and died for you and me. What do you see as you visualize the Cross? Does it mean anything to you? Does His death mean anything to you? Can you see Jesus hanging between heaven and earth; and do you realize the work that was accomplished by His death when He cried out, "It is finished"? The only plan of salvation was there accomplished by His death. Will you accept or reject Him as your own personal Saviour?

The Heavens Declare His Glory T. H. Kewsome, Springtown, Tex.

Each day as the sun makes his circuit
Through the vaulted heavens above,
He declares God's power and glory
And proclaims His infinite love.

Each night when the shadows are falling,
Moon and stars send forth their soft light,

God's voice quite definitely calling,
Expressing His glory and might.

Every hill and vale is resounding
With a message both loud and clear,
That the love of God is abounding
And is manifest everywhere.

While God speaks to us through nature
He also speaks through His Word,
Proclaiming to every creature
That Jesus is Saviour and Lord.

Outline Study of the Epistle to the Ephesians

Published in "The Free Will Echo" by Rev. Raymond Riggs, Editor, Highland Park, Michigan, and Taught in his Adult Bible Class

The origin of the church at Ephesus is recorded in Acts 18:18-20, 38. During the time Paul spent there, the Gospel was proclaimed throughout the whole province of Asia (Acts 19:10), and this resulted, no doubt, in the formation of other churches round about Ephesus.

This epistle was probably intended as a circular letter not only for the church at Ephesus, but also for all surrounding churches. This is inferred from the absence of salutations and local references, and from the fact that two of the oldest manuscripts omit the phrase "at Ephesus" in 1:1, leaving a blank in its place. The reference in Col. 4:16 to "the epistle from Laodicea" probably refers to this epistle for it would go first to Laodicea before passing on to Colosse. It was written at Rome while Paul was a prisoner during the two years referred to in Acts 28:30-31 (Eph. 3:1; 4:1; 6:20). It was carried to Ephesus by Tychicus (6:21) who at the same time carried the epistle to the Colossians (Col. 4:7).

The epistle was written to explain the heavenly blessing of the saints in Christ Jesus (1:13). The apostle's whole mind seems to have been filled with the transcendent privileges of believers. The epistle concerns the whole Church as the body of Christ, and its theme may be defined as the Church's unity in Christ.

Analysis

- I Doctrinal — The Church's Heavenly Calling (Chapters 1 to 3)
 1. The origin of the Church (ch. 1).
The Church had its origin in the eternal purpose and love of God.
 - (a) Thanksgiving for the spiritual blessings of redemption (1-14).
 - (b) Prayer for the realization of these blessings in the saints. (vs 15-23).
 2. The formation of the Church (ch 2)
The Church is formed of sinners saved by grace and united into one spiritual body or temple.

- (a) The salvation of the saints by grace (vs. 1-10).
 - (b) The union of the saints in Christ (vs. 11-22).
3. The purpose of the Church (ch. 3).
The purpose of the Church is to show forth the wisdom and power and love of God.
 - (a) The revelation of the mystery of Christ (vs. 1-7).
 - (b) The ultimate purpose of the Gospel (vs. 8-13).
 - (c) Prayer for the realization of this purpose in the Church (vs. 14-21).
- II Practical — The Church's Heavenly Conduct (Chapters 4 to 6).
 1. The life of the Church as the body of Christ (4:1-16).
 2. The new life of the individual believer (4:17 to 5:21).
 - (a) General principle (4:17-24).
 - (b) Particular application (4:25 to 5:21).
 3. The life of the Christian household (5:22 to 6:9).
 - (a) Wives and husbands (5:22-23).
 - (b) Children and parents (6:1-4).
 - (c) Servants and masters (6:5-9).
 4. The spiritual welfare of the Church (6:10-24).

COST OF NOT GIVING TO CHURCH

An exchange says: "Some people complain that the churches are too expensive, that they call for too much money." Wouldn't it be better to say that sin is too expensive? In the magazine *Thrift*, a table is given showing how American dollars are spent. Twenty-four and one half cents of every dollar spent goes for cost of living, twenty-two cents for luxuries, fourteen cents for waste, nine cents for crime, and three fourths on one cent out of the dollar goes to churches."

ABOVE WORRY

It is interesting to know what some of the great men of earth have thought in their diagnosis of one of the most common and dread diseases to which man is subject. Dean William Inge has given us a timely definition: "Worry is interest paid on trouble before it comes due." Worry is looking for trouble. Worry is anticipating the worst. Charles F. Deems, on his seventieth birthday, wrote this pleasing little epigram:

"The world is wide
In time and tide,
And God is Guide,
Then—do not hurry.
That man is blest
Who does his best
And leaves the rest,
Then—do not worry."

That is perfectly good Christian philosophy! The prophet of old knew what he was talking about: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." He might just as well have said: "They that don't worry are going to keep strong." The eternal fretful and "fretting attitude" toward life is foreign to Jesus.

When He uttered these words, Jesus preached a sermon about the life devoid of worry: "Therefore, I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment?" What beautiful pictures Jesus painted, and the significant thing is that He had no place for worry on His canvases. "Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin." "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me." This is the best Christian philosophy known.

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Sermon Demensions

Some preachers can't deepen or broaden their sermons, so they lengthen them.

The Water of Life

T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Tex.

Like a river, gently flowing
Through a vast and fertile plain.
In whose valleys, richly growing
Waves the golden, amber grain.

Fed by streams from gushing fountains
From the lofty, purple hills,
Or from regal, snowcapped mountains
Pouring down through gurgling rills.

Spiritual waters, from the mountains,
Sweeping earth's expansive breast,
Have their source in single fountain,
Gushing forth from Calvary's crest.

Sin-sick soul, why suffer anguish,
While these waters near you roll?
Drink and bathe, no longer languish,
Living waters cleanse the soul.

Drink ye of this living water,
Plunge into its crimson flood,
Issue forth, than snowflakes whiter
Washed in Jesus' precious blood.

When you've drunk this living water,
Ye shall never thirst again,
Never waver, never falter,
Strength and wisdom you'll attain.

Fully cleansed from all that's evil,
Born of Spirit, through the Word,
Fearing neither man nor devil,
Conquering through Christ, the Lord.

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Our Bible School

Rev. L. C. Johnson, President



A Student's Appraisal

Rev. George Waggoner, Student Minister in Free Will Baptist Bible College
Home Address: Macedonia, Illinois

NOW THAT THE First year of the Free Will Baptist Bible College is history, I view it with pride because I was one of the first students. Truly this has been the *red letter* year of my life, for I have grown spiritually more than any other year. It was a great opportunity to spend nine months in a place that had been sanctified by the Holy Spirit. He definitely led me there.

Even before the plans for the school became a reality, the Lord assured me and impressed me to enroll for the first year's work. I then made plans toward that end. I knew the college would be established, but had no idea what it would be like. The Lord led and I did not doubt that it would be what He desired. Still, curiosity almost got the best of me, and I desired to visit the Bible College before its opening to see if it would be what I wanted. My chance soon came.

Returning from Parrish, Alabama, in early September, where I received my diploma for completing the Free Will Baptist Christian Workers' Institute, I stopped in Nashville for a visit, before the opening of the school. One of the students, Rev. Paul Kettelman, was already there, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came during the day. I returned home for a minor operation and entered the school three weeks after its opening.

