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BUT A WOMAN THAT FEARETH THE LORD,
SHE SHALL BE PRAISED. GIVE HER OF THE
FRUIT OF HER HANDS; AND LET HER OWN
WORKS PRAISE HER IN THE GATES.

Proverbs 31:30, 31.



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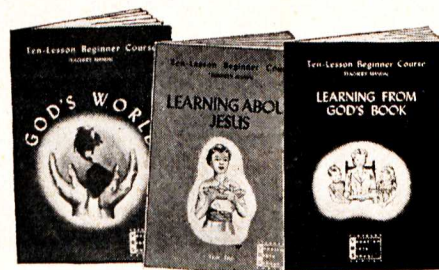
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PROMOTING WITH THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

It was a typical spring day in the Arkansas Ozarks. From our vantage point atop a ranger's lookout tower we could see the surrounding countryside for miles around. Everything was bathed in a soft haze. The azure-blue sky was flecked here and there with billowy-white clouds floating lazily along, casting their shadows over hill and vale like a spectre. Far in the distance a vulture rode the air waves effortlessly, wings distended but not a pinion moving. Off to the south where sky and earth seemed to meet the scene was dominated by a tall pine which, stood like a sentinel, straight and majestic, stood defiantly, an absolute monarch of the mountains. Down in the valleys the brown patches of farmland appeared in bold relief, outlined by the soft greenish tint of the early verdure of spring. The shrill neigh of a horse and the staccato bark of a dog were the only sounds that interfered with the soft swishing of the breeze in the pines. To one standing aloft looking down on the scene, a sense of loveliness and security coupled with the fact of God's divine care and superintendence presented a mute but powerful sermon and for a time I almost forgot that my responsibility was the Christian Worker's Institute in Welcome Home Church, near Hector, Arkansas.

I had gone to Hector at the invitation of the Welcome Home F. W. B. Church and Mr. and Mrs. Lawnie Coffman had been instrumental in making the contact. They had been students in our C. W. I. in Pocahontas and had been so impressed with the courses that they wanted the same thing for their home church. So we had made arrangements and on Monday February 12 the C. W. I. began.

There were 31 who enrolled for the courses and a more interested group I have never seen. They had not been in close contact with the National Association program and when they learned the facts they were enthusiastic in their reception. Of the 31 enrolled, 30 of them received the C. W. I. Certificate (the largest percentage of Certificates ever granted per enrollment.) In addition the teaching program, a revival spirit followed all the way through and eight souls were converted

during the sessions.

On Friday, February 23, the National Home Mission Board came to Hector for its annual meeting. Rev. J. D. Coffman was very kind in arranging for this meeting at the church in Hector and the ladies of the church



Rev. D. C. Dodd - Pro. Secy.

served the noon meal. The members of the Board were guest at the closing service of the Institute on Friday night and Rev. J. B. Bloss, the Chairman, delivered the message

From Hector we (Rev. Bloss and I) drove back to Nashville via Columbia, Tennessee, Brother Bloss' home, and I proceeded on to Nashville, to be home for a few days. It was my privilege to speak at the Bible College and also at a Stewardship meeting at East Nashville Church before leaving for Georgia February 28.

The work in Georgia was of an evangelistic-promotional nature and it was a genuine delight to work with Rev. J. D. Payne and Rev. Emmett McDuffie. Our first campaign was with Christian Hill church near Rochelle and we had a victorious six days together. From Rochelle we went to Little Bethel church, near Dudley, Georgia where we enjoyed a great ingathering of souls. We organized a Free Will Baptist League here with 54 charter members. Having spent six profitable days here we moved on to New Ebenezer

F. W. B. church near Cochran, Georgia and spent six days in service. They are building a beautiful brick church at this place and the people are going all-out in their Denominational support. In these three contacts we witnessed more than 70 decisions for Christ, for which we praise the Lord.

At this time I am in Oklahoma City, having come here March 25 to open a C. W. I. session. We are off to a good start, with keen interest being shown. The pastor, Rev. Reford Wilson, is assisting in the teaching and Rev. E. E. Morris pastor of Capitol Hill church is giving us good co-operation. We will close out here April 6 and I will go to Chicago for the Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals. After this convention comes the Bible Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, April 15-19, and I hope to see you everyone there.

Let me remind you again that we have an important place to fill in these days. Continue to pray that our God will use us as a Denomination in the preaching of the Word to all men everywhere!

GOAL IN SIGHT!

Dear Brother Jeffreys, and Missouri Free Will Baptists:

In the March report from the office of the Board of Foreign Missions I noted the following:

Our quota for Foreign M.	\$8,000.00
Given in March	1,170.00
Total of quota paid	5,846.78
Balance Due	2,153.22

In noting the balance due—\$2,153.22—I sincerely hope that we in Missouri may do in the next two months what we have done in March—\$1,170.00. Realizing that there are only two months left of this Associational year, I do urge you, LET US MAKE AN EARNEST EFFORT to reach our Quota. If we equal for the months of May and June the amount given in March we will go over the top! So come on Missouri, let's do it!

Sincerely in Him,

Rev. Mark M. Lewis,
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THE UNCHANGING LAWS OF GOD

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PSALM 119:89, "For ever, O Lord thy word is settled in heaven."

Rev. L. C. Johnson

Any change has two possible interpretations: It may indicate progress or it may indicate retrogression. There are those theorists who say the world is in an evolutionary process and every change indicates progress. The Word of God does not bear this out and the practical-minded person knows that changes sometime represent a lack of progress.

Because the Word of God never changes, some tell us that it is a book of antiquity and is not up to date on modern problems. The answer to this is that God is and has always been perfect in knowledge and wisdom. God's laws are timeless and do not have to change. The laws of men change because the history of the race has been more or less the trial and error method of doing things and with time we find that our systems and methods become obsolete and useless.

Things That Change

Changes occur with lightning rapidity these days. You do not have to be old to have witnessed many in your life time. Drastic changes have taken place in the most fundamental institutions of our society. The home is no exception. It has been said that the modern home has become a sandwich shop and rooming house. No doubt this statement is exaggerated. With a great percentage of mothers and wives working outside the home, home life has undergone a tremendous change. The things earned by the use of our time outside the home must of necessity be of great value in order to make up for the loss of the mother's or wife's absence from the home. It is doubtful whether better rugs, better furniture, a better automobile, more stocks or bonds, or any other tangible possession is of great enough value to adequately replace the lives of mothers and wives in the home.

The home is the first school our children attend. The teachers are mother and father. No college or university professor will ever teach your child as much as his parent teacher.

The home is our children's first church. Their consciousness of God is

awakened in the little services they attend in the home from day to day. The service may consist of only a good gospel hymn the mother sings as she does her house-work. Or it may consist of a bed-time story. Or in a hundred different ways which a faithful Christian mother may find to impress her children for God. This is too sacred a task to be left into the hands of a maid.

With the high rate of juvenile delinquency and the increase in broken marriages and ruined homes, the conclusion is easily reached that the change in American home life has not been for the better.

There has been a tremendous change in the educational system in America. In the early days of American history, the church saw to it that its young received a Christian education. The great institutions of this Nation were organized and set in motion by good Christian people. As time went on, this young Nation realized its great resources and potentialities and became interested in material things and turned the education of our children over to the state.

The state is not too interested in the spiritual well-being of your boy and girl. The school system of this Nation was secularized and the church got out of the field of education. As a result, thinking America is shocked and alarmed as we are made to realize that educationally we have been headed up a blind alley.

With the experimentalists philosophy of education propagated by John Dewey, morals have been eliminated from education. In fact, John Dewey teaches that moral law hinders progressive education. His philosophy is that the only medium of education is experience and the more one experiences the better educated he is. Therefore, we see that this humanistic philosophy encourages young people to experiment with the most sacred things of life in their quest for education. According to Dewey, any moral law that prohibits an individual from new experience should be disregarded.

The Christians of this Nation are alarmed over this tidal-wave of god-

liness that has swept in upon us through our educational system. There is a demand for Christian Education in this Nation the like of which we have not seen in several generations. In the last three years there has been a 185% increase in enrollment in Protestant schools in this Country. Whereas in 1946 the "Protestant" school enrollment was one pupil out of every 120, in 1949 the Protestant figure is one out of every 48.

