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THE HONOR ROLL

We rejoice to report that this month has seen a noticeable increase in the subs sent in. Also the number of solicitors has increased. There still is not enough of either. But we praise the Lord for the increase.

One helper wrote us, "It has been a real joy to do this for the Gem." They went on to urge each church have a regular worker. We quite agree and have advocated such for some time. We suggest this worker be your Sunday School Superintendent or someone equally interested in the welfare of God's work everywhere. We think you will be as successful and find as much joy in the service as did our correspondent.

Below is the list of five or more as of August 31:

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"Eighty Thousand Alcoholics Cost State \$4,359,000 Annually, Board says." A report to the State Board of Welfare, by Walter Cromwell, director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Studies, states that there are many other social costs besides the crime bill, resulting from the alcohol problem. — Appleton, Wisconsin POST-CRESCENT, May 6, 1950.

SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS

Mrs. Wilbia Sell, Stockton, Mo.

Surely my friends we're living in the last days and may we all realize that it's later than we think. There's fears, troubles and general uncertainty upon the hearts and minds of everyone. There can be no real deliverance from this troubled state until He that is perfect does come. We hear this question asked, "When will He come?" "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the Angels of heaven, but my Father only," Matt. 24:36. "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was prached unto you whom the heavens must receive until the times of restriction of all things....." Acts 3:20, 21.

People are in a very unsettled state of mind, they're rushing headlong and heedless from one thing to another. We must remember that the prophet Daniel was informed of the times and in Daniel 12:4 we find, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Upon searching the Scriptures we find not one sign, but many that His coming is near. Altho we do not know the exact time of his coming, let us give much thought to this scripture: But ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. I Thes. 5:4.

One sign that is very definite and plain to every true child of God is the scoffers who reject and belittle the promise of His coming. People everywhere are spurning the gospel and have no use for any phase of God's works. Even professing Christians mock and scoff at the seriousness of God's word. They treat with contempt the very services of our Lord. They seem to have the idea that they can be Christians and go on with the world. But, my friend, you cannot go on with God and hold on to the world, because we cannot serve two masters. God's word tells us that we cannot serve God and mammon, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts," II Peter 3:3. A great number of people are not looking for the coming of Christ and will even argue that the world has always stood and

will always continue to do so, but my friend, so many things are pointing to signs of His second coming, "And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation," II Peter 3:4.

Signs of His coming are certainly to be seen in the social field. People are busy drinking, marrying and being given in marriage. The divorce courts are crowded. Homes are being broken up. Children are being left homeless and denied the love of both parents. "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all," Luke 17:26, 27. "Even thus shall it be in the day when the son of man is revealed," Luke 17:30.

Other signs that probably we fail to give much thought to are: automobiles, and men and horses out of work. Since the coming of cars the highways are filled with them, going at high rates of speed. Every newspaper and radio news cast is filled with news of wrecks and lives of individuals being taken as the results of them. "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broadways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings," Nahum 2:4. Since the invention of the tractor horses have been put aside. Now days there are very few farms where horses are used for anything. With the invention of so much labor saving machinery, one man can do the work that used to require several. The following scripture bears this out: "For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast ;.....," Zachariah 8:10.

There are also signs in the commercial field. In James 5:1-3 we read the following: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your

flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days."

God said in His word that people would take up with the pleasures of the world and deny the power of God. Formalism is sweeping our land, and a great number will not endure sound doctrine. Children are being disobedient to parents and parents are turning against their children. "This we know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. With out natural affection, truce-breakers false accusers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away," II Timothy 3:1-5.

As we read Joel 3:9-10 we find signs of the last days in the political field. "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say I am strong."

"All these are the beginning of sorrows," Matt. 24:8. "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer," I Peter 4:7. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the son of man," Luke 21:36. Our only way of escape is found in John 3:16.

My friend, if you would be ready when He comes, you must get ready before He comes. "Now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation," II Cor. 6:2.

Bible prophecy is being fulfilled so fast that surely the coming of the Lord is very near, even at our doors. "Therefore, be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh." Matt 24:44.

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REV. B. F. ROGERS HAS GOOD YEAR IN EVANGELISM FIELD

Francis, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still going full speed ahead in the service of the Lord. I am at the present time pastor of the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Francis, Oklahoma. The Lord has blessed in the work here. We have just finished two Sunday School rooms, new pews and a lot of work on the inside of the church.

I have had a wonderful year in the evangelistic field also. The Lord gave us a wonderful revival in one of our churches in the city of Ada, Oklahoma. Rev. E. A. Odonnell is the pastor. We also conducted revivals for Rev. Jess Kindred in Noble, Illinois, and Rev. Alvin Halbrook of Bryan, Texas. Rev. Halbrook is pastor of our church at Keith, Texas. I just closed a tent meeting here in Francis. The Lord saved one old man 80 years old among a total of nine that were saved here in the meeting. By the time you read this article another revival campaign will have come to a close at the Holdenville church, Rev. Cecil McKenzie is pastor. I will begin the meeting of Holdenville, Oklahoma August 20. At the time of the reading of this article I will be in Madill, Okla. with my tent in a meeting. Also we have in mind to organize a new Free Will Baptist church in Madill.

I will just tell you of a few things that happened in the revival at the Keith Church. I had the privilege of preaching to some of my old school-mates. The church is just 20 miles from where I was born, in Madison County. Some of my old members of the Houston Church came up and stayed through the revival. They have a beautiful new Church at Keith. Bro. Halbrook is a wonderful man of God to work with. I closed my meeting there and started on my way to the National Association at Richmond, California. We drove to El Paso, Texas the first day. I became ill that night and the next day we turned back home. My wife was afraid to try to drive on over the mountains and through the desert. I was sorry we did not get to be in the National Conference but it was just not the Lord's will for me to get there.

Rev. Bert F. Rogers

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS TO MEET AT MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH SEPTEMBER 12

Host Church Completes Plans; Extends Invitation to Come; Delegation Expected to be Large; Anticipate Successful Meet



Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church

Mountain Grove, Missouri

ARE YOU GUILTY?

Do you fuss and frown
And scold at all that's said?
Then you'd better stop and think
And sorta look ahead.

Do you take your neighbor
And pick him all to pieces?
Do you fail to love him
And your fault finding increases?

Do you boast your Church
For everything that's right?
Do you fail to offer kindness?
Do you go to worldly places?

Do you fail to show your light?
And indulge in every sin?
Do you think the savior
Will ever let you in?