School work was in full swing, and the place seemed to be saturated with the Spirit of God when I arrived on October 5th. It remained that way throughout the term until after the last examination and closing exercise of the school year. It was school, of course, but it was different. It is a school of the Lord's choosing, and is guided by the Holy Spirit. I am very much

pleased, more than I had ever dreamed, with my time spent in the college. Every course was pleasing, even if it did take hard work to get the lessons, and pointed toward the desired end—that of winning souls to Christ. We put a lot of our training into practice by contacting people on the streets and elsewhere, by giving out gospel tracts, etc. The Lord willing, I shall attend again next year.

If anyone desires to better prepare himself for God's work, then pray that the Lord will direct your path toward the Free Will Baptist Bible College next September. If He does, then don't worry about finances (because He will supply your need), or about the training you will get (for the teaching is orthodox and evangelistic), or about anything else.

"Evangelical training with evangelistic fervor will give the world men and women for this hour." — Rev. L. C. Johnson, Pres.

Our Free Will Baptist Bible College meets the need.

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Missionary Department



Rev. Winford Davis, Chair.-Treas. National Board, Monett Mo.

Our Missionary Outlook is Bright

WE ARE GLAD to relate to you some very interesting and recent developments. Miss Barnard has just been given assurance from the Department of State that they are now ready to grant her facilities for travel to India. This is glad news for Miss Barnard, and for the rest of us as well. We feel very anxious for her as she shall set sail during this time of world conflagration, but at the same time, we know her heart is in India, and the Lord has a great work there for her to do. He who has opened the door for her return to that great work will take special care of her as she goes. Let us be confident of that. She is now making preparation for the journey. Of course, it will take weeks, for her to get all things ready to go. Keep her on your prayer list as she will be overloaded with many things during these summer months as she continues to make her preparation.

Brother and Sister Willey are now in the States, having come over on the plane June 11th. They will take a two months' rest which they need so much, and in the meantime, they expect to attend the National Association in Nashville. While they are over here, Miss Yeley has gone over to Cuba to hold the work in order. Miss

Yeley went over by plane June 12th. We will be very happy to have Brother and Sister Willey attend the National Meeting. Wednesday evening of the National Association week will be missionary evening. Brother Willey and Sister Barnard are both placed on the program for that evening. We will probably not let Sister Willey get by without saying something also. The report of the National Foreign Mission Board will be read during this evening service. We want you to hear it without fail. Make your preparations to be sure and attend this service.

The financial income for foreign missions is better this month than any month of this associational year. It is gratifying, indeed, to see the funds coming in. But, dear people, we are going to need a lot of funds to keep up with the Lord in this great missionary revival in our ranks. I am making a special appeal to you, here and now, that you please strive to increase your giving to this worthy cause. Perhaps you have never given anything for foreign missions. Won't you please enlist as a voluntary giver each week or month, so as to help us send the gospel to those in the regions beyond? It is going to take a considerable amount to get Miss Barnard



Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey

Missionaries to Cuba



Miss Laura Belle Barnard
Missionary to India

to India, and then we want to be able to give her that with which to do after she gets there. Then too, our work in Cuba is moving so rapidly that we are going to be compelled to spend more money there. Really we have something before us in this great department of our church, but we can do it if we will. I have all confidence that we will, but let's not slow up the progress of God by our hesitating.

We have a missionary pamphlet just off the press, entitled, "Information and Inspirational Facts about Free Will Baptist Missions." We want you to have one. They are free to you for the asking. This pamphlet will aid you greatly by enabling you to have a clearer insight into our missionary program. This is your work, and we want you to know about it. I am sure the more you know of it, the more interested you will be in it. We expect to have a large quantity of them with us at the National Association.

We are hearing favorable reports as to the work of our various state secretaries. We are indeed glad for this. We urge that the state secretaries please let yourselves be known through the columns of our papers. Let the people know to whom to

send their money. When you receive a contribution, send them a receipt promptly. All these things help create interest among our people. They also do a great deal of good in establishing confidence.

We hope to see you at the National Association, and we are looking forward to the greatest foreign mission report that has been given in Free Will Baptist ranks for many years.

Above all, keep praying.

Foreign Mission Income For the Month of May

North Carolina	\$329.04
Missouri	220.96
Michigan	62.89
Alabama	45.07
Oklahoma	37.00
Florida	18.57
Illinois	18.00
Georgia	12.35
South Carolina	12.00
New Mexico	5.00
Allocation Fund, Rev. F. S. Van Hoose	
Treas. National Association	95.09
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Polston, Treas.	64.08
Total	\$930.65



Miss Bessie Yeley
Missionary to Cuba

EDITORIAL

SERVING THE CAUSE

The war effort has produced conditions which has caused small and independent business enterprises to suffer, partly because of labor shortage and partly because of their inability to secure material which is reserved for those more vital industries which serve the war effort more directly. This is, perhaps, as it should be.

The Free Will Baptist Gem has had its problems, converging upon this point, with which to wrestle. Thus far, it is gratefully acknowledged, the maintenance of the general cause has been successfully carried forward, and the Free Will Baptist Gem is announcing its ability and policy of continuing to serve.

The Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Gem recently held two meetings. The first was to consider a refusal to serve in all capacities except the publication of the Gem monthly until after the war. It was not that any member of the Board, nor the Editor, desired such a backward step, but that a labor shortage was about to thrust such a procedure upon the working force of The Gem. The Board examined the record of all the churches, quarterly conferences, associations, religious groups and individuals which The Gem is now serving, and it was more than they could take to have to say "Our service to you must stop here." This institution was established for the purpose of serving the Cause, and the reaction of the Board reminds one of the old adage, "Where there is a will, there is a way."

The second meeting was held to employ a linotype operator and such other competent help necessary for the successful service rendered to the Cause of Christ and the Church, and to give the signal for full-speed ahead. The Gem is now able to serve in a greater capacity than any time heretofore, and the churches, associations, and individuals are invited to call upon your publishing house for service in the printing of any religious book, pamphlet,

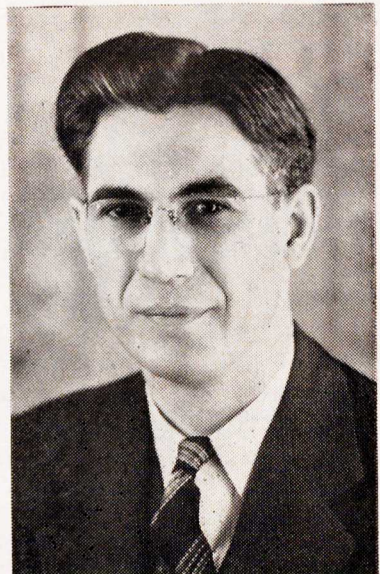
periodical, or any other item for the advancement of the Cause.

During the past year, more than thirty associations had their session proceedings printed in booklet form. Those associations are invited to come back this year. Free Will Baptists everywhere are invited to secure the printing service of your Publishing House, and to subscribe to your Church Paper.

GEM REPRESENTATIVES

The plan of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Gem has been accepted by many of our churches, and it has been put to work with initial success. The plan is to have a representative of the Church Paper in each church who will be furnished with inside information regarding those who are subscribers in the church, when the subscription terminates, also to be of service to his church people by sending in all subscriptions and renewal of subscriptions.