If our education was the kind it should be, with the emphasis where it should be, we would not have as much godliness, communism, atheism, skepticism, agnosticism, and all other kinds of isms in this country as we have. We have more education than ever before but lower moral standards than ever before. The fact is plain; modern public school education is failing.

We must put the Bible back in education. The Word of God must be taught and emphasized as it was in the early days of this nation. The godless educational system we have today will never do it. The churches must foot the bill if it is done.

A Nation in Conflict With God's Law

The Word of God says that righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is reproach to any people. If as a nation we are in conflict with the laws of God, and His law never changes, then we are running head-on into judgement.

Let us examine America and see where we stand in regard to these laws. America has the highest divorce rate of any nation in the world. We are the most drunken nation. We are the most pleasure-mad nation in the world. There are more movie goers in America than in any nation on earth. The Lord's Day is desecrated on every hand. This Nation can not continue to sin and escape the judgement of God. Ancient Assyria, ancient Babylonia, ancient Greece, ancient Rome, and all the other great civilizations about which history tells us were not able to escape these judgments. Isaiah 45:9, "Woe unto him (the nation) that striveth with his Maker."

If this Nation is aroused to these dangers, it is up to the Church to do it. The Christian people must become alarmed if we are to be saved. Our strength does not lie in universal military training. The military leaders of

this nation would have us believe that if we continue to exist we must become a military nation. We are having forced upon us these militaristic philosophies. Civilizations of the past have taken the same road and collapsed. Our strength is in Almighty God. Unless we return to God and become a righteous nation, we cannot escape. America will take her place among the tombs of other decadent, fallen nations. It will not be some other great world power that will cause our downfall, but rather our own sins.

A Nation That Honors God

Psalms 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." It is heartening to know that God honors a nation that makes Him its Lord. America need not fear if she lives in harmony with the laws of God. Russia nor communism can not destroy us if we return to God. We have nothing to fear but our sins. Our own nation is a living testimony that God blesses a people that put their trust in Him. Let our Country experience a real spiritual awakening and we will continue to be the greatest nation on earth. A revival will restore honesty in the government. A revival will drive saloons and beer parlors off our streets. A revival will close the places of infamy along our highways. Let this country repent and come back to God and He will do for us what we are trying to do through legislation and militarization.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY - MARCH, 1951

EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Hazel Creek Union	\$36.25
Shibley's Point	10.00
Total	\$46.25

JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines	\$4.00
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TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union	\$ 9.10
Sunbeam Class—Hazel Creek U.	24.00
Total	\$33.10

HOME MISSION FUND

Flat River	\$14.60
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YOUTH CAMP FUND

Shibley's Point	\$10.00
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STATE UNIFIED FUND

Flat River	\$199.20
Southside	60.00
Myrtle	33.98
Verdella	13.14
St. Louis Third	57.90
Fredericktown	202.73
Mine LaMotte	11.60
Merl's Chapel	41.87
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter, Mo.	25.00
Fredericktown Ladies Home M.	5.00
Monett	50.81
Sublette	21.49
Total	\$722.72

MISSIONS FUND

Mine LaMotte	\$ 23.58
Flat River	53.48
Niangua Quarterly Meeting	14.31
New Prospect S.S.	8.46
Jewel	24.36
Fredericktown	24.00
New Harmony S.S.	53.23
Carterville	30.00
Stahl	20.00
Philadelphia S.S.	10.75
Green Grove	39.58
Providence Senior League	5.55
Providence Junior League	5.00
Copper Mines	66.60
Blue Eye	9.07
Old Bethel	18.00
Wagoner	80.26
Amity	15.75
Pleasant Ridge	13.05
Rock Chapel	39.55
Monett	6.60
Golden Oak S.S.	18.00
Mt. Olive (Neola)	7.75
Macedonia	29.56
Shibley's Point	29.00
Mrs. A. L. DeWeese, Easton	6.00
Total	\$651.45

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Happy Ridge	\$ 5.00
Shibley's Point, young people's S.S. Class	5.00
Verdella	105.59
Hickory Grove	90.94
Golden Oak S.S.	14.61
Hickory Grove, Haddam, Kan.	8.53
Hickory Grove League, Had'm Kan. (Cello Izquierdo)	21.47
Verdella League	10.00
Hartville	26.30
Twin Oak	10.00
Faith & Hope League	1.38
C.W. Mo. 5th Sunday	17.18
Mrs. S. J. Harper, Greenfield	1.00

Union Light S.S.	41.20
Rev. Raymond Smith, Huggins	5.00
Mountain Grove	37.14
Independence	32.10
Union Third Fork	17.52
Pleasant Grove	32.60
Neosho	11.00
Hannan (Bro. Willey)	5.00
Hazel Creek Union	44.76
Mrs. B. A. Stajord, Exeter	25.00
Mt. Pisgah	62.30
Shibley's Point	18.07
Rev. Geo. W. Sturdevant, Bufalo (Cuba)	10.00
Monett (Cuba Student)	31.00
Jones Chapel	56.60
Mrs. C. W. Bullimore, Morrowville, Kan. (Cuba)	2.00
Mine LaMotte	29.37
Hannan	85.00
Monett	6.35
Sublette	15.00
No. 1 Church, Huggins	71.00
Green Ridge	10.00
No. 1 League, Huggins	5.00
Copper Mines	60.00
Mountain Valley	24.15
S.E. Mo. Ass'n. (Wilfongs & Estenci Garcia)	773.63
Carterville	60.00
Mission Association	148.50
Desloge Mission Circle	7.50
Desloge	54.06
Buffalo	20.70
Granby	3.69
Total	\$2,122.18

Total on all funds, January -

March, 1951 \$3,604.30

Report of S.E. Missouri Association gifts (Listed in Foreign Missions receipts):

Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 78.90
Berkley	60.00
Fellowship	450.00
Flat River 1st	236.79
Fredericktown	197.45
Leadington	55.50
Richwoods	10.00
Southside	44.20
Third, St. Louis	60.00
Madison County S.S. Conv.	50.00
Total	\$1,142.84

Note—\$469.21 of this amount sent direct to National Foreign Mission Treasury.

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

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DUST AND ASHES

Rev. W. F. Vickery - Broken Arrow, Okla.

"Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:6.

In this particular verse Job is the speaker: he is talking to God. Abhor means to detest; to hate; but Job did not hate himself as we understand the word hate—to repent, v.i. means to feel sorrow for something done; repentance n., sorrow for sins. Job did not plead his own good deeds, but realized his vileness and repented. Job forgot his self-righteousness when talking with God and repented in dust and ashes of humility: so must the sinner today.

Some people seem to think that if they help the needy, are honest, pay their debts, and live a moral life, that they will be saved. But in Isaiah 64:6 we read, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Filthy rags are fit for nothing except to be burned.

In Ezek. 18:30 we read, "Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin." Also in Luke 13:3 Christ says, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." With the sinner it is repent or perish.

The sinner must realize the need of salvation, then seek it from the heart, not by good works. In Eph. 2:8,9 we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." These verses need no comment. Job did not even try to justify himself before God by his past perfect life (see Job 1:1). There is no salvation without repentance. But what is repentance? Some say it is merely to change one's mind. In II Cor. 7:10 Paul says, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." Bible repentance is more than changing the mind; it means to be sorry for sin.

The sinner must also have faith. In Mark 1:15 Christ says, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." The sinner must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,

and believe what He says, take Him at His word, and grasp the promises of God by faith. In John 3:3 Christ says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." This verse applies to the sinner today. Nicodemus did not understand; and neither do sinners today. But they must be born again. Christ revealed unto Nicodemus the necessity of regeneration, also the great fact that he must be born again. The teachings of Christ in His conversation with Nicodemus revealed to sinners today the great need of regeneration.

In Jonah 2:9 Jonah says, "Salvation is of the Lord." Jonah lines up with Job, "I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Jonah was a sensible man. He himself had repented in dust and ashes, and prayed through while inside the great fish. God himself confirms Jonah's testimony. In Ezek.