If you break the ten commandments
You'd better look around.
You will find it's true, my brother,
You're on dangerous ground.

Well, it is association time again, and we, of the Mountain Grove church and Mission Association are looking forward to September 12 when people from all over the state, and some from other states will be coming our way. As pastor of the host church may I say to each of you that we are going to do our best to care for you while you are here.

Mountain Grove is located on the Frisco Railroad from Memphis to Springfield and U.S. Highway 60, with a number of other good roads leading to it. Anyone wishing to write or call may write George W. Scott Mountain Grove, Mo. or call phone number 113M.

I have counselled with several of our ministers about trying to get a tent and I have been advised to use our church building. Our church is located on South Main Street and is easy to find. We plan to do the cooking in the church basement but will eat outside.

We are looking forward to a good time in the work of the Master. I was

Wilbia Sell, Stockton, Mo.



Rev. George W. Scott, Host Pastor

unable to be at the Association last year because of conditions beyond my control. We had two deaths in our family during the week of the Association, a brother of my wife and a sister of mine.

We could go on and on but we will just say, "Come on! Be with us, and may we all have a refreshing from the Lord."

Rev. George Scott

ASSOCIATIONAL DATES

The Illinois Yearly Association will convene with the Pittsburg Free Will Baptist Church, Wednesday night, September 6.

The Missouri State Association and the Woman's Auxiliary of Missouri will convene with the Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist church, Tuesday night, September 12.

Texas Association of Free Will Baptist will meet with the Union Arbor church near Beckville, Texas beginning Tuesday night, September 28.

The Central Texas Association will meet with the Bryan Free Will Baptist church, October 13-14.

"UPON THIS ROCK"

"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

This is Christ himself speaking. Did He mean to build His church on Peter? Some say on Peter's faith (I used to). No, it was upon this Rock. What Rock? Christ Jesus! He was speaking of himself as He was in John 2:19, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," speaking of His body and His resurrection. Later we read, "And I will give to thee the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Still we read where He used the keys while on the cross to let the dying thief into paradise with Him. No, He built the Church on His own Spirit, for His body went to the grave, but not His Spirit. He said, "I and the Father are one." Then we hear Him say, "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." The rest says, "And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Yes, friend,

Christ being the church will bind His own to Him by His great love for His own. Likewise, whatsoever He looses from sin on earth will be loosed in heaven. Am I not right?

Christ told the rich young ruler, "Ye must be born again." "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." The Spirit of Christ! You cannot see the wind. You can tell its effect on objects it comes in contact with. Likewise you cannot see the Spirit of the one born again. Yes, born into the spiritual Church. That is why you hear folks laugh and shout praises to God. We hear the sound thereof. Praise His name! All this when ones Spirit joins the spiritual Church of Christ Jesus. I would have you know I believe one should join the visible church. Also, not to make one any better, to help one live right and to work for the salvation of souls. Remember Christ said, 'Repent, believe and be baptised and thou shalt be saved.'

Friends, I had often wondered about the scripture found in Matthew 16: 18, 19 until the meaning became clear to me in the dead of night as I lay awake. I have tried to pass it on to others. If this ever gets in print I hope it will do some good.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. J. W. Wilkey

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

"When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord," Jonah 2:7. This is a very puzzling verse of scripture. Jonah said he "prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly." He said God heard him. "Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple." To be a perfect type of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, as some suppose, he must have really died in the whale's belly. He said his soul fainted within him. He was surely unconscious: his soul being in a fainting condition, or unconscious. He was able to pray and remember, "I remembered the Lord."

Will some one explain this verse?

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Almost nine years ago the Free Will Baptist Bible College opened with nine students. At that time we occupied one building which had an indebtedness of about \$10,000. Shortly after we opened, sufficient money had come in for us to retire the indebtedness on the property we owed at that time. From the very outset everyone associated with the College recognized the blessings of the Lord upon the institution. Today in almost every state where there is Free Will Baptist work you will find former students of the Bible College. Our denomination is already feeling the impact of their ministry. For each of the last two years we have registered nearly one hundred students.

In the meantime another building has been purchased for which we were able to pay cash. As most of you know we have been operating on a two year level and giving a diploma at completion of two years' work. It was necessary for us to do this for these first few years. During the years the Bible College has become stabilized to the extent that it has been deemed necessary for us to go to a four-year program. So beginning next year, the Free Will Baptist Bible College will be offering four years of Bible College work at the completion of which the student will receive a B. A. degree in Bible.

There were two major reasons that made it necessary for the Board of Trustees to authorize a four-year school program leading to this degree. First, the demand from our people and from our students made it necessary. All through the years students who have come to the Bible College and completed two years of work have insisted that we offer them the other two years which would enable them to receive their complete Bible college training in our own institution. We have had to deny them this privilege. Students finishing the two years here have had to transfer to other institutions to complete their training. Naturally these institutions to which they have transferred have received the credit for giving them their degree, and they go cut not so much students of the Free Will Baptist Bible College as students from these other institutions to which they have had to go to receive

their training. Our students were not to blame for this, but it was a situation over which none of us had any control over which none of us had any control.

The next thing that made it necessary for us to go to a four-year program was the need. It is absolutely necessary that there be a certain degree of unity in the Free Will Baptist Church. If there is to be unity in our church, there must be unity in our leadership. With students going to various schools and coming back to places of leadership within our church we cannot expect to have a great degree of unity. These schools to which they transfer will color their thinking and will give them a different slant on interpretation of the Scriptures and various other things that will cause us to have a heterogeneous group of leaders with very little degree of unity. It is highly essential that the Free Will Baptist Denomination have Free Will Baptist leadership. If we are to exist as a denomination or have any right to exist, we must emphasize the things that make us distinctive as a church. Everyone has recognized this need and even though it is a tremendous undertaking, we felt impelled under the leadership of God to take this step which would give well qualified Free Will Baptist leadership to the Free Will Baptist Church.

Now if this undertaking is to be successful, every Free Will Baptist who is interested in the growth and development of our church must pray for and support with his money the Free Will Baptist Bible College. We have never had a financial crisis in the history of the institution. The Free Will Baptist people have always rallied to the support of the institution sufficiently to give us all the money necessary over the past years. But we have not been able with the income to lay up a great surplus in the form of endowments or cash assets. We are asking every friend of the Bible College who has been supporting to continue his support and if possible increase his support to the College. We are asking those who have not been supporting the College to definitely pray about the matter and help other loyal Free Will Baptist support this institution

which means so much to the on going of our church.

