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— MY BIBLE AND I —

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with
sigh!

In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm!
Thy friendship unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
When life had grown weary, and death e'en was
nigh!

But all through the darkness of mist or of wrong,
I found there a solace, a prayer and a song.

So now who shall part us, my Bible and I?
Shall "isms" or "schisms," or "new lights" who
try?

Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,
Supplant Thy sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Ah no, my dear Bible, exponent of light!
Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight!
And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,
We'll travel together, My Bible and I.

—Selected

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This is to announce that there has been a slight increase in the price of the Nationa Free Will Baptist Treatise. This does not come through our choice. As many of you know, we are not the printers of the Treatise. This was given to the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina. Our supply comes from them at a set price, and the sales price is thus established. We have enjoyed handling the many orders for Treatise that have come to us, and hope to continue to serve you when you need more. Our entire stock at the former price is gone and the new ones are priced as follows:

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THE HONOR ROLL

Here are the final standings on the Honor Roll ending with the close of business September 29, 1951. We sincerely thank you for your efforts in our behalf. We trust it has been a great satisfaction to you as you did this work for the Free Will Baptist Gem. It has been both a help and a pleasure to us. Also, to the ones sending in from one to four subscriptions, we truly appreciate your kindness and help. There are a multitude of you who have contributed in these smaller numbers. You have been a help and we thank you.

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With this issue of the paper we are starting a new roll. We are changing the set-up on it some, in that it is designed to run for a full year, or from October 1, 1951 to September 30, 1952. We think this will make things a little more interesting, plus the fact some churches subscribe all in one month and that way their worker can only appear in one of the shorter six month Honor Roll periods. With the longer period every worker will have a chance before the year ends to appear on the same roll. Now, how big can and will we make the roll? That remains to be seen. I know we can make it a big one, and I believe you will do it. Let us hear from you *regularly!* It is vital to us. We will be watching our mail box closely for your regular remittances and subscriptions. You won't let us down, I'm sure of that.

Your subscription to the "Gem", new or renewal, helps you and helps us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We urge you to be a solicitor for the Gem in your church. Thus you can help us and serve the Lord and the denomination.

HOME MISSION S.O.S. CALL

We, your Home Mission Board, are hearing the Macedonian call on every hand. Come and help us! And as much as we would like to answer each call, I am sure you know we can't, because we do not have the money. So, now we are sending this S.O.S. call to all Free Will Baptists. Especially do we appeal to our ministers to send this appeal on to your congregations that they may know the urgency that now exists. We must have funds if we are to carry on our program. We are sending some small coupon books to all our State Directors, and we hope through them that we may have money coming in regularly.

We still have quite a lot of the auto tags, too. All of you preachers and workers who will sell some of them, write to me and I will send them to you and then you can send the money in after you have sold them.

We also expect to have our slide pictures of the work on the field soon. I wish each pastor would allocate just a small amount of your regular offerings to Home Missions; or take a special offering each month for this worthy cause.

We have 26 states without Free Will Baptist Churches; and cities and towns all around us calling for churches to be organized. Did you know that every time a new church is organized, it makes our whole program stronger? We have 130 or more students now in our Bible College, and we need to have work for them to do. I know all of them can't go to the foreign fields. So many of them will work here at home. May I ask you again, Free Will Baptist Co-Worker, will you help us? Send your donations to your State Director or to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma. I will mail an auto tag to anyone sending me one dollar and your address.

Now, dear Free Will Baptist, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, they are white already to harvest. What a white field right here at home! Our home is America.

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Addendum—

The greater the Home Mission program, the greater the Foreign Mission program. The cry for help is coming in every day to the National Home Mission Board. Your support and finance will help in the saving of souls and the establishment of new Free Will Baptist Churches. Two churches have been organized already this year; one at Cairo, Georgia and the other at Duncan, Oklahoma through the help of the National Home Mission Board.

Members of the National Home Mission Board are: Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman, Route 5, Columbia, Tennessee; Rev. Harry E. Staires, Clerk-Treasurer, Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma; and members Rev. Willard C. Day, Mountain Grove, Missouri; Rev. Geo. W. McLain, Kerman, California; Rev. James Evans, Wilson, North Carolina.

Cash on hand July 1, 1951, \$2,373.60. Receipts for July were \$152.60, and for August were 263.24. The grand total was \$2,619.44. Expenditures for this period ran \$1,071.19, leaving a cash balance on September 1 of \$1,741.25.