The representatives are as follows:



John B. Rollins, Editor

Harald Baldwin Fredericktown, Mo.
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 Harvey E. Hill St. Louis, Mo.
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 Howard Wilt Flat River, Mo.
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 Mrs. Hope Eaton Stella, Mo.
 Mrs. Rowena Thomas Monett, Mo.
 Mrs. Amanda Stewart .. North Zulch, Tex.
 Mrs. R. L. Davidson Edge, Texas
 Icey Goen Bryan, Texas

Some of these have been only recently appointed, but the plan has been creditably worked by those who have served any length of time. Edward Simmons has the St. Louis Church worked thoroughly and the church is co-operating splendidly by permitting Brother Simmons to send in all the renewal of subscriptions. Miss Nola Apple, representative in the Macedonia Church, has really displayed her loyal colors by securing the subscriptions of a great number of her fellow-members, Harvey E. Hill, Harald Baldwin, Howard Wilt, Mrs. Hope Eaton, Geraldine Johnson, and Mrs.

Rowena Thomas have served splendidly and honorably. Miss Maxine Moneyham and Mrs. Cecil Horner and the three representatives in Texas have not had an opportunity to show their colors, as yet, but they are bound to come through with flying colors.

The Board continues to urge that other churches fall in line, appoint a wide-awake representative, and carry this plan forward for the best interest of the church and your church paper.

A NEW DEPARTMENT

A new department has been created for the best reading interests of the subscribers of The Gem. It is to make its initial appearance in the August issue. Wouldn't you like to know what it is? Well, I will not tell you now, it's going to be a surprise! It is designed to create some very keen reading interest among our church people, and it is to be a surprise each month. Don't tell anyone what it is until the August issue is distributed.



Our Boys in the Service



SCRIPTURE FOR SOLDIERS

Spiritual Defence, Faith, Home,
and Country

Reveille: "It is high time to awaken out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" Romans 13:11.

Roll Call: "I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine" Isaiah 43:1.

Attention: "Look unto me, and be ye saved" Isaiah 45:22.

Quick March: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" Phil. 3:14.

Halt: "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord" Exodus 14:13.

When in Camp: "The angel of the Lord

encampeth round them that fear Him, and delivereth them" Psalms v4:7.

Stand at Ease: "I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28.

When on Guard: "Watch ye and pray lest ye enter into temptation" Mark 14:33.

When Fighting: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold of eternal life" 1 Tim. 6:12.

When Wounded: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" Isaiah 40:31.

When a Prisoner: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed: for I am thy God" Isaiah 41:10.

In the Hour of Death: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me" John 14:1.

"When thou passeth through the waters,

I will be with thee" Isaiah 43:2.

The Last Post: "Watchman, what of the night?" Isaiah 21:11.

In the Grand Review: "We'll done, thou good and faithful servant enter thou into the joys of thy Lord" Matthew 25:21.

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Army Air Base, Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Brother Rollins:

I feel that I should write and tell you how much I enjoy and appreciate the *Gem* since I have come to the army. Many times it is not possible for us to attend chapel services, and I find *The Gem* a great help in supplying the spiritual food that each one of us must have to remain a Christian.

I am proud of the many accomplishments of our Church in the last few years. I believe we will continue our progressiveness in years to come, too.

I notice it will soon be time for our National Association to meet again. I wish it were possible for me to attend. I know much good will be accomplished.

In a very few days, we will be going across. I am aware of the many dangers that are present in the war zones. I am thankful that I have faith in God who is able to care for us under the most dangerous situations. I believe that God is going to lead us safely to victory through the prayers of the true praying people. I would like to ask the prayers of those people as we go to meet the enemy. I have all faith in our fighting forces for I know they are the best in the world, but I realize, however, that prayer is essential.

I have been in several states and had many interesting and often exciting experiences. I must say, though, that good old Missouri still looks the best to me.

Of course I am anxious for this war to end, and to be privileged to go back home to my wife and many friends. I have been in the service about thirteen months. Many have been in much longer than that, but that seems a long time to me. I am willing to make all the sacrifices that our freedom should be preserved and that peace be restored.

Sgt. Lee Roy Miller
561 Bomb. Sq. 388 . Gp.
Army Air Base, Sioux City, Iowa

Btry. A. 8th F. A. Bn. Overseas

Dear Sirs:

I have been receiving your paper for some months. I am in overseas service, and it really is good to get a religious paper such as you write.

When at home, I went to church regularly, but here, there isn't very many church services, and I miss them very much.

Here's hoping that we have a speedy victory so that our boys can return to the land they love.

Pvt. Leonard Adams, No. 38089817
Btry. A. 8th F. A. Bn. A.P.O. 25
%Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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Hq. Btry. 63rd F. A. Bn. Overseas

Dear Brother Rollins:

I will write you a brief letter to say I am just fine and still enjoying the blessings of my Saviour. I am doing overseas duty now. I have come upon many rough spots, but I am so glad Jesus was near and that He still hears and answers prayer.

Brother Rollins, if you have time, write me a few lines and tell me how our church is getting along. As I talk to the different boys, I find one of the things they prize most back home is their churches. I sure miss our little church in Fredericktown, Missouri and Brother Zinn. Remember me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Pvt. Loy E. Smith, No. 37378754
Hq. Btry. 63rd F. A. Bn. A.P.O. 24
% Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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323 Air Base Sqd., Muroco Field, Calif.

Dear Brother Rollins:

I have been receiving the *Gem* for the past few months, and really enjoy it. I get a great blessing from it. I wish every boy in the service could get a copy. After I read it, I pass it on to some of the boys and they really like to read it.

We boys really like to get letters from the church folk too. My new address is:

Pvt. J. C. Armstrong
323 Air Base Sqd.
Muroc Field, California

**A. S. N. Co. D. 150th Inf. R.
In Care Postmaster, New Orleans, La.**

Mr Editor and Friends:

I just want to say hello, and to thank you again for the *Gem* which I have been receiving. It is strange, at times, what a small verse from a paper like the *Gem* will do for a fellow, and sepecially in the army, for there are many things different in the army from what they are in civilian life. I received a paper from a church in Tennessee a while back that helped me a lot. I am always keeping poems which have a grand meaning, and I've kept half of my papers, and given the rest to someone who can get some good out of them.

My grandfather is 82 years old and he has been preaching around 60 years, so you can imagine that people everywhere know him, more than his preaching, by his long white whiskers which remind the children of Stnta Clause. But now he is able to get out only once or twice a year.

Everett Thomas, A. S. N. 35203175
Co. D, 150th Inf. R. A.P.O. 827
%Postmaster, New Orleans, La.

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Hq. Hq. Co. 532nd Reg. Australia

Dear Brother Rollins and Gem Readers:

It has been a long time since I have written, so will write at this time. There have been many new experiences for me since I wrote last, but I am very glad that God is still with me, and watching over me. It is truly wonderful that God can be with all you in the States and at the same time be over here watching over His children too. When God commissioned His disciples to go preach His gospel, He said, "Lo, I am with you unto the end of the world." That promise is given to us as it was to the disciples. I am glad that I rest upon Christ and His promises.

If it were not for Christ and His promises to us, I fear that this world would be in a much worse condition today. As I look around and see sin on every side, and boys going against God's will, I often wonder how He would offer His only Son to die for us, but it was His great love for us

which is quite beyond our comprehension. I realize that we, as children of God, become indifferent and lukewarm, but if ever there was a time when we should be up and working, it is now, for there are millions of souls lost and without hope of eternal life. Since I have been in the service of our country, my eyes have been opened to the sin that goes on against God's holy name, and my determination has been made stronger to help some lost soul find the way of everlasting peace with God. We have the greatest opportunity ever offered to do good, and if we fail, that opportunity will never come again. I find we must be constantly in prayer to overcome the temptations which come to us. Thank the Lord that wherever we go there are a few who will stand true to God.