Many have said as the colleges or training institutions of a church go so goes the denomination. If we remain loyal Free Will Baptist and true to the Word of God with an evangelistic fervor and a passion for lost souls here at the Bible College, we are going to send out ministers who have this same passion to fill the pulpits of our churches. I believe the things that Free Will Baptist stand for are the things that the world needs today. Many churches are going modernistic; many are denying the virgin birth and atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ; many are denying the fundamentals of the faith in these days of apostasy. God is looking for a group who are true to the Word and who have a missionary and evangelistic fervor. If we have properly trained leadership in the closing days of this age, we can give to the world the gospel that it so much needs.

Friends, pray for the College, support the College, and let us hear from you with an offering either through your church or individually.

—Contributed

NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

The Niangua Association convened with the Buffalo Church on Thursday afternoon, August 10 at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. George Sturdevant filled the stand and brought a good message. At the Thursday night service we enjoyed another good message by Rev. W. F. Millard. Friday morning about 10:00 o'clock Rev. Moncel Cline brought the message. Then we were happy to have Rev. and Sis. Reeves of Niangua with us. Rev. Reeves brought the message at the 11:00 o'clock hour which was enjoyed by all. After much singing and rejoicing we had a wonderful dinner. We took up business in the afternoon. Rev. Curtis Wilson brought the message Friday night which was followed by the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints feet. The Spirit of the Lord was felt all the way through the meetings. We will meet with the Pleasant Ridge Church in Hickory County next year.

Georgia McDaniel, Long Lane, Mo.

The more you think of yourself, the less you think of Christ.



From The Editor's Desk



A REAL "THANK YOU"

This issue is the last publication before the 1950 setting of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist. It also completes nine months labor for yours truly as editor of the Gem. These nine months close with cause for rejoicing.

All has not been smooth. Indeed, it has been about as turbulent as any similar length of time that we can recall. It has been necessary to work long hours. Twelve hours and more is not uncommon. We have often been so exhausted we doubted momentarily our ability to continue. But God, has always supplied us just enough strength to continue. He has granted us health so that we have never lost a moment because of own illness. Certainly cause enough for rejoicing. Thank you for every prayer in our behalf for these real needs.

There have been many extremely disappointing experiences. But these all have culminated in our having a richer love and more steadfast faith in a Living God. Among these experiences is a constant precarious financial situation. This alone has been literally a sword dangling above our head by no more than a hair. So far that hair has held and no calamity has been experienced. We praise God for His goodness. We look forward (not with greed, God forbid) to a day when our Presses will be abundantly supported and can be of UNLIMITED SERVICE. This can and should be. A hearty "thank you" for each contributor to our many needs.

Another bitter experience was to see the mailing list dwindle month by month—this for all the months we have been associated with the office. Then during July and August the joy of seeing a general return and even a slight upswing. We still have far too many in the delinquent files, and far too many who have never subscribed. Actually we desperately need 3,500 new subscribers—and they could be had quite easily. But we do thank you sincerely for your subscription and pray for it to be a blessing to you.

We could go on and on listing experiences and our many needs. Yes, we do need—new machinery, new

type, old machinery repaired, building upkeep and repairs, etc. But we will just say again, "Thank You" for everything. It is a joy to serve God and His children.

HAVE FEW CATALOGS LEFT

We have distributed several hundred of our catalogs of Gifts and Supplies over the field. The supply is virtually exhausted and going fast. They are still free as long as they last. When they are gone we will be unable to obtain any additional ones. Please share yours with all your friends. Use it liberally and early.

MORE SUNDAY BASEBALL

The past two issues of the Gem has attacked Sunday and Sunday night baseball, together with sundry vices of other nature. Apparently this struck a real blow. Our correspondence continues to voice considerable objection to Sunday ball games. Indeed, it appears more of a stumbling block to the church than we at first realized. We were gratified to find the Central Western Missouri Association going on record very strongly against such and advocating a return to the Lord's Day as a holy one.

Another article in this issue relates how Sunday baseball has invaded a home and church. Be sure to read it, and then vigorously pursue the course advocated therein.

ANNUAL MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF F. W. B.

The annual setting of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists will convene Tuesday evening, September 12, with Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist church. Rev. George Scott is pastor. A different article in this issue carries his special invitation to attend. The church and the Mission Association to which they belong, started early to put all in readiness for the success of the convention and the comfort of those attending.

Early in our Christian experience we formed the habit of attending the Mis-

souri State Association. It immediately became a "must" with us. We watched it grow year by year. We were in accord with its progressive business transactions for the Lord. Its devotional periods provided us spiritual food that was so stimulating to our needy soul and helpful to our new Christian walk.

Then the war years called us away and we were deprived of attending. Extenuating circumstances continued to deny us the privilege after our return. Always we hungered to get back again. Finally, we were rewarded by being able to attend the session last year near Lebanon, Missouri. It was completely invigorating. The body had grown considerably, the business sessions were interesting and harmonious, the worship periods were a time of real rejoicing. We came away refreshed and strengthened.

If you have never attended you have a pleasant surprise awaiting; if you have attended you will want to be at this session. Be sure you attend. You will enjoy it.

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. IN SPIRITUAL ASSOCIATION

The Central Western Missouri Association met in its annual session at the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church in Barton County near Iantha, Missouri, August 22-24. From the outset peace and unity prevailed. The Holy Spirit was manifest in all sessions.

Rev. Roena Thomas brought the Introductory message Tuesday evening, with the business session opening the next morning. Officers elected included the following: Dea. John Bough, moderator; Dea. Myron Hyatt, assistant; Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, clerk-treasurer and statistician; Dea. W. O. Martin, executive board member.

In the Ministers Conference Rev. Lowell Martin was elected president, while Sis. Lorene Bowman is president of the League Conference. Proceedings were set in motion for a Sunday School Conference to be perfected in ample time to represent at the next session.

I LED THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

"I have decided to believe whatever is revealed in the Bible, and stand as His witness, telling others these wonderful truths"

Captain Mitsuo Fuchida ... Of the Japanese Air Force

I am Mitsuo Fuchida. As chief commander of the whole air squadron I led the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 8, 1941 (Japan time), which actually opened up the Pacific War.