The National quota for the year is set at \$10,000.00, with \$1,000.00 set as Missouri's part.

Remember, the month of April is special Home Mission Month, with a revival in every church and a special offering from every church. Send reports of the revivals to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Yours for Missions,

Rev. Harry E. Staires

ENTERTAINS ASSOCIATION

Mammoth Springs, Arkansas

Free Will Baptist Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to let you know we at Pleasant Valley are still alive and doing our bit for the Lord. We have service the second and fourth Sundays with our pastor, Bro. Pingleton; then the first Sunday with our Bro. Wheeler. We have Sunday School and prayer meeting on Sunday nights. Our church is not so large, but we thank God for the faithful ones.

We entertained the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptists in August. A good delegation was present and all were in peace and good fellowship. We received one new church into the Association. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time in the Lord at the social services, and at the night services a general good time in the Lord. We had some good preaching and, oh, the fine singing. Altogether it was a meeting long to be remembered. There was a talk made in the interest of the Gem, which we hope may yield some fruit.

By a member, Mrs. J. W. Wilkey

TEXAS ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Northwest Brazos Association of Free Will Baptists of Texas met with the Memphis Free Will Baptist Church at Memphis, Texas. Each church of the association was fully represented and every one received many spiritual blessings.

We voted to change the associational date to the last Friday night before the last Sunday in August. The purpose of this was to try to obtain more outside interest and to give our own members a better opportunity to attend the meeting. We will meet for our next Yearly Meeting at Crowell Free Will Baptist Church, Crowell, Texas in 1952.

We were very happy to see our moderator, Rev. H. H. Haston, taking his place. Rev. Haston had been ill a long while, and had just gone through a throat operation, but we were very thankful to the Lord that he was able to carry on.

Truly, we are laborers together for Christ, and we pray that we will do more for the cause of Christ than we have ever done before.

Willie B. Nall, Clerk

NATIVES BRAVE WOODS AT NIGHT TO STUDY GOSPEL

"Shamrock," Kotagiri
September 11, 1951

Dear Friends in the Homeland:

Six weeks ago we arrived in Kotagiri. It was good to see the beauties of the hill country again, and to feel the friendly welcome of the dear Indian folk. It was more wonderful to see evidences of God's work during the past year. If we never left the house these days we would still be kept very busy answering the calls of those coming to enquire further about the Lord, or to find strengthening fellowship and help in every kind of spiritual problem.

Many of you will remember that upon my arrival in U.S.A. last year I asked prayer for an old man who had come to the house as I was leaving, requesting baptism for himself and 12 others. The dingy paper in his hand bore the names of his family and immediate relatives joining in the request. I counseled him to "follow on to know the Lord," and to give clear evidence of a new heart. I was confident that he had definitely turned away from idols but I was not certain about the rest. It was a great joy, then, to find upon my return that the Lord had continued to work in his heart. Such a scene as took place in our living-room at noon a few Sundays back always makes us wish you could witness it with us. Rangusamy had tottered up here alone, a considerably difficult walk for a feeble old man with poor eyesight, but his heart was burning with a new experience of grace and he must talk with us alone without interference of others. He had turned his back upon all that was connected with the old life, and he was now facing Heaven with Jesus. He had now entirely surrendered himself to Christ, he said. He had the assurance of forgiveness of sins by the blood of Christ. This was his testimony, and his face glowed with a light which we knew came from within and gave witness to a new heart, indwelt by the true and living God. Dan Cronk, instant in season, offered helpful advice. But this only set the old man going, and his words, and illustration of Gospel truth were such

an inspiration to us that I noticed Dan's eyes fill with tears,—and I thought I saw a tear trickle down his cheek. Rangusamy is anxiously awaiting baptism and hopes that by January when Bro. Woolsey comes back he can have brought his entire family into the same experience. "I don't want to go to heaven all alone," he said. "I want to win others, especially my own family. But whether they come, or whether they refuse, I'm on my way to Heaven. Oh, to get there and look in! One glimpse of Jesus and Heaven!" I think that his children are saved, as their lives and their testimonies thus far seem to give satisfactory evidence. But I am afraid the wife is only passively following her husband and has not really been born again. Will you join us in earnest prayer for her salvation. What a testimony that home will be if the wife can share this joyous experience with the husband and thus lend her influence in making that little hovel-of-a-house a place where thirsting souls find the Water of Life!