It always gives me new courage to get with some of my buddies who are living for God, and study His Word and pray together. I wish people could only realize how the boys in the armed forces need prayer. "If my people which are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:14. Until we realize that fact and become humble, I fear many souls will continue to drift farther away from God. I ask a special interest in your prayers, and may God bless the entire Gem Family.

Cpl. J. D. Campbell, 37199996
Hq. Hq. Co. 532nd. Reg. A.P.O. 704
%Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

**Our Hope of Victory
T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Tex.**

Trust not in guns and tanks and
planes,
Important though these be;
God, only, who supremely reigns
Can give us victory.

When all the nations turn to God
And humbly do His will;
Then He'll with-hold the chastening
rod,
Bid raging storms, "Be still."

The National Association

Enterprise Department

The General Board is to Meet

East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, July 13th., 9:00 a. m.

THE FOLLOWING Members of the General Board of the National Association will please be in attendance in person, or by proxies holding written appointments, at 9:00 a. m., July 13, 1943, in East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church: Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala., Rev. Millard Van Hoose, Paintsville, Ky., Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Wilson, N. C., Rev. James A. Boatright, Verdi, Va., Rev. L. C. Johnson, Glennville, Ga., Rev. John Henson, Hurricane, W. Va., W. L. Williams, Bryan,

Texas, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., Rev. John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo., Rev. Charles R. Porter, Sesser, Ill., Rev. W. J. Sheppard, Sciotoville, Ohio, and Rev. R. B. Crawford, Ashland City, Tenn.

The Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer of the National Association, together with the President of the National Sunday School Convention and the President of the National Auxiliary Convention will please attend this session either in person or by proxy.

L. R. Ennis, Executive Secretary.

Program National S. S. Convention

East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, July 11 and 12, 1943

Sunday Night, July 11th

- 7:45—Song and Prayer Service, Rev. J. R. Davidson
8:15—"Seeking, Teaching, Saving" Professor William Henry Oliver

Monday Morning, July 12th

- 9:00—Devotional, "Seeking" Rev. Robert B. Crawford
9:20—Convention in Session
Appointment of Special Committees
Enrolment of Ministers and Delegates
9:30—Welcome to the Cumberland Association, Rev. J. E. Hudgens
9:40—Response to Welcome Address, Miss Annie C. Zorn
9:50—General Officers' Reports:
President, Mr. W. E. Coville
Vice-President, Rev. Chester Pelt
Secretary, Mrs. Chester Pelt
Assistant Sec., Mrs. Raymond Sasser
Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Williams
Director of Organization and Education, Mrs. L. E. Ballard
Director of Denominational Enterprises, Rev. L. C. Johnson

- Director of Records and Reports,
Rev. Robert B. Crawford
Director of Literature, Rev. L. R. Ennis
Director of Publicity, Rev. John B. Rollins

- 10:40—Special Vocal Rendition
10:45—"Teaching" Rev. C. F. Bowen
11:00—Report of Credentials Committee
11:15—Election of Officers
11:30—Suggestions by pastors as to how the Convention may become a more successful agency for seeking, teaching and saving. Rev. M. E. Tyson will preside over the forum.
Noon—Refreshments

Monday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotional, "Saving," Miss Trula Gunter
1:45—President's Message
1:55—Business Session
Reading of minutes of morning session, Enrolment of ministers and delegates, Report of Business Resolutions Committee, Plans for new year—The

Three Year Program of Progress—
The Standard of Efficiency—Sunday
school record supplies, quarterlies and
text books—Finances—State and
district conventions—Committee Re-

ports—other items of business.
4:30—Final adjournment

Note—Rev. J. R. Davidson will arrange
and direct the musical program throughout
the session.

The Great
Commission
— Our Mission



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole
World
For Christ



Program Nat'l. Auxiliary Convention

East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, July 12 and 13, 1943

**Executive Committee Meeting—July
12, 1943 at 2:00 P. M.**

Monday Night Session—July 12th

7:30—Hymn "Joy to the World"
Devotional .. Mrs. Raymond Sasser
Organization:

- (a) Enrollment of Delegates
- (b) Election of Nominating Com.
- (c) Appointment of Committees

Welcome Address Mrs. Henry Melvin
President Local Auxiliary

Presentation of Local Committees
Response Mrs. Ernest Griffith
Special Music, Mixed Chorus, Bible
School Students

8:30—Address .. Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Adjournment.

Tuesday Morning Session—July 13th

9:00—Hymn "The King's Business"
Devotional Mrs. Emma Moore
Fellowship Greetings, Rev. Melvin
Reading of Executive Committee
Minutes, Mrs. Alice Lupton

9:45—Message of the President, Mrs. J. C.
Griffin

10:00—Greetings from our Mission Fields,
Miss Laura Belle Barnard

Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to
the Nations"

10:30—In Response to the Wondrous Com-
mission:

1. Mission Study, Mrs. K. V. Shutes
2. Stewardship, Miss Lola Johnson

3. Personal Service, Mrs. Elsie M.
Curtis

11:00—Report of Nominating Committee
Election of Officers

Address Mrs. Alice Dickey

11:30—Hymn "Jesus Calls Us"
Announcements
Adjournment

Tuesday Afternoon Session

1:30—Hymn "Send the Light"
Devotional Mrs. E. K. Brown
Minutes by Recording Secretary

1:45—In Obedience to the Wondrous Com-
mission:

1. On the Home Fields, Mrs. Lizzie
McAdams

2. Through Christian Education
Mrs. Opal Bingham

3. By the Printed Page, Mrs. Agnes
B. Frazier

2:30—Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Fannie
Polston

2:40—Committee Reports
Registration
Appreciation
Plan of Work
Resolutions
Obituary

3:30—Miscellaneous Business

4:30—Reading of Minutes by the Recording
Secretary

Hymn "Come Women Wide Proclaim"
Prayer Miss Tommie Franklin
Adjournment

Unity and Co-operation

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President National Auxiliary Convention
240 North Pasteur Street, New Bern, North Carolina

PERHAPS WE, As a national organization of Christian women, stand in greater need of a unified front than we ever have before. The day in which we are living, with its stress and peril, with the horrors of war, the sacrifice and heartaches that many of us are experiencing, the fear and the fact that Satan, our greatest enemy, is on the rampage for men's souls, should bind us together in closer fellowship and unity in the promotion of the Lord's work as a whole. Each officer in our National Convention has a specific work to do, each independent, yet dependent on each other, because the duties of each one and the success we want to attain depends largely on the manner in which we accept our responsibilities. Therefore, we are urging each vice president to do her best in being prepared to render the best service possible at our convention.

I realize, however, that in order for them to do their best, the various states must co-operate in sending their reports to the National Officers. This is a vital part of our work, as it will be impossible to give accurate reports unless each state convention or district where there is no state organization send to their respective vice presidents the necessary information regarding what has been done for Christian Education, Missions, Orphanages, Retired Ministers and other activities, including the number of members subscribing to our Church Papers and the use of tracts, together with Vacation Bible Schools. All this should, if it has not already been sent, be mailed at once. One of our greatest handicaps has been, and still is, the failure on the part of some of our Auxiliaries, to realize the importance of setting a goal, making plans by which they can work in harmony to reach the peak of our ambitions, and in depending wholly on God for leadership. I find that when our vice presidents work out a plan of action in their respective line of duty, and place them before our women, that in most cases, they are co-operative and eager to take part in the

promotion of that particular object.