36:26,27, God, through His prophet says, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Man claims to do what only God can do.

Also in Titus 3:5,6 we read, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he hath saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." These verses need no comment; they run parallel with Ezekiel 36:26,27. Please note that Titus 3:5 says, "By the washing of regeneration," not by water. It takes the heavenly washing to save the sinner. The sinner must come to God as the poet says, "In my hand no price I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling."

KENTUCKY LEAGUERS MEET

Betsy Layne, Ky.

Dear Gem:

We're glad to report that the youth of the Free Will Baptist Churches in Eastern Kentucky are on the move for Christ. Several of our churches now have young people's League, and we are hoping many others will soon follow.

The Quarterly Meeting of our young people's League Union was held April 20 at the Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church at Betsy Layne (Floyd County), Kentucky. The churches now in the League are Betsy Layne, Van Lear, Third Street in Paintsville, Southside, Thealkia, Wheelright, Lackey, and Louisa. Our League is getting stronger and there is much interest.

The Quarterly Meeting was called to order by the 2nd vice president, W. K. Steele, Jr. Scripture was from the 3rd chapter of Proverbs. Rev. Carl Layne led in prayer. Regular business was taken care of. Since our president had moved away we elected W. K. Steele, Jr. to fill the vacancy. Then a vice

president was chosen from each League and his duty will be to have a program ready in our next regular meeting. Motion was made to send five dele-

gates to the state association when it meets in June in Paintsville, Kentucky. They were selected. Special songs were sang and Rev. Orsborn, a great evangelist in this section, preached for us.

We were fortunate to have that night in our midst Bro. Willey, our Missionary to Cuba, with us, and he showed his pictures of his work there. He has been working in this section for several days. Since we have 22 churches in our county alone (Floyd) if he works all of them he has a great big job. We think he is a wonderful man of God. His offering for foreign missions was \$25.00.

After the service refreshments were served. The number attending this service was approximately 300, and we were very sorry that some of the Leagues didn't get there on account of the buses they had chartered were on strike. So you can see what God is doing for us. You pray that soon all churches of Eastern Kentucky will have a League, and that we might further the cause of Christ and also strengthen our churches.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be held July 20th at Third Street in Paintsville, Kentucky.

—Contributed

* A MESSAGE FROM THE "OKLAHOMA MESSENGER" *

The Official Organ of the Oklahoma W. C. T. U.

I wish to bring to you a few important thoughts from the Oklahoma Woman's Temperance Union, of which I am a member.

First of all, if the word 'Christian' were removed it would not be any good, but this is truly a Christian Union for women of all denominations who are interested in fighting the devil and his powerful weapon, the liquor traffic.

I'm happy that we in Oklahoma have a dry state. This does not mean, however, that no liquor is sold here, but it means it is against the law and it means that our young people can't walk in and get it on every street corner. If more women would join hands in prayer and service we could do even a greater work, and if more men would join hand in hand with the United Dry Association, together we could wipe this evil out. Let us do so.

Not only can men and women labor in this fight against the alcoholic traffic but there is also a wonderful place for the children to work. The children's union is called the Loyal Temperance Legion or L.T.L. In this Legion they are taught the evils of alcoholic drinks. Their programs are so attractive that any child would be happy to take part in it and any parent should be proud to have his son or daughter in it. In the Oklahoma school law it stipulates that the harmful effects of alcohol on the human body shall be taught in the public schools of Oklahoma (Article XI, Sec. 170). We as parents should see that the schools are teaching this. We should ask for and boost L.T.L. work in our public schools. Films showing the evil of alcohol can be rented without cost from the W.C.T.U. headquarters. In Oklahoma address Mrs. Geneva Carberry, 37 Elmwood Drive, Stillwater, or Mrs. Elizabeth House, 309 Ramsey St., Stillwater.

But beware of wolves in sheep's clothing! There is also a national movement which is known as the Temperance and Toleration Association. They seem to believe you can drink anything you like—just as long as you are temperate, and to be tolerant in every thing. The Devil is using this to confuse people. This association is a wet

organization supported by the alcoholic traffic, while masquerading in the name of temperance. It is now in full swing in several states. So beware! This Temperance and Toleration Association has a motion picture called, "The Truth Shall Make You Free." Churches and schools have even been offered money to let these wolves in sheep's clothing show this picture. So beware of this picture, also this association. Do not mistake it as the National Union of Christian Women in the fight against alcohol.

Come, Christian women, and let us band together to win souls and make this country safe for our children and grandchildren. More people are killed in auto accidents because of alcohol than are killed in the wars. Our jails and penitentiaries are full of men, women, boys and girls because of alcohol. Is it not worth our efforts to check this evil?

By Mrs. John Elliston,
Stillwater, Oklahoma

TEXAS CHURCH FETES IT'S SENIOR MEMBERS

Huntsville, Texas

Dear friends:

We all enjoy your paper very much and particularly enjoy reading the reports and letters from other Free Will Baptist churches. Thinking that other readers might like to hear from us, we would like to tell you a little about our Church.

We do not have a large building or a large membership but we do love the Lord and are very proud of our Church and its members.

The Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church was organized on August 13, 1912. All of the members who helped organize the Church are deceased except Sister Nancy Jane Jordy who is now 84 years of age. Grandma Jordy, as she is known to us, still takes an active part in church affairs and is one of our most faithful members. She seldom misses a service. Another beloved member of our Church is Sister Sarah Coburn who is past 80 years of age. Grandma Coburn moved her membership to this Church shortly after it

was organized, and while she is not able to attend the services as she once did her spirit is always with us. Brother J. W. Handy has been preaching for us for 22 years. He has been in the ministry 64 years, and is now 88 years of age. He served as our full time pastor for many years but the last few years he has been traveling by bus from his home in Houston, Texas to Pine Prairie and bringing us a message every third Sunday, and some times oftener. He has married many of our children, consoled us when a loved one passed away, or other troubles beset us.

These three faithful servants of the Lord have meant much to us. All through the years they have been there for us to lean on and have given so freely of their time, love and help in the interest of the Church and the community; therefore, the Church decided that it would like to make a public expression of its feelings.

On March 11, 1951 we had a special service for Grandma Jordy. We served dinner on the ground, had special music and a good program. Then on April 15, 1951 we had dinner on the ground and a special service for Grandma Coburn and Brother Handy. All three of these dear members were presented with beautiful robes. Grandma Coburn was unable to be there but her robe was sent to her. We realize that they do not have much longer to wear these earthly robes for soon they will receive robes not made by man. We closed the service by singing, "There's A Land Where We Never Grow Old," and "Til We Meet Again." As the service closed tears were streaming down the faces of Grandma Jordy and Brother Handy, as well as the faces of most of those present.

We cannot thank the Lord enough for these precious souls, and wish that you readers could have been with us at these services.

Sincerely,

Mrs. George Welch

Note: Bro. Handy has long supported the Gem and has contributed many articles for its pages. Despite his age he is still very active and not many months ago called at the office here. He plans to start soon on an extended trip through Missouri and California. His energy and enthusiasm are inspiring.—Editor.



From The Editor's Desk



ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE

The regular annual session of the Bible Conference was held in mid-April at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. For the most part this is for a time of fellowship and worship among Free Will Baptist everywhere. However, several of the standing boards also use this time for called sessions of their respective board meetings, thus completing current business while also attending the conference.

The Conference enables many Free Will Baptists to visit the College that perhaps would not otherwise do so. Considerable surprise awaits the first-timer and each year brings new rejoicing to all because of the blessings of the Lord upon this institution and the phenomenal progress that is its history from the beginning. This year's students come from 16 different states, and during the year 104 have been enrolled. Work is progressing nicely on the new auditorium, and it is expected to be far enough along to use for the meeting of the different National bodies early in July. At present the facilities of the college are taxed almost beyond reason. The auditorium will help to relieve this situation.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. Damon Dodd, and Rev. Ralph Lightsey each brought messages during the conference. Rev. Luther Gibson and Rev. Paul J. Kettelman were devotional leaders, while Sister Laura Belle Barnard was a featured speaker. A theme for the Conference was not selected. However, it was very noticeable how the Holy Spirit directed the general theme of each message, so that it connected with the message that preceded it. Some of the speakers were engaged in board meetings and did not know what the previous message had been. Yet there was a most harmonious connection between each message, with great emphasis on such fundamental truths as the Bible being the inspired Word of God, the necessity of us knowing the will of God for our lives in this war torn and sin cursed world, prevailing prayer that our own needs may be supplied and that we may also have to give to others, the place of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, with devotional thoughts on the mark of a

true servant of Christ, and God's guidance. Representatives of 17 states enjoyed these sessions.