On that morning, seating myself in the first plane, I led the squadron of 360 planes into Pearl Harbor. Having ascertained that the main force of the American Pacific Fleet, comprising eight warships, was at anchor in Pearl Harbor, I gave the cursed order, "Whole squadron, plunge into attack." It was 3:19 a.m. according to Japan time, which was December 7th, 7:49 a.m. Hawaii time.

My heart blazed with joy over success in getting the main force of American Pacific Fleet in hand, I put my whole effort into the war that followed.

Why were we aviators filled with such strong hatred against America? Of course, we had no enmity towards American people as individuals, but the Board of Supreme War Command in Japan was strongly convinced that the success or failure of our war effort, depended upon the Pearl Harbor attack. Hence, in order to secure unflinching success in that strategy, the military leaders accused America with such strong words as "Brutal and proud America, the long-time enemy." We were trained to hate. I devoted myself to conducting warfare during the following four years, presenting myself as a patriotic and faithful soldier to the mother country.

During these four years, I faced death several times, including six crashes into the sea, but was saved to see the war's termination.

After the war I retired and took myself to farming, but it was indeed a path of thorns to me. During these years, I came to realize the unreliability of other men. I adopted the philosophy that one's own ability was all upon which a man could rely. I worked diligently in silence, giving but a cold glance to world affairs.

The new career which I started from nothing, as it were, was so insignificant and slow as to resemble an ant's

progress. Nevertheless, as time passed I built my house and digged a well; but my life seemed nothing other than a re-enactment of the story of Robinson Crusoe.

I was, however, living in close relation to the earth, through contact with plants, cattle and nature. My mind was gradually led to think of the presence of God, the Creator of all these things. I found myself giving up the idea that a man is complete in himself. I had never been an atheist. But I was brought up in circumstances where little or no religious atmosphere existed. Consequently, I reached manhood without any religion. This was my condition when I enlisted in the Japanese Navy. Thence forth I held the former "War Catechism" as my only faith.

With the termination of war, the the national aspect was transformed and Japan entered upon a period of reconstruction.

Four years have elapsed and during this time I have been watching social changes with cold eyes. Nevertheless, I love the mother-country with her mountains and rivers, irrespective of the good or bad. My mind has been set on the problem of Japan's future.

I arrived at the conclusion that the only way for the Japanese to survive and prosper, is for them to be made thoroughly peaceful, regardless of what prevails in other nations.

But my militarily specialized mind saw in prevailing world conditions a possible danger of another war and a second Pearl Harbor. Therefore, with a sincere desire to warn the people, I determined to send out a book entitled "No More Pearl Harbor," no matter how insignificant my work might be.

As the writing progressed, I came to realize that in my appeal there should be an effort to transform hatred among people into brotherly love. So long as mankind remains in a state of hate, civilization will be threatened.

In the midst of these thoughts, one day in Tokyo at the Shibuya Railroad station, I paused where a Pocket Testament League street meeting was being

held. I received a christian pamphlet.

It contained the testimony of Dr. Jacob DeShazer entitled, "I was a war prisoner of Japan." My mind was captivated and I read it through with great enthusiasm. One portion interested me particularly, and that was the confession of the Author that during his imprisonment, he one day came to feel a strong desire to read the Bible. He recalled having heard before about Christianity being able to change human hatred to brotherly love. I immediately purchased a Bible and started reading. Before covering the first thirty pages, I received a new outlook on life and began to see the world through different eyes.

"This is it." I was strongly convinced. I concluded that the true realization of "No More Pearl Harbor" was nothing other than to expect Christ's Second Coming and to prepare men from all over the world for the event.

As an approach towards this, I was convinced that I should first of all become a good Christian. Thus, I contacted Pocket Testament League representatives who showed me from the Bible how to accept Christ as my Savior. I then opened my heart and accepted him on April 14, 1950.

Today is just one month since I was saved. Naturally, I am still in the early stage of Christian growth, but feel great joy in my daily Bible reading. My heart is filled with peace as I kneel down to pray.

Moreover, I think I can say today without hesitation that the God of Mercy blessed and guided me even before I became a Christian.

God has revealed to me the way of salvation through the atoning blood of Calvary. I have decided to believe whatever is revealed in the Bible, and stand as His witness, telling others these wonderful truths.

A survey shows alcoholism cost Pontiac, Michigan, \$246,000 in 1949. There were 218 places licensed to sell alcoholic liquor for license fees totaling \$17,573.75, a net loss to the city of \$229,301.25.—Pontiac DAILY PRESS, February 9, 1950.

We still admire the subtle judge who replied to a letter from a large brewery asking "Have you tried Five-Star Beer?" by saying, "No, I have never tried it, but I have tried a lot of people who have."

NEWSY BRIEFS

OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLDS ARKANSAS REVIVAL

Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, Missouri recently conducted a revival with the Sutton church near Pocahontas, Arkansas on Highway 62. Rev. Allred reports a marvelous outpouring of the Spirit to the extent that on some occasions there was no room for preaching. Twenty souls were converted to Christ, 30 were added to the church, 15 were baptised, and more are to be baptised later. There was truly cause for rejoicing in the camp.

The Sutton church is a new structure measuring 32x50 feet nearing completion. Rev. Billy Rogers is the pastor of this fine congregation.

Several of the Pocahontas church, where Rev. Huey Gower is pastor, attended and helped in the revival at Sutton. Everyone rejoiced in the service of the Lord.

—Contributed

AULSBURY CHAPEL

Our church has re-elected Rev. James F. Miller for the coming year. Rev. and Mrs. Miller have been a great blessing to our church and we thank the Lord for their sincere interest in us. I was elected church reporter and will be sending a report regularly.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. The average attendance for the past quarter was 72. Each third Sunday our Sunday School offering is sent to the foreign mission fund.

We were privileged to have the Gospeliers Quartet from Nashville, Tennessee visit our church on July 22. The church was filled to capacity. A special offering was taken for the college fund.

Saturday, August 12 was Junior Day at our church. Although it was called Junior Day, everyone, both young and old attended. Worship services began at ten o'clock. The juniors sang choruses and several special numbers were rendered by them also. After enjoying the fine service we went out on the church campus and enjoyed playing games. At noon we enjoyed a fellowship dinner. The afternoon was spent playing more games. We were glad to have

visitors from Parkview Church of Desloge, Leadington, First Free Will Baptist of Flat River and communities surrounding our church, making a total of one hundred. Everyone enjoyed the wholesome fun and are looking forward to Junior Day next year.