Our National Auxiliary Convention is to meet soon with East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church in Tennessee. Because of adverse conditions from many angles, perhaps some of our women will feel that their efforts will not be worth while, that the sacrifices will be in vain, but if we forget self, and put our Father's cause first, I believe we shall be able to accomplish things for Him that will render us more anxious to be about the things pertaining to His work. I hope we shall have a good representation from our states, and that each delegate will come praying that this session will be one in which the Lord may be glorified and His kingdom work promoted, despite all of the evil influences and labor of the great common enemy of mankind.

"The Great Commission—Our Mission" has been carefully studied in North Carolina this year, and I hope other states have done like-wise.

I have attended our State Auxiliary and the most of our District Conventions this year. I have taken part in all of the revival meetings that Mr. Griffin has held, and altogether, have been as active as I could in the work of the Lord, and yet I am not satisfied, for I see the need of a more united, co-operative spirit among our people. So I am praying earnestly that we shall reach out and grasp the golden opportunities that are coming to us day by day and that I shall have the prayers of all of you for a great victory over Satan in our National Convention.

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Thou must be true thyself,
Ere thou the truth canst teach.
Thy soul must overflow
Ere thou another's soul canst reach;
It needs the overflowing of heart
To give the lips full speech.

1943 Auxiliary Year Book

To all Second Vice Presidents

Mrs. Cpai Bingham, National Second Vice President, Woman's Auxiliary
833 North Utica Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

As National Second Vice President, I am DIRECTOR of Free Will Baptist young people. In the great task set before all Second Vice Presidents, may the following help each of you:

D—I will **DEPEND** upon God. I study the Auxiliary Manual (15c, order from "The Gem," Monett, Mo. or from "The Press," Ayden, N. C.) and "Working With Our Youth" (25c). I reread these books often. I do this in preparation, but I **DEPEND** upon God after all I do all that I can to be ready. I expect the support of my Auxiliary; but beyond human co-operation and personal study, I depend upon God's power. Like David, "I trust in Thee."

I—I want to develop more **INTEREST** among the women everywhere in behalf of the young people throughout the whole world. So as director of young people, I am the link between the young people's organization and our Woman's Auxiliary.

R—Reminds me to meet **REGULARLY** with the Auxiliaries. If I am the District or State Second Vice President, I should visit each organization under my supervision at least once each quarter, in person if possible; if not, surely by letter that often.

E—Says we must **ENLIST** helpers for each organization called for Free Will Baptist young people. These women need not be the prettiest and wittiest, but they should be in love with **MISSIONS** and thoroughly consecrated to Christ. In selecting them, advise with the young people, pastor, and the executive committee of the Woman's Auxiliary in order to secure the most acceptable leadership possible. I try never to make the mistake of telling them there will not be much to do, because there is, and God cannot use leaders who are looking for easy places.

C—**CONF**ER with Second Vice Presidents everywhere, **COMPARE** plans and work

done, exchange ideas for Mission Study Classes, Stewardship Education, Personal Service, and all other phases of activity for young people's auxiliaries.

T—**TEACHES** that I must serve **TACTFULLY**, persuading by love to larger service for Christ.

O—Suggests **ORIGINALITY** which I do not have, but I can watch our Free Will Baptist papers, missionary magazines, mission and stewardship books for ideas and adapt them to my situation.

R—Ends the work with **REPORTING** regularly to the Woman's Auxiliary at every business meeting so that the mothers and other women of the auxiliary will all know what their young people have been doing. In this way, interest in Missionary Education of young people will grow. Also this "**R**" **REMINDS** me, as your National Chairman of Christian Education to **REMIN**D you to **RE-READ** your 1943 Year Book, pages 50-57 and pages 98-104, and above all, read "Working With Our Youth," a study course prepared by our own auxiliary literature department just for us second vice presidents, and which can be ordered from "The Gem," Monett, Missouri.

Have you carried out, to the best of your ability, the Plan of Work suggested for all Second Vice Presidents for this convention year? This plan of work you will find on page 62, part five in the 1942 Minutes of the National Association.

Last, but by no means least, let this final "**R**" remind you to get a report of all you have been able to do this year—little or much—before our National Convention meets. When I get to Nashville, Tennessee, next July, I shall go directly to our national president who should have reports from all state, district or local auxiliaries. On these report blanks, I shall expect to find each state, district, or local second vice president's statistical report. Other items that your auxiliaries have done that will help the cause to advance, or inspire others

to larger service, please report that directly to me. We want our Christian Education report in July to be A-1. With God's help, I mean to be as good second vice president as I am capable of being. Will you? Then let us be "laborers together" in carrying out the Great Commission which is our

mission as directors of Free Will Baptist young people, and report these results for the information as well as the inspiration of those who are to come after us. May we count on every second vice president to do her best, and if I can serve you in any way, will you call on me?



GENERAL ARTICLES



Thomas-Hyatt Wedding

AT AN Impressive wedding ceremony, held at the Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri at eight o'clock, Friday evening, June 4th, Miss Marie Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thomas of Monett, became the bride of Myron Hyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hyatt of Centerview, Missouri. Rev. Kenneth Turner officiated at a candle light service, using a single ring ceremony. The altar was banked with ferns, roses and white lilies.

The bride was lovely in a light blue, street length dress. Her accessories were white with a shoulder corsage of white chrysanthemums. She carried a small white Bible in her hand. The bride's attendant, Miss Burnice Bradley, wore a rose colored, street length dress with white accessories.

During the ceremony, Miss Almaretta Hyatt, sister of the groom, played "Narcissus" and the traditional wedding march. Miss Jean Thomas, sister of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly."

The attendant for the groom was Rev. Winford Davis. Ushers were Rev. O. T. Allred and Rev. John Rollins. Rev. W. K. Weston stood with the officiating minister and offered the prayer.

Following the service, a wedding supper was given by Mrs. Eldon Thomas in the home of the bride's parents. Those present were the bride and groom, the bridal party, the officiating minister and family, and the families of the bride and groom.

The bride is an ordained minister in the Free Will Baptist denomination and is very active in the ministry and the work of the

Church. She is a graduate of high school, she graduated from the Christian Workers' Institute and has completed one year's training in the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The groom is a graduate of high school and is a very devoted Christian young man. The bride and groom plan to spend their lives in the service of the Lord. They will conduct evangelistic meetings during the summer and will both go to Nashville to enter the Free Will Baptist Bible College this fall.



Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hyatt

Church Letters - Field Reports

Free Will Baptists of Southern Ohio Revival Meeting at Columbia, Tenn.

Dear Gem Family:

I want to give a little news about our church work in southern Ohio. I visited the Porter Quarterly Meeting, May 15, at Wakefield, Ohio, in Pike County. They had a fine conference. There are 12 churches in Porter Quarterly Meeting, and all represented with letter and delegates. A fine spirit prevailed in all the services.

Elder J. A. Kemper was chosen Moderator and Elder W. J. Sheppard had charge of the morning devotional service. A great spiritual feast was enjoyed by all present.

On May 22, our Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting met with Bethlehem Church, ten miles north of Portsmouth. We had 17 churches in this Quarterly Meeting. A new church, organized in Columbus, Ohio, one hundred miles north of us, came and asked for admittance in our conference. They have a membership of about twenty, but is a real active church. We gladly gave them the hand of fellowship, making us 18 churches, with one of them in our capital city. The churches all reported having regular services, but some said their congregations were smaller than usual. Elder J. A. Kemper was the Moderator of this Quarterly Meeting.

One of our young ministers preached at eleven o'clock, Brother Ed Percell. God certainly gave him a great message. We had a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Our business transactions were sure fine. Many times folks praised God in that session. Our work in most of the churches is going fine.