A young man, for some time an enquirer, has been walking in about 10 miles each Sunday morning to hear the Gospel. It was an inspiration to hear Rangusamy telling his own experience and giving great encouragement to the young man on the outside after the Bible class was over. His name also happens to be Rangusamy. He appears also to have really received the Lord, and now last Sunday he brought a friend whom he is seeking to win. So this keenness to win others appears to us as a real evidence of genuineness. The young man comes from a tea estate where he says they have no Gospel witness and he is imploring us to visit there. Sunday is the only time we can get there by bus outside of working hours, and our Sunday meetings do not give us time to make the trip by bus schedule. So we are anxiously hoping our car will come soon so that we can overcome some of these transportation and time difficulties.

Three or four of our former school boys have taken a bold and open stand for Christ. Please pray for them in these days of testing while, because of

heathen families, they cannot be baptized and must move in the midst of heathenism without even a Christian name to shield them. Meanwhile some of our Christian young men who have continued to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and His Word are being very useful to the work now, teaching Sunday School, supervising Christian boys' clubs in our Reading Room, evangelistic work at night, and best of all in quiet personal soul-winning, while they earn their living in the same toilsome way as their heathen friends. One of our splendid lads, outcaste that he is, has won the heart of a youth of a high caste tribe here, and it has thrilled my heart to watch the lad of high caste seek out our Christian "boys" and learn from them the Truth of the Gospel. There is a magnetism about even the humblest souls who really know the Lord. These young men take the Bible and point out to enquiring friends the truths they themselves have learned in the Bible classes. "His Word... shall not return unto Him void."

We are moving along with definite Bible study, believing as of yore that it is the knowledge of that precious Word that brings light and conviction. But work hours and the whole economic situation here is against us. We need much prayer that the Lord in His passion for the souls of men will break through the obstacles and enable us to have some sort of a systematic Bible School to equip our Christians for living and for witnessing, and through which He can call out suitable ones into a full-time Gospel work. Bibles in the Tamil language are so scarce and the price of even the cheapest is about four days work. Many of our Christians have to do with one to a family even though there may be several adults in the family. Pray for the printing of Bibles in these languages in quantities that will meet the demand, and for prices that the poor people can afford. We keep our Reading Room open so that those without Bibles and eager enough to take the trouble can come and read. I can't imagine too many people at home walking out through the woods at night after a hard day's work to read the Bible, but some do here, praise God! People are hungry for the Truth.

And they are also hungry for food to sustain physical life. In the Madras

Presidency the ration is 2½ ounces of grain per week per person. This is not enough. There is plenty on the blackmarket. But blackmarket prices are so exorbitant that only the rich can reach them. Hungry people are tempted to all sorts of evils. On every hand, from every rank of society, one hears woeful tales of bribery and corruption. It is appalling to try to imagine what the outcome will be. But it is an opportune time to preach an all-sufficient Saviour. Brethren, pray for us!

And now just a word of first impressions of a new missionary, Volena Wilson. After 44 days on the water it was delightful to feel the earth beneath my feet again. As we climbed up, up 6,500 feet above sea-level to Kotagiri I was struck by the beauty of the verdant valleys, hills, and plains—the plains being blue in the distance. Indeed, their beauty is indescribable. The sunrises and sunsets are the most exquisite I've ever beheld and cannot be surpassed anywhere, of that I am certain.

But what a marked contrast when I turn from these matchless scenes of splendor and grandeur to the spiritually starved millions of India living in poverty, filth, disease, sickness, and in the midst of death because of their undying faithfulness to the religion of their forefathers and their untiring efforts to please their gods. They live in constant fear lest they fall short of doing their duty in the observance of ceremonial rites, sacrifices, etc. It is an immeasurable joy to see souls cast aside their life-long teachings, rituals and take a stand for Christ. Their radiant faces clearly speak of the new found peace that is theirs, of the indwelling Christ, and is ever a source of rejoicing. I do find inexpressible gladness in the thought that those who have been transformed by His marvelous grace will exchange their small, insufficiently furnished mud huts for a beautiful mansion some day.

It is impossible not to sense the throbbing pathos of the Indian life—there is a strain of underlying sadness felt. Al! they know is poverty, want, and sorrow—how ineffably pathetic—such an abyss of misery! However, one finds cause to rejoice as he sees the hunger in these people's heart to know the one true, living God. How they

thirstily drink in the Word! Pray that this Word will soon bring forth abundant fruit. Also pray that I may be enabled to master the language as I long to tell of Christ's matchless love and His power to set man free.

Yours in His glad service,

Laura B. Barnard
Volena Wilson

few to do it.