At our regular prayer meetings on August 10, we were privileged to have with us Rev. Albert Halbrook from Mine La Motte. He blessed our hearts with a message from Gods Word.

We are looking forward to and praying that God will bless us with an old time revival which will begin on August 20. Rev. Wm. Buster from Thebes, Illinois will be our evangelist. We solicit your prayers.

Mrs. Austin Boyd

REPORT NATIONAL HOME MISSION TREASURER

July 1950

Home Mission offering at

National Association	\$ 75.06
Raymond Riggs (tags)	25.00
J. B. Bloss (tags)	73.00
George McLain (tags)	2.00
F. M. McCage (tags)	3.00
Rev. J. R. Bagett	1.00
George King	1.00
Nathan Staggs	1.00
Charles Barnes	1.00
Mrs. S. L. Price	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Grubbs	5.00
Mrs. Earl Dyer	5.00
G. C. Bloss	1.00
Mrs. Clifford Dawson	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Benderman	1.00
L. B. Parrish	1.00
Mrs. Viola Johnson	1.00
Robert Parrish	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. N. McCondless	5.00
Mrs. Ray Bishop	5.00
Mrs. Elsie Price	1.00
Mrs. Grace Wiley	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Termes	1.00
Mrs. Violet Young	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Thompson	3.20
O. E. Yaeger	1.00
J. B. Bloss, (tags)	37.60
J. D. Tyree (tags)	1.00

Total\$253.26

The National Home Mission Board met in Richmond, California July 13, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the retiring chairman, Rev. J. B. Bloss. Rev. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tennessee was elected chairman for the coming year, and Rev. Harry E. Staires of Route 2, Box 187, Bristow, Oklahoma was elected clerk and treasurer.

A vote of appreciation was given Rev. C. B. Dees for his splendid work as secretary-treasurer for the past year.

It was voted that we have a Home Mission Director in each state. The following directors were elected: Rev. George McClain, California; Rev. Willard Day, Oklahoma; Rev. R. H. Doan, West Virginia; Rev. J. A. Evans, North Carolina; Rev. William Michler, Tennessee; Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia; Rev. W. E. Holly, Florida; Rev. Jake Armstrong, New Mexico; Rev. M. L. Sutton, Texas; Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia; Rev. Seldon Bullard, South Carolina.

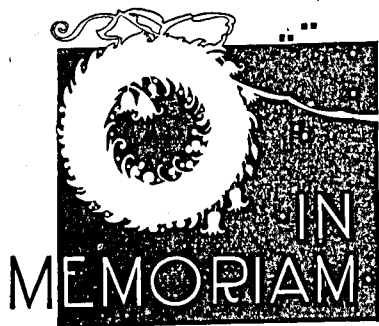
Plans were adopted to start a National Home Mission Membership Drive. Membership cards are being printed at one dollar per member per year. Those wishing to help in this great work, please mail all money to the treasurer, or if you wish to become a member of this Home Mission Organization write any member of this board or any one of the state directors.

Mission work among the Indians of Oklahoma conducted by Rev. John Elliston was endorsed by the National Association.

Through the evangelistic efforts of the Home Mission Board six churches have been organized the past year and are now operating.

Names and addresses of the Board are as follows: Chairman—Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tennessee, Route 5; Member—Rev. George McClain, Richmond, California, 440 S. 24th St.; Member—Rev. Willard Day, Wewoka, Oklahoma, 410 Patton Ave.; Member—Rev. J. A. Evans, Wilson, North Carolina; Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Harry E. Staires, Bristow, Oklahoma, Route 2, Box 187.

Rev. H. E. Staires, Sec-Treas.



IN MEMORY OF LULA HUTSELL

A chair is vacant in our class
And one we loved is gone;
She left to be with Jesus
In that bright eternal home.

It has been a year since she went away,
And we must faithful be:
We know some day we can meet her
Beyond the smiling sea.

Others from our church have gone;
They've finished their mission here,
They've completed the work they were
given to do,
And now they are happy there.

We are left here below to carry on
Until our race is run.
If we are faithful 'till death we can
Hear our Master say, "Well done."

How happy we will surely be
To meet with our loved ones and
friends,

And to be with Jesus evermore
Where eternity never ends.

To the young of our church we say
We are more than proud of you all
For we know you are now getting
ready
To answer the Saviour's call.

We must all go sooner or later,
The young as well as the old;
Let us bear our burdens with patience
And enter the dear Shepherd's fold.

By Sadie L. Graham

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTHEAST
MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting met in its annual session at the Third F.W.B. Church, 1330 Geyer Ave., St. Louis, August 23-25.

The Yearly Meeting proper was preceded by the Southeast Missouri Minister's Conference which met August 22-23. The introductory message was

delivered by Rev. Bob Hill, with Rev. Reger Reeds bringing the 11:00 o'clock message the following day, both young ministers, pastors of the Berkeley City and Richwood Churches respectively. Rev. Harvey Hill was re-elected president; Rev. Benjamin Scott, vice president, and Rev. Albert Halbrook, secretary-treasurer.

The introductory message to the Yearly Meeting was delivered by Rev. Harvey Hill on Wednesday night, with the session opening for business the following morning at 9:30. After reading of the minutes and letters the Moderator, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, called for election of officers which was as follows: Rev. Harry Beatty, moderator; Rev. James Barker, assistant moderator, and Rev. Albert Halbrook, secretary-treasurer.

A love offering with words of appreciation were given to Bro. Wommack for his labors as secretary-treasurer since 1924. Board members elected to serve for the Yearly Meeting were Rev. James Miller and Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Rev. F. C. Zimm is also a member. A Superannuation Board was organized with the following being elected: Rev. Wm. Hughes, St. Louis; Bro. Frank David, Bonne Terre, and Bro. Clifford McGraw, Fredericktown. The statistical report showed a gain in many departments of our work.

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given and a program rendered. Rev. Sterling Tucker brought a message on Thursday night in connection with their program, which was followed by a play rendered by the Third F.W.B. Church Auxiliary.

During the entire session of the Yearly Meeting there was unity and fellowship, and the Holy Spirit was manifested. The three churches of St. Louis, Third F.W.B., South Side, and Berkeley, entertained the Association in a royal way.

The next Yearly Meeting is to convene with the Union Light F.W.B. Church.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Albert Halbrook

REV. AND MRS. D. C. DODD IN
TEXAS REVIVAL AND V. B. S.