Beginning on the first day of June, our Ohio State Association is to convene with the Long Run Church, on Route 139, ten miles from Portsmouth. We are looking for a great time when all the Free Will Baptists of the good state of Ohio come together.

Please pray for us in Ohio.

—Elder John A. Kemper

Sunday, May 2, marked the beginning of a wonderful revival meeting at the Loyal Chapel Church of Columbia, Tennessee, of which Damon C. Dodd is pastor. For weeks the church had prayed and planned for the revival, and when the time arrived for the first service, the church was ready for it. Rev. Albert Halbrook of Leadington, Missouri was the evangelist, and surely he was a God-sent man. His messages were Biblical and to the point, and carried a strong appeal to the unsaved.

Three of the students from our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville came over on Saturday during our meeting and did personal work on the streets of Columbia. The pastor and the evangelist carried on a house-to-house campaign during the same time, and the results from both of these efforts were very noticeable. The revival continued for two weeks, and during that time 27 souls were saved and 11 additions were made to the church.

Loyal Chapel is a comparatively new organization, having been organized in 1938. During this time, a wonderful work has been done. To Rev. J. B. Bloss goes a great deal of credit for the success of the church. The church building is debt free and the Sunday school rooms are practically so.

The full national program is being supported. The Sunday school has an attendance of 100 and the league an attendance of 23. The Woman's Auxiliary is a very active organization and has contributed much to the welfare of the church.

During the past eight months the church, with a membership of 79, has paid an average of \$56.00 to the Bible College. Since then the amount has been increased to \$63.00 per month. At the same time, a building fund of more than a thousand dollars has been raised and a full time pastor called and maintained. The Lord is really blessing the work and souls are being saved in the regular services.

We are planning for a Vacation Bible School for the month of August, and also a Bible training course which will be conducted by the pastor and wife. Following this, we plan to have a two weeks' revival.

We are located 43 miles south of Nashville and we welcome one and all to our services.

—Damon C. Dodd.

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The Free Will Baptist Church Des Plaines, Illinois

Dear Gem Readers:

During the last few weeks, we have been very happy to have Rev. Billie Buster, from southern Illinois, here with us. He has, by the help of God, delivered many good sermons which were so helpful to us. We hope he will be able to be with us again soon.

We enjoyed a nice Easter program given by our Sunday school. The children did fine, and each child was presented with a small Easter gift in appreciation of his good work. We have Sunday school and church every Sunday, prayer meeting on Wednesday nights.

We solicit your prayers. May God bless all you.

—Pauline Osborne, Clerk

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Report of Lizzie McAdams Huntsville, Texas

Dear Co-Workers:

This is our last report before the National Association. Since we last reported, we have visited many churches, and the best part of all is that we find our people eager to hear about our work. When they learn about it, they gladly line up with it. We cannot expect our people to fall in line with something they have not known, and too, we must remember that our National Association is only attended by our strongest leaders, while back at home we have good ministers who couldn't attend, and there are thousands of lay members who are anxious to know that our beloved denomination is going forward with a won-

derful progress that carries out the Great Commission.

We have been on a missionary tour embracing part of Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina. We find our people everywhere eager to learn about our National Association, and our missionary work. Many are asking about our school, and we are so happy that we can tell them we have a school free of debt, and that it is able to train our God-called young men and women for service. We are glad to tell them of our good printing houses in North Carolina and in Missouri. When we look back a few years, and then look at how God has blessed us now, we surely do have something for which to praise God and to tell our people about.

While in North Carolina, we visited six District Auxiliary Conventions, and also the State Convention. All of these conventions are behind our national program one hundred per cent, and when Brother Ennis would ask them if they would like to furnish a room in the Bible College, they would put it over at once. Such sweet fellowship prevailed in all the work everywhere we have gone.

We rejoice that God has led us to some weak places where we were able to help, and we rejoice most of all for the precious souls that have been saved.

Now a few words to the various field workers of the different states, get your reports to me by July first so that will give me time to make up my report. Let's pray for a great National Convention, and ask God to give us the very best yet.

We want to thank all the splendid pastors and auxiliary workers for their co-operation in this great field work which we have been doing. Pray for us while we will be finishing up some work in Mississippi and Alabama before the National Association convenes in July. We also ask every one that reads this to join us in prayer for a great revival to soon begin among our people, and that it will reach out to poor lost souls who have never heard of our blessed Christ.

Yours for Jesus,

—Mrs. Lizzie McAdams

Quarterly Meeting of Cave Spring Association in Oregon County, Mo.

The third Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Cave Spring Association of Free Will Baptists was held with Piney Church on May 29, 1943. After a spirited devotional service, the moderator, Rev. E. E. Simpson, appointed a Divine Service Committee as fellows: Everett Combs, Elgan Holman and Howard Muse. Rev. J. E. Rolen read the By-Laws. There were eleven churches present with their letters..

Elders Simpson and Claud Bryan were appointed to bring gospel messages, and they preached on the duties of a Christian. The Church is held responsible to bear witness of the Master's saving power, and the New Testament tells of great revivals. Here in our own part of the country great numbers found salvation, but of late, not much spirit of revival seems to be in evidence hereabout, though we hear stirring accounts from the East, where considerable numbers have been converted. No doubt the Lord will soon answer the prayers of the many thousands who are earnestly asking Him for a great downpour of revival power to sweep this country. We know the Lord is not slack concerning His promises but is even more willing to bestow than we are to receive.

One of the preachers said he had been pastor of one church for a long time, and that one of the deacons of that church was so conservative that he never would deac at all. Every believer should be alive and working for the Lord.

Rev. W. P. Stogsdill, having been appointed to visit some weak churches, reported that he found one of them with a house full to hear him.

It was suggested that we secure food with our ration stamps and take it to Monett, Missouri for the Missouri State Association.

The league work was stressed, and Sister Ella Dotson was appointed to visit the churches and organize adult, senior, and junior leagues.

Rev. Roy L. Crook, who had been preaching under license for some time, was ordained. A preacher who used to be one with us, but is now preaching with the

Free Pentecosts, and who desires a letter of commendation from us, was turned over to the Business Committee for treatment.

Mt. Zion Church, near Thayer, Mo. was selected for the next meeting.

Rev. E. E. Simpson, Moderator
Ralph T. Hoyt, Clerk

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The Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

Brother Rollins and Gem Readers:

I am writing a few lines to tell how our church is coming along. We closed a revival meeting, and we had a glorious time and the Lord blessed our work. There were about eight or ten saved. The Lord was with us and we had a wonderful meeting. Brother Cecil Campbell of Cartersville, Mo. did some fine preaching, and I think he enjoyed being up here with us. May the Lord bless him in his work among his churches. His wife came up for the last week of the revival. We had two saved on the last night of the meeting.. May the revival spirit abide with our church so the Lord can save sinners.

I believe we have some of the finest Christian children I ever saw in any church. Some are as young as eight years old, but they will lead prayer meeting and pray publicly when called upon, testify and get up and sing a song.

The church has bought the building at 1330 Gyer Avenue, and they will fix it up. If any church would like to help us in any way, it would surely be appreciated.

Our Sunday school is coming along fine. Attendance is good, and we have some fine teachers. We are getting ready for our Sunday school outing.

We have a fine league, both senior and junior leagues, and the topics are very interesting. The Lord is blessing our work. Sister Wood has moved to town from Flat River, and she and Ruby attend church. We are glad to have them. We have so many others who come and worship with us, May the blessings of the Lord be upon His redeemed people.

F. McCouley

1622 Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo.