THIS AND THAT

One of the better articles ever to grace the pages of the Free Will Baptist Gem appears in this issue. The article on page 4, titled "The Unchanging Laws of God," is by Rev. L. C. Johnson, president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. The truths therein are emphatic, plainly stated, and irrefutable. If you happened to pass over it, turn back and read it carefully. It is certainly worth your time and contains a blessing for you.

Preparation for Daily Vacation Bible Schools is in order. Many churches have completed their plans and have selected their instructors. Orders are beginning to come in for lesson materials and helps. We will be glad to handle your order and to help you in any other way possible. Be sure to have a D.V.B.S. in your church.

Friends of the Free Will Baptist work in Alabama will rejoice to know that state has recently established a monthly publication known as "The Alabama Free Will Baptist." Headquarters for the publication is Eldridge, Alabama. The General Manager and Treasurer is Rev. L. V. Borden, Box 55, Eldridge; Editor is Rev. W. H. Ryland, Box 55, Eldridge. The subscription rate is \$1.00 per year. This brings to at least five the number of active publications in the continental U.S.A. These are: "The Alabama Free Will Baptist," from Eldridge, Alabama; "The Messenger," from Mississippi; "The Small Voice," official organ of the Texas and Oklahoma Association; "The Free Will Baptist," a weekly from Ayden, North Carolina; and "The Free Will Baptist Gem," from Monett, Missouri. Though location always offers both advantages and disadvantages, it does not limit the policy of any of these publications.

Each one strives to serve the Church everywhere. Therefore, we urge you to receive each of these publications in your home. So, welcome to "The Alabama Free Will Baptist."

The start of the associational meetings is at hand. Please send us your meeting dates in plenty of time for them to be published. Also send us dates of your D.V.B.S., revivals, conventions, League rallies, and other church events coming up.

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

*As we travel through this land below
There is a fairer land, we know,
Where all the saved of earth shall go
When the last trump of God shall blow.*

*In that land all shall be joy and peace;
Sin, strife and rumors of war will
cease;*

*We will then know as we are known
Gathered with the Saints around the
throne.*

*There we shall meet all the prophets
of old*

*Strolling along the streets of pure gold.
Among them will be loved ones gone
on before*

Waiting there on that beautiful shore.

*But greater than these there awaits
One*

*With face shining brighter than any
sun.*

*First of all I want to greet God's only
Son*

When my Christian race here is run.

*Oh, the wonderful blessings God has in
store*

*For all who will open their heart's
door*

*And invite His Son in out of the cold
Is the sweetest story ever told.*

By Madeline McFarland
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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NEWSY BRIEFS

OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER WRITES

Seyour, Missouri

Dear Sirs:

I was asked to write a little for the Free Will Baptist paper. As I am a new member in the church I will do my best.

We are the Lone Star Free Will Baptist Church, 3 miles on Highway 60 east of Seymour to the Pee-Wee store, then a quarter of a mile north.

The regular Quarterly or Fifth Sunday Meeting will be held here the last of this month (April). Services will start Friday night and continue until the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday. Anyone that can will be welcome to come and attend these services.

Sister Daisy Manes is the pastor of this church and preaches the First Saturday night and Sunday in Job, Missouri. Rev. Selph Jones preaches for us on the third Sunday of each month. Bro. Hiram Watson preaches on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights.

The deacons of Lone Star Church are Bro. Philip Hosiner and Bro. Scott Kasterke.

We have a beautiful church here of which we are very proud.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Charles Foxworthy

CALIFORNIA REVIVAL; MISSOURI EVANGELIST

Lindsay, California

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

The Exeter Free Will Baptist Church wishes to announce through the Gem the following:

The time—Stating June 10, 1951, a revival meeting.

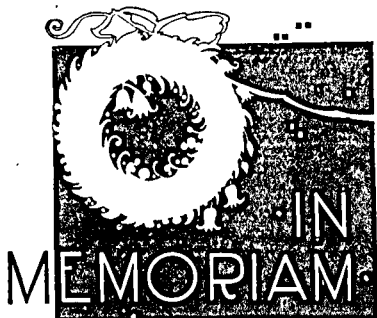
The place—Exeter Free Will Baptist Church on Orange Ave., Exeter, Calif.

The evangelist—Bro. George Scott, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

The message—"Jesus Saves." The public is cordially invited to attend every service.

Remarks—Bro. Scott preaches the Gospel under a great anointing of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for this revival effort.

Mrs. J. W. Tilden, reporter



MARSHALL HUGHEY

Everett Marshall Hughey, born August 30, 1891 to George and Leona Hughey at Harrison, Arkansas. Deceased this life March 13, 1951 at the age of 59 years, seven months and 13 days. The family came to Missouri about 1891 and settled near Purdy, Missouri. At the age of 21 he was married to Mintie Rowena Inman. To this union was born six children: Mrs. Dimple Harris of Purdy; Mrs. Freda Strother, Butterfield, Missouri; Joe, Howard, and Carlos of Purdy. One son Paul having preceded him in death December 3, 1917.

Marshall was converted at the age of 24 and has been a faithful member of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church. He lived a quite but true and devoted life for God. He was a very affectionate father and husband. He leaves besides his wife and children, nine grandchildren; one brother Leveoneous Hughey, of Pursell, Missouri; two sisters, Lillie Winans of Jasper, Missouri and Eula Doty of Kansas City, Missouri.

He will be sadly missed by his loved ones and friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis assisted by Rev. Fred Cunningham in the Macedonia Church.

YOUTH CAMP SESSION

The 1951 session of the Missouri State Youth Encampment will begin Wednesday morning, June 20 and continue through Friday, June 29. Previous to this the State Sunday School

Convention will convene at the Youth Camp on Monday evening, June 18, 7:30 p.m., and close with the morning worship hour Tuesday. The State League Convention will immediately follow at 1:00 p.m. (June 19) and close with the evening service. Then, as above stated, the Youth Encampment Session will start the following morning June 20. Thus the consecutive sessions will convene from Monday evening, June 18 through Friday, June 29, 1951.

Your Camp management asks all who will join with us in prayer for a great and glorious session. May we endeavor by the grace and help of the Lord to make this our best session yet. Who knows but that this could be our last session before we meet Him in whose name and for whose glory this work is carried on?

Rev. Rolla Smith of Kirksville, will be principal of teaching; Rev. Harvey Hill, of St. Louis, will be the General Superintendent. Other teachers (we can't give you the complete list) include Rev's. Johnnie Postlewait, Bob Hill, O. T. Allred, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlile Hanna.

A number of churches are making quilts and other contributions toward supplying the items needed for this year's encampment; also the entertainment of the State Association in September. You, too, can have a part in helping this worthy work on which God is adding His blessings, if you will. Send your contributions to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri.

—Contributed

CHURCH ORGANIZED

The Free Will Baptist Church of Neosho, Missouri, was organized in August, 1950. The church is progressing steadily. We have an average attendance for Sunday School from 32 to 36.

The church elected two deacons: Bro. Fred Weston and Bro. Luther Pogue.

The church has purchased a lot for their future Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. R. C. Wood, reporter

BACK AFTER LONG ABSENCE

Dear Gem Readers:

It will be a surprise to you to hear from me again through the Gem, after such a long silence. But I am glad to report that I still love the Lord and His cause the same. We can not afford to let go of our Saviour's unchanging hand, now, with our sons facing this terrible war. I am sure all parents, who have sons in the service, will agree with me that this is the bitterest experience we have ever faced. It is a great proving time for us, as sure as the Israelites were proved at the bitter spring of Marah. And as sure as God gave them a cure to make the bitter sweet; He will comfort us and make the burden easier for us through these bitter experiences if we prove true.