Huntsville, Texas

Dear Gem Readers:

I wish to report that we were happy to have Rev. Damon C. Dodd as our Evangelist again this year. We had a glorious time in the Lord. The church as a whole was greatly revived with two members consecrating their lives to the service of the Lord. There were two conversions and five reclaimed, with two additions to the church. We wish to express our appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Dodd for their splendid work with the children in Vacation Bible School. We had 51 enrolled and everyone enjoyed it so much that they are already looking forward to another year.

Remember us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Opal Koehl, Reporter

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July 1950

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Texas	328.84
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North Carolina	185.58
Illinois	148.88
Georgia	93.15
Oklahoma	68.44
South Carolina	41.34
Alabama	15.61
Mississippi	13.47
California	10.00
Virginia	6.25
West Virginia	6.00
Cuban Assn. on loan	25.00

Total 1,533.75

Grand Total\$2,180.21

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Winford Davis, Treasurer

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THE WEST THROUGH EASTERN EYES!

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Ex. Sec-Treas.

On June 30 we had the privilege of visiting with F. W. Baptists of California, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and other Western and Mid-Western States. In our party were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Miss Rebecca Stewart, my husband and our nephew, Wayne. We of the East returned with earnest enthusiasm for the work of our people in the West.

Words are inadequate to express the beauty and the majesty of the natural wonders of those western states. After seeing those towering, snow-covered peaks we all agree that the West has real mountains. The tall Saguaro, "God's Candelabra", lifted their thorny cactus arms as if in prayer, making the whole desert seem like a large prayer room. The Redwood Highway had many surprises for us. We did not dream that the cathedral-like grandeur of those redwood titans would be so heightened by that of the sea. Awe filled our minds and hearts as we stood in the midst of Grand Canyon—our eyes could absorb no more. It grips and humbles and uplifts—for here is the ultimate in silent beauty.

There were also the mighty feats of men. The power dams, the highest in the world, that great engineering project—Boulder Dam—which harnesses the Colorado River and directs its power hundreds of miles into the distance. There is the Bay Bridge, one of the longest in the world, carrying six lanes of traffic on the upper deck and three truck lanes and two inter-urban lanes on the lower.

There were marks of Free Will Baptist growth and development too. The Western States seem to be moving faster than the Eastern. In five years, I was told, the F. W. B. churches had grown from one to twenty eight in California and all twenty eight are in good working order. Most of these have a Woman's Auxiliary that is actively behind their church and the program. People all seem to have a mind

to work, especially was this true in the host church of Richmond, California whose very energetic pastor has led this young congregation out into deeper depths and higher heights both spiritually and materially as was evidenced by the small yet very lovely and efficiently arranged church edifice.

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention was one of the best in spiritual co-operation. Reports from all departmental officers were in general encouragingly good. Every officer present, and that was all but one, seemed to want to do all within her power to lead on to greater things in her department of work and labor together with God and all F.W.B. women in making 1951 the greatest year in the history of W.N.A.C.

There were several profitable recommendations accepted and launched for

1951 which I feel sure the W.N.A.C. Publicity Chairman will soon be telling you about. Letters from W.N.A.C. Headquarters will soon be in the hands of all whose names are on our mailing list, informing each Auxiliary of the available helps, prices, etc., for this year. Be on the watch for these communications, and then place your orders for literature early and avoid the mail rush during Christmas holidays.

God is blessing F.W.B. Auxiliary work and if we ALL will be true co-laborers as our adopted plan of Work leads, then it remains yet to be seen what mighty things we can do for Christ's sake.

May each W.N.A.C. member attempt great things for God this year, then as an organized band of co-laborers, we can expect great things from God.

STATE PRESIDENT ASKS FOR REPORTS

Mrs. Lucille Beatty

I would like to urge all our officers to begin to get their reports in order: beginning with the vice presidents in the local auxiliaries, since the work largely depends on them, on through the District to the State Convention. Let us all put forth a greater effort to have our reports in on time.

Our plan this year is to have one combined report read at our Convention instead of each department making a separate report. Therefore, it will be necessary that we all work together to have our reports in ahead of time that our State Secretary and Treasurer may have time to compile them into one complete report. The purpose of this is that we may have more time to devote to the "weightier matters" and that our State Officers will be spared the headache of getting reports ready even after reaching the State Meeting. So if you are a local officer and do not have a district organization then please send your re-

port direct to your respective State Officer in plenty of time for them to compile and send them on to our Secretary Treasurer that she too will have time to get them compiled in one report.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Mountain Grove in September.

FREDERICKTOWN REPORTS

Mrs. Madeline McFarland

Greetings co-workers:

Our auxiliary met on August 1st with 19 in attendance, the service being in charge of the President, Helen Gamblin. Song service was conducted by Helen McGraw with Lucille Beatty at the piano. Congregational songs were "Standing On the Promises" and "He Keeps Me Singing." Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Hallie Dettmer. Prayers were offered by Margie Hahn, Mrs. Christine Halbrook and Lula Freeland. Special song by Esther Graham. Topic 1, by Margie Hahn. Topic 2 by Blanche Pogue. Topic 3, by Elizabeth Hesselmeier. An explanation on how to fill out our report blanks was

given by Mrs. Beatty. Election of officers for the coming year were as follows: President, Helen Gamblin; First Vice President, Lucille Beatty; Second Vice Pres., Esther Hedicke; Third Vice Pres., Vergaline Ragsdale; Fourth Vice Pres., Hallie Dettmer; Fifth Vice, Esther Graham; Treas., Louise Wagoner; Secretary, Beulah Newberry; Corres. Secretary, Madeline McFarland; Song Leader, Helen McGraw. We continue to thank God for a place to serve in our churches and for His blessings.

LADIES! REPORTS! PLEASE!

Mrs. Roy Alyca

Dear Sister Edwards:

If you have room, would you please urge each District Auxilliary to send in their report as soon as possible.

I think the report on pages 41 and 42 of our Year Book of Programs would be a good outline to follow, and then if any one wants to add anything to it they may do so.

I am really looking forward to our State Convention this year. I think we have had a good year but you know none of us have accomplished as much as we could have. I know some conventions are like our Indian Creek, we have only two weeks between that meeting and the State Convention. It doesn't give much time in which to send in the reports.

GREETINGS FROM THIRD CHURCH AUXILIARY

Mrs. Jerry Bullis

The month of July has been a busy one for our Auxilliary of the Third Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis. The women of the auxilliary have been preparing a play, "The Lost Church" which is to be presented next month. There is a real message in the play and we trust it will prove to be blessing to all who see it. Following is a poem which might help you to be a better worker in your auxilliary:

Has some one seen Christ in you today?
Christian, look to your heart, I pray
The little things you have done or said-

Did they accord with the way you prayed?