Executive Committee Meeting of the Mo. Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Executive Committee of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis on Saturday, June 5, 1943. The president, Mrs. Jewell Campbell of Carterville was in charge, and distinguished visitors, as Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. C. B. Dees, Rev. Cecil Campbell, and Rev. Mark Lewis were given recognition in the devotional and worship hour of the meeting. Rev. Mark Lewis preached the sermon, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." The sweet Spirit of the Lord was richly manifest throughout the meeting.

At noon, a good dinner was served by the ladies of St. Louis. The dinner and the fellowship was greatly enjoyed.

During the afternoon session, the state officers each gave a report of her work which was accepted as follows:

First Vice President, Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Second Vice President, Miss Alberta Dodd
Third Vice President, Mrs. Doris Rollins
Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Alma Adams

Our Fifth Vice President, Mrs. Alice Dickey and our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Opal Williams were unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, the state field worker, gave an interesting report. Rev. J. R. Davidson gave a report on our Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee.

The delegates to the National Convention were named.

An open discussion was made concerning the report blanks to be used in local and state work. It was agreed to submit the matter to the State Convention at its next session.

— Mrs. Hazel E. Scott, Secretary.

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Rescue Free Will Baptist Church Whittington, Illinois

With thankful hearts and deep gratitude, we report the activities of our church, Sunday school, League and other departments of our church.

We have good attendance in Sunday school considering tire and gas conditions.

Brother Hobart Conner, one of the newly ordained deacons of our church and a very earnest and sincere man, is superintendent. Brothers Edgar Johnston, Henry Britton, Sisters, Juanita Smith, Saphronia Burton, Velma Whittington and Brother Jess Hamilton are the teachers for the Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Card, and Ladies' Bible Classes. Sister Mary Ellen Johnston is Secretary-Treasurer. We are proud of our teachers and have the utmost confidence in them. One of our teachers, Mrs. Thelma Whittington, has gone to Portland, Oregon where her husband is employed in defense work. She will return the latter part of August.

On the fifth Sunday night, our League gave a special program on missions. The pageant "Send the Light" was very impressive and inspiring. Brother, Arthur Whittington gave a very appropriate talk on missions. Rev. Jack Kettelman talked on missions and tithing which was greatly appreciated. Our dear pastor, Rev. W. R. Burton gave a talk. While our choir of young folk sang, offerings were brought and laid on the Bible, beginning with the Card Class and going up through the classes in rotation. May God bless all the little children as He did that night, as they marched up dressed in print dresses and blue overalls and shirts with smiles on their faces, shining with joy and satisfaction for the chance to give for the benefit of those who have never heard. May God bless Brother and Sister Willey, Sister Yeley, and Sister Barnard. We want them to know we are thankful for what they are doing, and our group of worshippers are glad for the opportunity of helping finance them in their great mission of "Go-Tell."

Our offering amounted to \$25.00 and our Sunday school gave from its penny march \$165.00. We are planning another missionary program for the fourth Sunday in June.

Our Auxiliary is something of which we are all proud. The membership is not large, but the greatness of God's power is felt during our meeting, and great good is being done through the spirit of unity.

Our officers are:

Amy Johnston, First Vice President
Minnie Conner, .. Second Vice President

Delphia Nangel, Third Vice President
 Lois Sneed Fourth Vice President
 Ruby Burton, Fifth Vice President
 Rosie Conner, Recording Secretary
 Claudia Britton, Secretary-Treasurer

Our church services are held each second and fourth Saturday nights, Sunday and Sunday night.

A large number take the Gem, and we miss it a lot when we fail to renew our subscriptions. We enjoy the news it brings of other churches, and we enjoy the soldiers page. Let us remember all of them in our prayers. Remember us and pray that God's will be done in our church.

— Lois Sneed

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No. 1. Quarterly Meeting of Harmony Association, Seymour, Mo.

The Number One Quarterly Meeting of the Harmony Association met with Liberty Church, twelve miles north of Seymour, Mo., on Friday, May 28, 1943. There were seven ministers and three visiting ministers present. There were three deacons, seven delegates, one church clerk present and five churches reporting by letter. \$6.25 was received in the church letters, and \$3.00 received by donation. The Quarterly Meeting will convene with Brushy Knob Church on Friday, August 27th for its next session.

— Floyd Haynes

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Tri-State Fifth Sunday Meeting Picher, Oklahoma

The Tri-State Fifth Sunday Meeting met with the South Picher Free Will Baptist Church at eleven o'clock, May 30, 1943. Rev. T. E. L. Curry was the moderator in charge, and he appointed Elsie Dunn as clerk. After an appropriate devotional, Rev. F. E. Crain brought the message from 1 Cor. 12: 28 "Some in the Church — and Spiritual Gifts." The moderator appointed a Divine Service Committee: Brothers Layton Glenn; Martin Dunn, and C. E. Layton.

A nice basket dinner was provided, and everyone enjoyed the wonderful fellowship.

The afternoon service was presented as follows:

Rev. Lester Easterly, "Now We Know That God heareth Not Sinners."

Rev. Bill Johnson, "Behold the Lamb of God which Taketh Away the Sin of the World."

Song by the congregation.

Rev. Clara Taylor, "Ye Must Be Born Again," and John 3:16.

Rev. Roy Rupe, Neh. 4:6.

Rev. Arthur Kirk, "Get Yourselves in Order."

Rev. Elda Crain, "There is no Fear in Love, but perfect Love Casteth Out Fear."

Rev. T. E. L. Curry led the praise meeting. Bro. Easterly read the obituary of Bro. T. E. L. Curry's brother, then a love offering was given Brother Curry for his faithfulness in the Fifth Sunday Meeting. There was shouting in the camp because of the spiritual blessings received.

The next meeting is to be held in the Northwest Picher Church (Blue Front). Rev. Elda Crain is to bring the eleven o'clock message.

— Elsie Dunn, Clerk.

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Fifth Sunday Meeting of Hopewell Association, Atoka, Oklahoma

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Hopewell Association was set for May 28th and 29th and 30th at Pleasant View Church. On Friday night one of the biggest rains of the season fell, and we had no services on Saturday morning. Visitors began to arrive and the house was called to order. Brother P. H. Coffman was elected Moderator. Hattie Williams was appointed clerk. A Committee on Divine Service was appointed: Bro. Waggoner, Bro. Wilson, and Sister Burr. Bro. Earl Umsted brought a good message.

In the afternoon session, letters were read from three visiting churches. All delegates were given the hand of fellowship. The Divine Service Committee reported that Bro. Wes Hamilton would preach, followed by Bro. Greenway. Bro. Hamilton used Luke 12:31, and Bro. Greenway's subject was "The Church", Eph. 5:1-8. Both sermons were wonderful, and one soul found God.

At the Saturday night service, Bro. Coffman brought the message on the subject of "Farewell" 2 Tim. 4:7.

Most of the delegates went home after service Saturday night. Some stayed for Bro. Greenway's sermon on Sunday on "Adultery" which gave us new light on the subject

Sunday afternoon, we had some good singing, and Bro. Coffman made a short talk. We did not have the largest crowd at the Fifth Sunday Meeting, but we felt God's presence, and all were blessed.

—Hattie Williams.

GOOD-BYE CHRIST

One of the outstanding Communist writers in America is one Langston Hughes. This man Hughes is a poet. Recently he wrote a poem entitled "Good-bye Christ". This is without doubt one of the most blasphemous peices of literature ever written.