I am truly thankful for the privilege of attending a Free Will Baptist church regularly now. I go to the Hickory Grove Church where Sister Marie Hyatt is pastor. As she will be gone this week to Nashville, Tennessee, she asked me to submit a report to the Gem of our evening service of April 7th, which was given over to the young people to conduct. This service was very impressively and capably conducted. Those taking part were the members of the Young People's Sunday School class, Sister Izola Zellmer is their teacher. Willis Jones, one of our fine youths, served as a very able leader throughout the service. I use the word "served" because they, each one, served the Lord very sincerely and capably in their several capacities. A number served in the singing and some in giving appropriate readings.

The subject "Christ For Me" was the theme of the service. Three topics on this subject were discussed as follows: (1) The Birth and Life of Christ, by Miss Iva Jones; (2) The Need and Plan of Christ for Me, by Teddy Zellmer; (3) My Decision—"Christ for Me", by the leader of the service, Willis Jones, who gave the invitation at the end of the discussion. This good service closed with a handshake with all the ones who had a part in the service. Dismissed by Miss Iva Jones, who had served as pianist for the evening. I'm sure the Lord was well pleased with the service this group rendered. It truly was an inspiration to we older ones.

May the Lord bless His young Christians every where and make them able

leaders of our churches of tomorrow.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Myrtle Black
806 W. Mechanic
Harrisonville, Mo.

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS HOLDS MISSOURI REVIVAL

Greetings from the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church at Flat River:

Again we come to you with a report from our church. We are happy to write a report like this one. We just closed a wonderful revival, and I must say it was one of the best revivals I have ever been in. The Spirit of God was so manifested in every service, and so real and precious. It is hard for me to try to tell you of it in words.

Bro. Raymond Riggs was our evangelist and he brought the power of God down so great in his messages that the unsaved trembled with fear. Also, many were saved and the Christians realized more and more how much closer they should live to the Lord.

We had as our song director and our special singers Rev. and Mrs. William Craven, who also did a wonderful job. Souls were convicted and saved through the songs they sang. We also had other quartets and singers from other churches to come in and help us.

I don't think I have ever seen as good co-operation in my life from other churches. You couldn't tell a Free Will Baptist from a Methodist or a Church of God, or any other church that took part. They didn't come only to hear, but got right in and worked to win lost souls, and that's why God poured out His great blessings upon us. That is the way He wants it.

I must tell you about our prayer meetings we had at 10:00 o'clock each morning. They were the most wonderful thing. Bro. Riggs taught the Bible so plain and we all just sat and drank it in, and learned so much from it. Well, I can't tell you how great it was but it just filled our souls to overflowing. Our church was greatly blessed and helped from it. But the greatest thing of all that happened during our revival was that we had nine precious souls saved, and they all got a real experience with God. We are more thankful for that than anything.

No, the day of revival is not over, for we had an old fashioned one and we pray that the church may continue in the spirit of revival on and on. The last Sunday we had six additions to the church and we just thank God for them, and pray He will give us some more to help us keep house for Him.

We can't leave our good pastor and family out for they did work so faithful and had a great part in making our revival a great success. We thank God for them, for their Godly living, and what they are doing, and the good leaders they are and have been for our church. Pray for us.

Mrs. M. Sherrill

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

This is to inform the Leagues over the state that the time for the State League Convention is drawing near. The convention will be held at the Youth Camp grounds on June 19. Every League and local League Convention or Rally is urged to make plans now to be represented at the State Convention.

Since the convention is to precede the opening of the Youth Camp Session, each church and League should arrange for the youth who plan to attend the camp session to get there the afternoon of the 18th so they can be present for the Sunday School Convention and then the League Convention. Also, each League should send an offering to the Youth Camp Box to cover the expense of meals during the Convention.

The following is the program for the League Convention:

Theme: "Youth's Problems in the Atomic Age."

- 1:30 Devotional period, Vice-president
 - 2:00 Business session, Report of Promotional Secretary
 - 2:45 Topic—"Temptations of youth in the atomic age," by Lois Hughes
 - 3:00 Topic—"Helping youth meet the problems of the atomic age," by Cinda Vandivort
 - 3:30 Final business
 - 3:45 Worship period
 - 4:00 Adjournment
 - 7:30 Evangelistic service — Scripture reading, prayer, and singing
 - 8:00 Sermon—"The Atomic Gospel for the Atomic Age," by Rev. F. C. Zinn; Alternate, Rev. Bob Hill
- President, Rev. Ben Scott

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

JAN. 15 - APR. 15, 1951

Brought forward	\$83.34
Myrtle	11.33
Mountain Grove	12.38
Rock Chapel	15.97
State Association	43.94
Southside	30.00
Fredericktown	71.90
Third St. Louis	66.89
Flat River	19.16
Niangua	11.89
Merl's Chapel	10.00
Richwoods	30.00
Walnut Grove	3.00
Ministers Conference of Cave Spring Assoc.	13.85
Aulsbury Chapel, pledge on home	15.00
Leadington, pledge on h.	6.25
Springfield, pledge on h.	5.00
Mrs. Dwane Matthews ..	10.00
Total receipts	\$459.90
Expenditures:	
Mileage, itinerate work ..	\$16.60
Wm. Reeves, salary	162.50
Drayage on seats	10.55
Stigman Lumber Co.	58.56
Flowers and seeds	16.76
Sawyer, gravel	10.00
Rev. H. Hill, trav. exp. ..	12.00
Rev. M. Lewis, trav. exp.	2.90
Rev. O. T. Allred, tr. ex.	2.55
Postage and supplies	8.20
Total disbursed	\$300.62
Balance	\$159.28

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines as a reminder of our Youth Camp program. We are very busy this spring getting our work done on the camp, hoping to have everything in shape by the time our session begins.

We have a big job to do and only a short time to do it. We have our water system here at this writing, ready to be installed. We have the material here for our cabins to remodel them, and we have the material spoken for, for our furnace. We have part of our flowers out. So you see things will be moving around here soon. Oh, yes, if you (any of you) can give a days work, come right on. We can use you. If you can let me know, fine; if not, come on anyway.

We are dated next week (Apr. 24-28) on an itinerary in Indian Creek Association and expect to go to Mission Association some time next month.

I haven't heard anything from our General Supervisor (at this writing) of our program, but expect to soon.

As to our insurance of our session, I have just received our Mager policy and our insurance is ready. As I stated in last writing, we will charge \$1.00 registration fee to cover the insurance cost.

Now about our session. I am sure you are making your plans to attend and also carrying out plans of supporting our entertaining fund in groceries, and also with your special offerings.

I have heard of some tea towels that are being made. Dishes and other supplies are being donated. I understand Bro. Hill is planning to try to get some more dishes like the ones we have been using that Bro. Wilson gave us a few years ago.

The time is slipping up on us. Only one more issue of the Gem before our session. So we will be looking for you and let us hear from you if you have something to give on the entertainment of the session. If you are passing by, stop off and see us any time.

Pray for us,

Rev. Wm. Reeves and family

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

MARCH, 1951

Cash on hand March 1\$ 6,864.46

Receipts:

Alabama	\$ 147.49
Arkansas	74.31
California	147.97
Georgia	360.37
Illinois	797.80
Kentucky	16.33
Michigan	470.19
Mississippi	5.00
Missouri	1,170.25
New Mexico	5.00
North Carolina	1,337.50
Ohio	20.24
Oklahoma	272.14
South Carolina	180.52
Tennessee	657.14
Texas	186.29
West Virginia	205.32
Sale Barnard Books ..	34.00
W.N.A.C.	38.12

Total Receipts 6,125.98

Grand Total\$12,990.44

Disbursements:

Missions Visualized .\$. 233.33

Tocca Falls School ..	75.00
(Willey children)	
Cuba	1,589.99
India	1,110.00
Bank exchange15
Mrs. Harold Stevens ..	66.59
(Africa)	
Rev. Adam Scott, exp ..	53.25
Office help	75.00
Laura B. Barnard ...	90.00
Rev. & Mrs. Wilfong ..	150.00
Postage	10.00
Rev. Rayond Riggs ..	50.00
(Services rendered)	
Rev. Rashie Kennedy ..	150.00
(Bd. meeting exp.)	
Rev. J. W. Alford	150.00
(Bd. meeting exp.)	
Total Disbursements.	3,803.31
Balance on hand April 1	\$9,187.13

Balance in various accounts include: General Fund, \$5,360.04; Barnard's Books, \$708.00; Letter to Melitino, \$14.68; India Car Fund, \$3,104.41; and total balances, \$9,187.13.