Have your thoughts been pure and words been kind?

Have you sought to see the Saviour's mind?

The world with a criticizing view
Has watched; but did it see Christ in you?

Has some one seen Christ in you today?

Christian, look to your life, I pray:
There are aching hearts and blighted souls

Being lost on sin's destructive shoals,
And perhaps of Christ their only view

May be what they see of Him in you.
Will they see enough to bring hope and cheer?

Look to your light, does it shine out clear?

—Selected

PLEASANT GROVE W. A.

Pleasant Grove, Mo.

We are still working and advancing with Christ through our Auxilliary. We enjoy the services and work more all the time. Praise the Lord for the interest our women are taking in the work.

Our Bible School has ended and we can report a wonderful two weeks study with a wonderful group of boys and girls to work with. We had about 30 enrolled.

We desire your prayers that we will go forward in the great work of serving our Lord and Master.

Mrs. Nellie Jackson, Reporter

MOUNTAIN GROVE W. A.

The Woman's Auxilliary of the Mt. Grove Free Will Baptist church met in its regular meeting on Friday night, August 4. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Velma Elliott. Congregation singing followed by prayer. Scripture reading from Psalms 121. Topics were given as follows: "A Definition," by Mrs. Coffman; "Biblical Basis for Education," by Mrs. Ellington; "Free Will Baptist College," by Mary Halliburton. The lesson for next month was assigned.

A short business session was held. A committee was appointed to buy

some equipment for the basement that we will be needing especially for the State Association which will be held at the church in September.

The next meeting of the Auxilliary will be held September 1. Everyone come and bring somebody with you.

Reporter

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS FIFTH SUNDAY AT WAGONER

The regular Fifth Sunday meeting of Central Western Missouri convened in July with the Wagoner church near Stockton.

The day's services started with the regular Sunday School hour. The morning message was delivered by Rev. Johnny Postlewaite of the Mission Association. His subject was, "What's in a Name?" based on Philippians 2. All enjoyed this good message from God's Word.

The afternoon program was as follows: Congregational singing led by Rev. Johnny Postlewait. Devotional, Psalm 91, Rev. Ezra Butts. Prayer by Rev. Opal Jeffreys. Piano solo, Teddy Zellmer. Drill—"Jesus Loves Me," by Wagoner little folks. Reading by Jeanne Barton. Duet by Jean and Dee Sell. "Challenge to Service," by the Wagoner group. Trio, Rev. Nutting's family. Song by Wagoner young folks. Solo, by Ramona Bough. Playlet—"Fruit Judging Christians," by Wagoner. Offering taken for \$56.28. Rev. Lowell Martin was re-elected President. Sis. Izola Zellmer was elected vice president, and Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, secretary-treasurer.

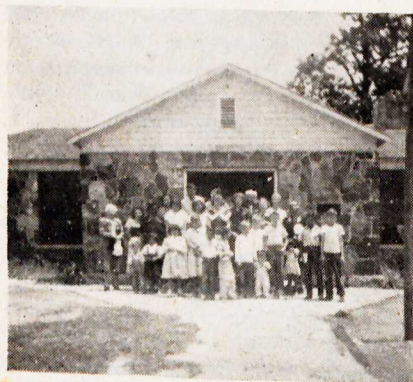
The program continued with song by Hannon League. Duet by Beatrice and Ramona Bough. Solo, by Lena Marie Reed. Reading by Ramona Bough. The Hannon Quartett gave two numbers. Congregational song. Dismissed by Bro. John Bough.

The evening session featured group singing and a religious picture service by Rev. Kenneth Turner of Monett. The unusually large congregation present during these services felt the day was among the best in the history of the Association.

The next meeting will convene with Independence Church, also near Stockton. Sister Lorene Bowman will be the morning speaker. Independence extends an invitation to come and make this an even better day together.

FELLOWSHIP F W B MISSION OF WILBURTON, OKLAHOMA

We of the Fellowship mission have just finished a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School and revival. In our D. V. B. S. we had 46 enrolled with a good average attending each day. Mrs. John Elliston was supervisor of the school and Miss Thora Arbogast, of Greenfield, Missouri, as one of the teachers. We thank the Lord for sending Miss Arbogast our way. She was truly a great help and a blessing to us. She had charge of the adult and young



Sunday School at the Mission

peoples class, with seven adults and eight young people enrolled. Brother Bill Roberson had charge of the Juniors with 14 enrolled. Mrs. Elliston and Miss Biffiel Major had charge of the small children with 17 enrolled.

The high light of the school was the last day at which time Rev. Elliston and the teachers took the whole Bible School on a picnic luncheon at Iron Springs and a hike to Robbers Cave. One of the most important events was the last night when the Certificates were presented to 36 people for their attendance, also a very interesting program was given which had been well planned by Sister Arbogast and Sister Elliston. At the close of Bible School we began a revival which lasted two weeks, with Rev. Warren Barnett of Oklahoma City as evangelist. Rev. Barnett is a graduate of Bob Jones University. He brought some wonderful gospel messages, with four precious souls accepting Jesus as their Saviour. Miss Arbogast also assisted in the revival. Each evening, for 30 minutes before the regular service she had charge of the children's service. This

was a real treat and blessing to both old and young.

We want to thank the good people of Missouri who are our Brothers and Sisters in Christ for the nice things they have done for us, also for the good editor of the Gem. To each of you who have helped by sending clothing, Christian literature and money. Please accept this as a personal "Thank you" from the people of the mission and Rev. and Mrs. John Elliston. We also want to thank those of the Central Avenue Church, their Woman's Auxiliary and young married Peoples' League for their help by sending clothing and literature, song books and money to help us keep on keeping on in the Service of the Lord.