Upon investigation, the editors of "The Cross and the Flag" were stunned to discover that this Hughes has been invited to speak in many tax-supported universities and colleges. He was even paid \$100.00 not so long ago to address the student

body of the University of Minnesota.

In reading this poem, the reader will get some idea of the Communist attitude toward Christ—the Christ that gave us all the liberty we have—the Christ whose Spirit and Person inspired the founding fathers who built America.

Unless those of us who love Christ begin to put the Name and Spirit of Christ into what we do, America is doomed!

"Listen, Christ,

You did all right in your day, I reckon —

But that day is gone now.

They ghosted you up a swell story, too.

Called it the Bible —

But it's dead now.

The popes and the preachers've

Made too much money from it.

They've sold you to too many

Kings, generals, robbers, and killers —

Even to the Tzar and the Cossacks.

Even to Rockefeller's Church,

Even to the Saturday Evening Post.

You aint no good no more.

They've pawned you

Till you've wore out.

Goodbye,

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And p'ease take Saint Ghandi with you
when you go,

And Saint Pope Plus,
And Saint Aimce McPherson,
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Of the Consecrated Dime,
And step on the gas, Christ!
Move!

Don't be so slow about movin'!
The world is mine from now on—
And nobody's gonna sell ME
To a King, or a general,
Or a millionaire."

— From "The Cross and the Flag."

AMERICA, RETURN TO GOD

A preacher in Bournemouth, England, recently wrote:

"We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—Now the seashores are barred; no picnics, no bathing—

"We have preferred motor travel to church-going—Now there is a shortage of motor fuel."

"We have ignored the ringing of the church bells calling us to worship—Now the bells cannot ring except to warn of invasion.

"We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers—Now they are in ruins.

"We would not listen to the way of peace—Now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

"The money we would not give to the Lord's work—now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

"The food for which we forgot to return thanks—Now is unobtainable.

"The service we refused to give to God—now is conscripted for the country.

"Lives we refused to live under God's control—Now are under the nation's control.

"Nights we would not spend in 'watching unto prayer'—now are spent in air-raid precautions.

"The evils of modernism we would not fight—Now—see what Germany, the seat of this teaching, has produced!"

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Macedonia Church	1.00
Aurora Church	1.00
W. I. Jemes, Niangua, Mo.	10.00

Allocation Fund (Penny-a-Day)

Carterville Church	\$4.95
Willey Circle, Flat River Church	2.50

Benevolence Fund

S. P. Easley, Portales, N. Mex. for Tennessee Orphanage	\$10.00
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Jehoida Chest Fund

River Mines Auxiliary, Flat River ..	\$1.00
Macedonia Church	1.00

Educational Fund

S. P. Easley, Portales, N. Mex.	\$10.00
J. W. Brinson, Coleman, Texas	1.00

OBITUARIES

MIZER—Buddy Ray Mizer was born June 11, 1936. He was the son of James and Naomi Mizer. Surviving are his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ferguson; two brothers, Billy and Bobby; one sister, Wilma; and two half sisters, Ruth and Carole. He is also survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Nora Mizer; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ewin Davis; four uncles, two aunts, and a host of relatives and little school friends. Buddy's father died over four years ago. Buddy was such a sweet little boy and was loved by all who knew him. We know our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis at the Arnhart Church near Purdy, Missouri, and burial was made in the cemetery nearby.

DALE—Following an extended illness, Hilt Dale, 63, died at his home in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on June 4th.

Mr. Dale was born in Wise County, Virginia, a son of the late Hiram and Mary Taylor Dale, but he has made his home in Catlettsburg for the past thirty years. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral service was held at the Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. L. E. Colliver, pastor, and burial was in the Dale Cemetery on Padd'e Creek.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Minnie Hayes Dale; two sons, Germaine Dale of Louisville, and Kenneth Dale of Akron, Ohio; three daughters, Misses Nellie and Beatrice Dale of the home and Mrs. Ernest Johnson of Catlettsburg; four sisters, Mrs. Leona Hensley and Mrs. Eliza Moore of Huntington, W. Va., Mrs. Ethel Turner of Albion, Mich., and Mrs. Cora Gullett of Porterville, Calif.; three brothers, Robert Da'e of Moline, Ill., Hardin Dale of Rushville, Ind. and L. B. Dale of Lincoln Park, Mich. Eleven grandchildren also survive.

COX—Rev. Perrion Spillman Cox, son of Joseph Henry Cox and Nancy Adaline (White) Cox, was born Jan. 18, 1861, near

Metz, Mo., and passed away April 13, 1943 in St. Louis, Mo., being 82 years, 2 months and 26 days of age.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and four children, Winnie Violet Stovell of Miami, Fla., Andrew Jackson Cox, Weslie Herbert Cox and Orville Nathanel Cox; one son-in-law and three daughters-in-law; two brothers, Benjamin Franklin Cox and Charles Alexander Cox, one sister having preceded him in death. Also surviving are five grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

His mother passed away when he was eleven years old, and in her last hours, she called her four children to her bedside for the last prayer with them. This prayer having followed him in life, he professed a hope in Christ at the early age of sixteen. He united with the United Brethren Church and began his ministry in his early twenties. In later years, he united with the Free Will Baptist Church and remained a faithful ministering servant until God called him home to rest from his labors.

We feel that we have lost a father, a companion, and a soldier of the Cross, but we count our loss heaven's gain.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mark M. Lewis, with internment at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Leadington, Mo.

CURRY—Newton Charles Curry was born at Tamaroa, Illinois, April 12, 1860, and departed this life May 5, 1943, at his home near Sesser, Ill., aged 77 years and 23 days.

He was united in marriage to Isabelle Weaver, April 22, 1889 at Southwest City, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death, having died Oct. 26, 1929. He was never reconciled at the loss of his wife.

To this union was born 17 children, 9 of which preceded him to the great beyond. Gladness, the oldest daughter, died during the flu epidemic of 1920, at the age of 21 years. The other children died in infancy.

The 8 living are married and have families: Rev. H. C. Curry, near the home place, Nina G'lliam, on the home place, Norman of Sesser, Ellen Upton and Sora Thompson of Chicago, Leota Pressley of Ima, Scott, near his father's home, Zona

Whittington, also near the old home place.

He leaves his immediate family, one brother and three sisters; Rev. T. E. L. Curry of Picher, Okla., Mrs. Ellen Leach of Miami, Okla., Mrs. Agusta Moore of Iola, Kans., and Mrs. Lena Weaver of Rogers, Ark.; twenty grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends

Brother Curry professed a faith in Christ at the age of 17 and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at McGlasson. Several years later, he transferred his membership to the Bear Point Free Will Baptist Church where he has been a faithful member ever since. He was active in church work and was a deacon at the time of his death. He attended the Thursday night Prayer Band, held at the home of his son, Scott Curry, immediately preceeding his death. He expressed his readiness to answer his call at this last service on earth for him

"Servant of God, well done!

Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

LIGHT FOR THE NORTH ROOM

While lying in a north room
Where no sun came at all,
Quite suddenly I saw a light
Reflected on the wall;
Delightedly I turned to see
Whence such a thing had come,
When through the open door I spied
A mirror in the sun.

Oh, what a precious lesson
For Christians — you and me;
Our lives perhaps are all the light
Of Christ that that some may see.
Let's keep our mirrors facing Him,
All clear and shining bright;
For someone in the north room
Is sure to need our light.

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WHY ONE MAN WALKED OUT

Pastor — "Was your husband ill, that he went out in the middle of my sermon?"

Mrs. Smith — "No, it's just his terrible habit of walking in his sleep."

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