We are indeed grateful to our fine people for their response which makes this splendid report possible. Also, to the itinerate workers in every state. Please check your state's quota and let's everyone go over the top for once in Foreign Missions. Continue to send those offerings in. Remember, others are waiting to go and we must not fail them NOW.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Raymond Riggs

**HOME MISSION RECEIPTS
OF WEST FORK (TEXAS)**

Waco, Texas

Dear Sir:

The following is a report of the receipts for the Texas West Fork Home Mission Board for month of March:

Balance brought forward	\$460.39
1st Church, Weatherford	3.25
1st Church, Dallas	17.00
Gartman's View, Comanche ...	9.89
Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Sprs.	5.82
1st Church, Bowie	18.47
Bonnie View, Dallas	4.00
Total receipts	58.43

Balance in treasury\$518.82

Thanking you very much, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Clarence J. Hearron



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

WOMEN'S EDITOR: MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS—DESLOGE, Mo.



SLIPPERY ROADS CURB STATE AUXILIARY MEET

Due to the inclement weather and hazardous highway conditions over most of the state the women's meeting was not the success we had hoped it would be, however, I must say that it was far from a failure. I am sure that all those who attended felt that whatever effort they had made to get there was very much worthwhile. Since most of the people who were to have been on the program were absent it was quite impossible to follow the program as it had been planned. By making the necessary changes and substitutions we did have a good program throughout the day. In the absence of the program director it seemed to have become my duty as state president to preside over the meeting. We opened the day's services at 10:30 o'clock with a short devotional which was quite capably led by Mrs. Velma Elliott of the Mountain Grove auxiliary. From the number of six ministers present the group selected Brother Frank Linton of Camdenton to bring the morning message. The message was timely and encouraging. At 12:00 o'clock a very delectable lunch was served in the church basement. Immediately after the noon meal and an hour of fellowship the service came to order with an impressive devotional led by Mrs. Bessie Vandivort of the Oak Grove church. We then conducted an informal discussion of the duties of the officers of the auxiliary. Following this discussion the women of the Mountain Grove auxiliary very ably presented an interesting and stirring playlet titled "Let Susie Do It" which had been written and directed by Mrs. Cinda Vandivort.

The following churches were represented: Mountain Grove, Faith and Hope near Willow Springs, Oak Grove near Cabool, Third Church St. Louis, and Hazel Creek near Kirksville. All of those presented expressed themselves as to have been glad they were there and those who were not permitted to be there certainly missed a blessing.

HITHER AND YON

Mrs. J. E. Frazier

About ever so often some one comes here with the query: "Will you send us some suggestions on how to observe the Week of Prayer, the annual stewardship night program, the personal service calender of activities?" or something else concerning the promotion of the WNAC Plan of Work. Answering personally all these various request coming from eighteen states consumes more time than any one human has available these days of hurry. Hence comes this idea of sharing the reports coming to the WNAC Office from HITHER AND YON, with those auxiliaries who avail themselves of this channel of help. Free Will Baptist presses contribute this space for our information and inspiration and urgently request auxiliary members to use it wisely for the best help to all members everywhere. So here are some ideas that it is hoped will be of interest and general help to auxiliary organizations everywhere.

The WNAC has cherished through the years since its beginning the thought that the organization was literally born in prayer and that each step of the way has been guided in answer to prayer for divine leadership. Naturally the purpose of the WNAC, "helping the church in its missionary and evangelistic work" could be best fulfilled through individual and united prayer. Prayer would be faltering without careful Bible study to lend it faith and direction. But the study of the Bible made women more conscious of God's plan for world-redemption and they wanted to know the progress of the kingdom so there must be mission study or knowledge. Enlarged study of the Bible, a growing missionary information coupled with intelligent prayer, and naturally there would be honest and generous tithing and giving in true stewardship. Not alone can one say to the Heavenly Father, "Father, here is gold." There must be also service of mind and heart

terms personal service as we offer our personal expressions of love and seek to bring other persons to know our Master as their personal Saviour too. These chief aims of the WNAC—Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship, Personal Service, must be attempted to be profitable; therefore, these ideas of how auxiliaries have attempted them in their church are being passed on to you that you too may "Go, and do thou likewise."

Some Pre-Easter Week of Prayer reports give evidence of this chief aim being widely observed and great blessings coming to the church and community as a result. May be that these ideas can be used in conducting a week of prayer in your auxiliary anytime.

A Kentucky auxiliary reports "a revival resulted from the prayer services held each night at our church, and members who had never been active went forth as better laborers together with God. Each night we patterned our services after what we thought was 'the upper room' service—a hymn, Bible study, prayer season, then a brief discussion on "what can I do about—" and reports on "What Did I Do about—". We took the topics as outlined in the program book, read Scripture relative to it, prayed about it, and then went out to do all we could about the matter before the next meeting. This is as Jesus' disciples labored, we believe, and so we tried it. It surely worked for us."

A Missouri auxiliary says: "Never before has our auxiliary been so blessed and enabled to help our church so much, we believe." And this is how they did it. "Patterning our meetings after 'the Andrew Club' idea, we met, sang a hymn, read the Scripture, prayed for the specific needs as suggested or listed, then we separated ourselves in groups of two and gave feet to our prayers. Truly nothing that our auxiliary has ever done has helped our church like this visitation project. Sunday revealed the real results when we had the largest Sunday school ever in the history of our small church, and two souls accepted Christ as their Sav-

Agnes Smith and hand, and this service WNAC

four and two came back into the church. gaged in the special prayer services as suggested in the program book.'

A similary report came from Tennessee auxiliary saying: "He had our pre-Easter prayer services in co-operation with the church visitation week. Each evening at 7:00 p.m. a group met and after a special season of prayer for our special tasks, five groups went out in teams to visit unsaved people of the community as well as the inactive or unchurched people. As a result of all our efforts there were two who accepted Christ on Sunday morning and we feel sure as time goes on we will see more visible results of our united efforts."

From California comes this word: "He have just learned the purpose of a Woman's Auxiliary and this has so blessed our hearts that we had no trouble having 100% attendance at our first Week of Prayer which was conducted thirty minutes preceding our pre-Easter revival then in progress at our church. Through daily visiting and personal service activities assigned at our night prayer meeting, every woman became a personal worker and a winner for the Lord. Our motto was "Every one win one," and this is exactly what each member did. We will always praise the Lord for this increase and the other blessings which began in our prayer room."

Another Tennessee Auxiliary says, "Our prayer services were conducted as a pre-Easter revival season by a different minister each night. These services were unusually beneficial and uplifting to the church as well as to uplifting to othe church at well as to the auxiliary members who had worked to have the entire church blessed by our special week of prayer meetings. On Friday night at a special mission service, our missionary offering was \$31.00. On Sunday night we climaxed our week with annual stewardship night program and an offering of \$220.00 resulted from our 'Family Day' at the church."

Some auxiliaries coupled study and prayer very successfully. One reports that one chapter of the selected book on prayer was used as the basis of the evening's messages since no talks had suggested in the Year Book. "We selected," she says, "the book 'Pray Ye' and think it is one of the best study classes that we have ever been able to attend. Our pastor was our teacher and after the chapter study, we en-

gaged in the special prayer services as suggested in the program book.'

Youth Auxiliary Gleanings

Since March 1, 1951 youth auxiliaries have been organized in three more new states, making 12 states now sponsoring the missionary education of their young people through Y. A. organizations.