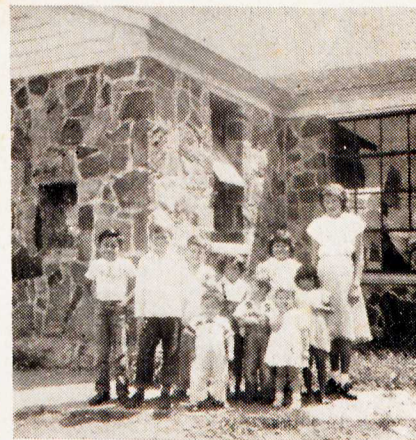
A big thank you goes also to the Young Peoples Auxiliary of the East Nashville Church of Nashville Tennessee for their offering from time to time; to the Hyde Park, Michigan Church for Clothing and Bibles to be distributed, also for their offering; to the Breckenridge, Michigan Church for its box of clothing, and to the Bristow Church Auxiliary, Bristow, Oklahoma for their help. All of you together have helped more than you can realize. You have helped to keep people warm and clothed, you have helped those who are ill, to cheer them with reading material. You have helped put Bibles in 16 homes which had no Bibles. You have helped make it possible for us to have a D. V. B. S. and made it possible for our work to continue thus far.

To those who sent money last year to be applied toward the purchase of a church bus to be used for the transportation of the Indians from the reservation to church we wish to say, "Thank you very much." We were unable to purchase a bus because we only received \$109.50 for this purpose, and a group in the local church opposed the program for obtaining a bus very effectually.

To provide transportation for the Indians the pastor, Rev. Elliston, sold his car, and purchased a panel truck with which he has transported the Indians to church for fourteen months. To purchase the truck Rev. Elliston was forced to contract a debt of \$400.

As Rev. Elliston was receiving no salary for pastoring, he used the money to keep the truck running, and to buy gasoline and oil. If any person who contributed to this fund feels that the money was used improperly he may receive a refund on his money by simply dropping a post card to Rev. John B. Elliston, General Delivery, Wilburton, Oklahoma, requesting a refund.

Since purchasing the truck Rev. Elliston has driven about 10,000 miles in the service of the Lord such as transporting people to and from church, cottage prayer meetings, re-



The Beginners Class—Everyone in the picture is Indian. The preacher's baby is the lightest, but she is also Indian

vivals, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, to the Indian hospital for services and to carry the sick, taking ill persons to the doctor, for visitation, and funerals.

We want each of you who sent money to our bus fund to accept this as a personal, "Thank You." And we hope you will find reason to rejoice that you had a part in all these activities for Christ.

Rev. and Mrs. Elliston are leaving the mission the first of September for Rev. Elliston to resume his education so he might better fit himself for the service of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Fellowship F.W.B. Mission

Note: Late word is that these Indians are to be moved. We are sorry this work is ended. Eye witnesses testify of an unusual labor of love and sacrifice by Rev. and Mrs. Elliston.—Editor.

BERKELEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

We are again happy to report the wonderful way God is blessing our services at Berkeley Free Will Baptist church, Berkeley City, Missouri.

Our annual Rally Day was held in

members at Rock Creek, Mehlville, Mo. on June 18, with nine precious souls being buried in baptism. We ask your prayers that God will continue to guide them in all that they do.



Berkeley, Missouri Free Will Baptist Church

our church on June 25 and we thank God for the many blessings we received from the activities of the day. We wish to thank everyone who took part in the services and helped to make it a wonderful day enjoyed by all. We are glad to say our attendance for this year's Rally Day was 138. We thank God for this blessing.

Our church held its baptism of new

We are receiving a great blessing from the Sunday services at our church and are truly thankful for the privilege of joining together in God's house for evening worship during the week.

We ask the prayers of our Christian friends for us and our church that we might continue to work for the Lord.

Doris Tucker, Reporter

ians who study the scripture, fail to teach our children the truth and see that they abide therein and for failing to raise our voice in protest to the laws of our land wherein they do not honor God and the day He blessed above all days, Sunday.

So come on Brother and Sisters, let us make our Editor glad that he gave us a second reminder of our duties as Christians.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Bertha Chappell

"OLD FASHIONED" F. W. B. ENJOY NEW CHURCH HOME

Sulphur, Oklahoma

Daer Gem Readers:

I want to report our new church, and building in East Sulphur.

We started worshiping in our new building December 11, 1949. How happy we were to have a place to worship. We have such good fellowship. We are determined to be as old fashioned as the Gospel, with no extra frills. We use Free Will Baptist literature. We still enjoy it and haven't "outgrown it" yet.

We have a league with 27 members. A woman's home mission (old time) with 16 members, just started. We have rest rooms, a cooling system, water, a piano, and old time song books. Three preachers and three deacons belong. We have a four room parsonage.

Pray for us old timers who "don't amount to anything," that God will use us to His glory. We are enjoying this work and the persecution we are enduring, knowing that we will be persecuted for righteousness sake. Jesus said "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven," so we believe we are really doing God's will, by the way the churches here treat us. We "rejoice and are exceedingly glad" for we know they persecuted the prophets and our Lord.

Write us dear friends. We will be glad to hear from any and all who rejoice with us.

Essie Hearron
506 E. Tahlequah
Sulphur, Oklahoma

SONS CHOOSE BASEBALL; MOTHER URGES CHRISTIANS TO HONOR GOD'S REST DAY

Mer Rouge, La.

Dear Editor:

I am thankful that you again reminded us concerning Sunday baseball.

In Ex. 16, the Lord instructed Moses in regards to the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord. Later when some of the children disobeyed Moses and went out on the seventh day to gather manna, God was angry with Moses. Ex. 16:28, "And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?" Notice Moses didn't disobey himself but some of his people did.

From this message in Ex. 16, I pre-

sume it is our ministers duty to put these things before the laymen so strongly that they will heed their teachings and obey Gods laws.

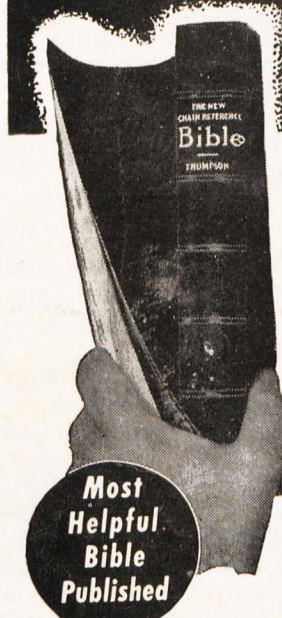
Thank you again for calling our attention to Sunday Baseball. It is hard for me to write to the commissioner expressing my sentiments on Sunday ball games, but not as hard as it is to have my boys refuse to go to Church because of a ball game, which they do. This day I shall pen my sentiments to the commissioner on this important subject. May many other Christian parent and Churches do the same is my prayer.

Just as sure as God called Moses to account when his people gathered manna on the Sabbath day; so shall He do unto us if we as parents, and Christ-

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