Bethlehem Church in the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, under the able leadership of the second vice president of the W. A. and their wide-awake auxiliary president, Mrs. Luther Read, organized recently their first Y. P. A. A very impressive installation service was conducted by candle-light in the church auditorium. After the officers were installed, all the members were asked to kneel in th altar for the dedicatory prayer offered by their pastor, Rev. Adam Scott.

A Kentucky Y. A. president writes, "Never has there been so much interest in youth meetings as there are in our recently organized G. T. A. Each meeting is a blessing from the opening song to the benediction. These new G. T. A. Program Books are just perfect for our needs. Do Free Will Baptists have a youth camp where our young people could go for more training this summer?"

Many more reports could be given for they have come in from nearly every state that holds membership in the WNAC. We are praying that more local auxiliaries will see this opportunity that is their responsibility. If we hold a Woman's Auxiliary Plan of Work is just for adults, we are then an organization with a past but certainly with no future. "Bring up the child in the way he should go" say. God's word and "ever the rearing an training of child is woman's business" reminds the poet. May the day soon come when every local second vice president will follow the excellent example set by Mrs. Thelma Cannon of Tennessee.

"ACCOUNTING TIME"

Dear Co-Laborers:

Each year "accounting time" comes in the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, when it is the duty of W.N.A.C. Executive Secretary to study the reports sent in from the eighteen member states and make up a com-

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bined picture for the records of the Convention, and her heart seems to beat faster for joy when, from these reports, emerge encouraging facts. But that heart skips a beat when too many blanks appear. Sorrowfully do we admit that there are too many blanks which have from the very first year of our Auxiliary Convention life, dimmed to a certain extent the picture as a whole of Free Will Baptist Women's Christian endeavors as carried out through W.N.A.C. channels of work. This year when auxiliary workers assemble together here in Nashville, Tennessee, at our new Bible College Auditorium, I do so want to have a picture gleaming brightly with encouraging facts. You do too, don't you?

To have such a picture, I must depend on each local auxiliary to send in these facts. There seems to be no other way, at present for W.N.A.C. ever to have true and encouraging facts that are so badly needed to use as inspiration for those who will come after us. May I count on you, then, to fill in completely the questionnaire, available at W.N.A.C. headquarters, and to send it back to me if you have not already done so? Eternal gratitude will reign in our hearts for this co-operation on the part of you and you auxiliary members.

You will notice that it is a report of your auxiliary activities from January 1, 1950 up to December 30, 1950. This is the calendar year that has just closed. Thus all local auxiliary work can come in to the National office on an equal calendar year basis regardless of when your district or state auxiliary convention meets. In this questionnaire there may appear to be some repetitions, but just please ignore that thought and proceed to fill in every single item asked for therein.

If more than one questionnaire has come to your auxiliary, please be forgiving and send in only one properly completed.

Thank you.

Most gratefully yours in Christ, for "Workers together with Him" in reported facts as well as in watchword.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier

HAZEL CREEK UNION W. A.

The Women's Auxiliary of Hazel Creek Union Church met Thursday, March 8, with Mrs. Adelma Newcomer at her home in Kirksville, Missouri. Eight members, five children and two men were present.

The president led the devotional period by all singing, "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer by Ethel Thompson. Devotional comments by Mary Filkins. Lesson, "Workers Together With Him Through Our Youth," introduced by Mrs. Newcomer. Scripture reading, Lam. 3:27; I Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:6-7. Topics discussed by Mrs. Van Laningham, Mrs. Filkins, and Mrs. Sponsler. Amount of dues paid was \$4.75. The April meeting will be held with Emma Van Laningham. We were dismissed by all repeating our League benediction.

The following report was made: 757 Bible chapters read; 34 sick calls made; 21 cards and one package sent to shut-ins.

—Contributed

**EAST NASHVILLE CHURCH
PRAISES REV. D. C. DODD**

Rev. Damon C. Dodd
433 East Bend Drive
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Dodd:

No one appreciates the great work you are doing as promotional secretary for our National Association more than the members of the church to which you belong. We have watched with intense interest the progress you have made, how you have gone into scores of communities leading the people of our denomination into more devoted service, how you have been instrumental in pointing thousands to the Way of Life, how you have injected into the denominational veins a much needed zeal for winning men to Christ, and how you have done all this with becoming humility and characteristic efficiency.

Your church feels very keenly the special privilege of having your name upon its roll, and being able to share with you and your family the blessings that God has seen fit to send our way.

With these earnest thoughts uppermost in our minds, we have gathered in a business session to declare our unanimous support of your work, to

extend to you an unreserved vote of confidence, and to offer you a most sincere gesture of commendation which comes from the depths of our hearts.

This action was taken in the East Nashville Church business session of April 4, 1951, and copies of this letter are being sent to the clerk of the National Association, the Free Will Baptist Press, the Free Will Baptist Gem, and a copy included in the minutes of the church.

Very sincerely yours,

C. F. Bowen, Pastor

J. A. Oliver, Chairman of Board

W. B. Harris, Clerk

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March 22, 1951

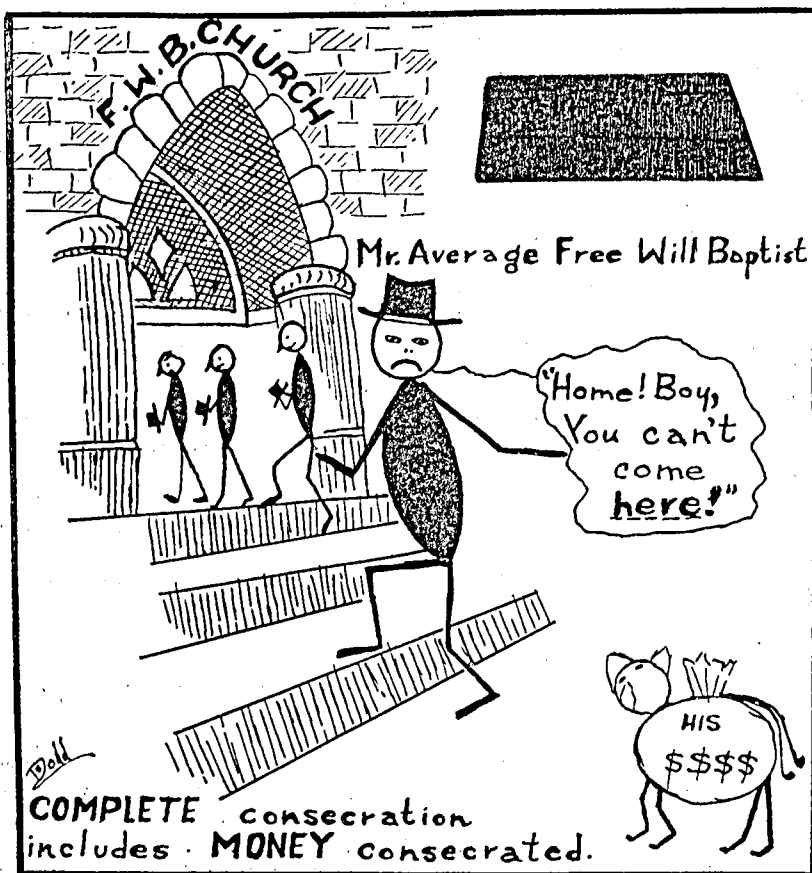
Dear Brother Riggs:

I recieved the statement of the Missions Board for February you mailed to me. And we the Free Will Baptist here in West Florida appreciate the efforts you are making for Foreign Missions. And I feel that there is much greater interest in some of our churches here now. Our church here and also at Malone, Florida and some of the other churches have already come up to their quota and past. But are all in hopes of going farther than before. We have also just paid off all the indebttness on our new Parsonage here.

We are planning to conduct a number of revivals during the next two months. And hope to encourage the people to help Foreign Missions then. Pray much for us and we hope to see you at the National Association.

Yours in Christ,

Chester A. Huckaley



FOREIGN MISSION QUOTAS AND STANDING OF STATES

State	Quota	Paid	Balance
Alabama	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 735.07	\$ 814.93
Arkansas	500.00	424.04	75.96
California	200.00	463.52	
Florida	800.00	568.64	231.36
Georgia	2,000.00	2,166.14	
Illinois	2,500.00	2,405.01	94.99
Kentucky	1,200.00	290.68	909.32
Michigan	4,000.00	6,001.42	
Mississippi	850.00	457.75	392.25
Missouri	8,000.00	5,846.78	2,153.22
North Carolina	11,000.00	9,965.38	1,034.62
Ohio	2,000.00	620.45	1,379.55
Oklahoma	5,000.00	1,518.07	3,481.07
South Carolina	3,000.00	2,105.60	894.40
Tennessee	5,000.00	4,622.23	377.77
Texas	1,600.00	1,554.51	45.49
Virginia	1,500.00	230.23	1,269.77
West Virginia	2,000.00	1,260.68	739.32
Totals	\$52,700.00	\$41,236.20	\$13,894.88
California paid above Quota			\$ 263.52
Georgia paid above Quota			166.14
Michigan paid above Quota			2,001.42
Total paid above Quota			2,431.08
National unpaid balance			\$11,463.80

Above is the standing as of April 1, the top, several are sure to do so, and 1951 and submitted from the office of three have already passed their assigned quota. While this is a fine achievement it is still well below the demand on the field, and far below our potential ability. We can and must do more and more in every department.

THE STRANGE FLIGHT OF THE HUNGRY GULLS

On a craggy island in Penobscot Bay off the coast of Maine, there once lived a thriving colony of sea gulls. They were of the full-throated Herring gull and Laughing gull families and whenever the whole colony rejoiced over an unusually good catch of fish or insects their screaming could be heard far inland. They were powerful flyers and their individual self-reliance, when it came to fishing and procuring other foods, was a source of great satisfaction and pride to every Penobscot gull. There wasn't a scrawny one in the multitude.

The gulls' mass flights to sea searching for schools of fish were beautiful to behold. They ranged far out over the Atlantic, energetically scouting for food, their sleek silver-gray backs and snow-white belly feathers glistening in the sun. And upon re-

turning, tired but proudly holding their fish catch in beaks, their wheelings and turnings and glides were masterpieces of aerodynamic art. For a baby sea gull to be hatched in the Penobscot colony was a stroke of good fortune indeed, for it surely would grow up beautiful and strong, with a zest for life and a proud independence.

Previous Self-Reliance

The Penobscot young hatched out a grayish brown, able to walk and with the instinct for flying and fishing strong within them. For a few weeks parents fed the down-covered babies. But very soon the fledglings were hopping off rocks, testing their gliding equipment. Flying then came quickly. A great thrill for the youngsters was the first carefully chaperoned trip to sea for fishing. At this time the powerful instincts of the species took over. The young gulls were natural fishers. At first they fished quickly but in this way they learned that a full and

satisfied stomach cost considerable effort—that there weren't any 'free' lunches for full-feathered gulls. If the fish weren't running, young and old flew far inland to search out and feed upon hordes of insects such as grasshoppers and even worms. When the time came for the great fall migratory flight to Florida, the young adults were self-sufficient, confident, perhaps a little haughty.

Food Without Effort

One raw November as the Penobscoters were heading for the Florida Keys a squall set them down on Conch Island, a stone's throw off the waterfront at St. Augustine. They were noisily welcomed by masses of Southern gulls. The next morning the Penobscoters were awake and waiting anxiously at dawn for their Southern hosts to guide them toward the fishing grounds. But the fat Conch Island gulls just sat around lazily.

It was 9:15 a.m. before the Conch Islanders took to the air, leading the way. And they did not fly to sea. They flew 100 yards across the waterfront to the shrimp wharf. There, lined up busily cleaning yesterday's catch were nearly 100 shrimp fishing vessels. And in the early morning sunlight the water already had begun to be heavily flecked with tiny dead fish and shrimp scraps. For the Penobscoters, accustomed to working hard for breakfast, this was almost too good to be true; but it was a reality—*food without effort!*

Their Sorry Plight

Thousands of Penobscoters did not fly back North the following April. They were too fat and too well satisfied with life on Conch Island. They hadn't had to bother with fishing and hunting a single day. Always the shrimp fleet was at the wharf, or would be there shortly, with its anytime-a-day free lunch. The fleet and the gulls stayed on. The gulls got fatter and lazier. But one day last March they flew over for breakfast and found no ships. They flew back to Conch Island and sat waiting, eyes toward the sea. They sat waiting all day, necks pulled in, one foot retracted. They got awfully hungry.

Five days and nights passed and they began screaming. The fleet had not returned. They were starving. They sat at the water's edge in long

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BUSY!

That's right. Busy, posting your Foreign Mission money.

Each piece of mail is double checked and Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan is shown entering the amounts in the proper place. The books are set up as follows:

Cash Ledger where *all* receipts and *all* disbursements are posted. Separate accounts are set up as follows: General Fund, Sale of Barnard's Books, Film "Letter to Melitino", Mrs. Jose-

phine Stevens, and India Car Fund. The balance in these various accounts must balance with the Cash Ledger.

A Ledger Sheet is set up for each state. On this ledger sheet is posted the amount of the state's quota for the year, the amount paid to date and balance due. A ledger sheet is set up for "Total States Quota" on which is posted the total quota of all states, amount paid and balance due. This ledger sheet must balance with the individual state ledger sheets.

THE HUNGRY GULLS—(Continued)

rows, helpless, bewildered, staring out to sea, mouthing their hunger-pangs. St. Augustine people heard them and investigated. They found the shrimp fleet had gone forever. They found the gulls dying because *their ability to fish and hunt was gone*. Ornithologists were astonished. The free shrimp lunches, provided month after month, had destroyed the gulls' natural ability to find food for survival. *They were not sea gulls now; they were mere creatures*—helpless wards to be charitably cared for if they were to survive.

Moral: In the animal kingdom or in human society, there is no safe substitute for honest effort in developing self-reliance and pride.

Note—The above factual parable is by Dr. George S. Benson, and is reproduced from tract based on Dr. Benson's syndicated column "Looking Ahead."

RECORD GROUP ATTENDS FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

What is thought to be perhaps the record number for Central Western Missouri in their regular Fifth Sunday Rally Day turned out on Sunday, April 29. The host church was Hannon located in Northwest Barton County. A bus load came from Hickory Grove and a truck load from Independence. Both were accompanied by other cars and the two churches ranked high in attendance among the visitors. Kansas City was represented by Sis. Mary Ruth Wisheart. She does not hold membership there. However, her employment is there and she attends there. We were glad to have her with us. Verdella, Wagoner, and Mt. Olive each had several representatives present at the meeting.

The day started with regular Sunday School study together. Well over 100

were in attendance and the congregation grew throughout the morning and early afternoon. The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Rev. Winford Davis speaking on "But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus." Heb. 2:8, 9. Agreeable weather and a sumptuous meal served on the ground provided the setting for an enjoyable fellowship during the noon hour.

The afternoon program, under the direction of the president Rev. Lowell Martin, came together with congregational singing; prayer by Sis. Audra Dill. After a roll call of churches, a varied program of solos, duets, trios and musical readings was enjoyed. A high point of the program was "Soup, Sand and Sagebrush," in three acts by the Hannon group. Of lighter repartee around the life of a missionary family, it effectively taught the need of missionaries and the necessity of adequate support.

The Executive Board was called into session earlier in the day and examined Sis. Lorene Bowman for licensing to the ministry. Lorene is a fine young lady with much Christian experience and an excellent background. She plans to enter Bible College in Nashville this fall. The program ended with the Clerk of the Board presenting her with a Certificate of License, and calling the congregation to renewed consecration. Sis. Martin led the consecration prayer.

The next meeting, July 29, 1951, will be with the Kansas City Church. Rev. Lowell Martin is to bring the message; Rev. Marie Hyatt, alternate.

— FROM THE FIELD —

Mountain Grove, Missouri

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Reverend Riggs:

I am enclosing a check for (\$20.00) to you. My wife and I try to return a certain amount to the Lord's work from our Insurance. This is for Foreign Missions. This is the Lord's money so thank Him.

Your Brother in Christ,

Frank Raney

The humblest follower of Christ is acknowledged by Him as His brother.