The rains will soon be over so that travel will be much easier in the out-of-the-way places. Please pray for us as we plan an intense year of evangelistic effort.

Rev. Thomas H. Willey

FROM THE DARK CONTINENT

Mseleni, Zululand

COWBOYS HEAR THE GOSPEL

"This building has never been used. We have benches to fill it. It is at your disposal for preaching."

These words were addressed to us by a tall handsome cowboy and rancher from Colorado who has an immense ranch in Cuba. I met him seven years ago in Havana and told him of our effort to reach the Cubans in out-of-the-way places. He said, "If you come to my farm I will build you a church." Seven years must pass before we could reach an open, urgent invitation. Then it took five hours on mule-back to cross great rock cliffs. Now there is a super highway to the entrance of his farm.

The building is a delight to see. It sits in a beautiful valley shadowed by immense limestone cliffs that bring a sense of awe as we look at their majestic pinnacles pointing heavenward. In comparison with its surroundings it is just a speck, but we want to claim it as a House of God.

The rancher demonstrated his interest in our reaching his cowboys by taking us back to their settlement in his jeep station wagon and calling his cowboys to announce the service for that night. We had reason to thank God for the jeep again as it began to rain. The road seemed to head heavenward and our faith was put to the test but we made it. When time for the service we found that a local mounted policeman had gone from house to house inviting the people. We had at the service 50 Cuban cowboys. One man in the group had gotten a Bible and was reading it. He is the foreman and a very solid person. What a joy to lay down the ground work for a Gospel mission in this new place, a place of wide open welcome.

So great is the need we must cry out in prayer, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!" My heart becomes heavy as I think of the great need. Need at the school. Need on the fields. And so

The material and spiritual need of the work is very great, and yet in the midst of great need, we frequently see souls saved, and is that not the reason for which we came here, and how could we be dissatisfied with our work? We do want you to know that both Harold and I are just as happy as we could possibly be. We love every phase of the work, for we know that it is the work of the Lord and for the furtherance of His cause.

Just now we are working on a plan to send pictures showing each soul that has been saved during the past two years since we arrived. We would be foolish to present these as our converts but we have been the ones who have had the encouraging joy of witnessing this harvest. As we think of these individuals one by one, we recognize in each a deep satisfaction that has been brought to our hearts. This keeps us from becoming tired or discouraged in the work.

Just lately we have had our first convert in the meetings held at the store, four miles from the Station. In July the keeper of the store stood and made known to all present that he had chosen the Lord. Now pray for him, for he has three wives and many sinful friends who will make his Christian life very difficult. During one of these meetings, Puzeni, our Postmaster, stood and told the people that he too had chosen the Lord. We knew this a couple of weeks before, but it did our hearts good to see him stand up there and with one hand raised toward Heaven, he stated with a very forceful voice, "I love Jesus Christ."

It would be so easy to keep on and on, telling of these openings in the work but I must conclude now. May God bless you, and please remember us in prayer.

Mrs. Josephine Stevens

Christ died for the Ungodly!

REMEDY FOR HARD TIMES

SCRIPTURE: II Chronicles 7:12-14.

Perhaps you are thinking that such a subject is untimely and unneeded; you're saying, "I'm making more money today than I ever made in my life; I have a better house to live in; I have a better car to drive; I have better clothes and more of them than I ever had before, and she is talking of a 'remedy for hard times.'"

Friend, if these things spell success and *good times* to you, we are of decidedly different opinions. For I am of the opinion that good times are *more* than material possessions. And please, do not interpret that statement to mean that I think it a sin to better our economic status. But to improve our economic status at the expense of our Spiritual life is folly and sin.

In verse 12, it is implied that Solomon prayed, for the Word says, "I have heard thy prayer." The first remedy I would give for our nation is and Old-Fashioned, bent knee gathering around the mercy seat, prayer meeting. How well I know that that kind of thing is frowned upon nowadays, but God has promised to give results. People think 'praying around the altar' went out with kerosene lamps, etc., but the promises of God remain the same, and He promised to meet us "above the mercy seat."

For us to be able to pray effectively there are certain other things that must be done first. To begin with, we need to be humble, and my dictionary defines 'humble' as "having a low estimate of oneself; meek; modest; submissive." Could you say that, as a nation, we are modest; meek; submissive to God and to His will for us?

It is trite for me to say, in regards to many of the leaders of our nation, they are everything but humble. And what's more, too many of our people are blindly following this policy of high-handed, proud, haughty, self-willed, disregard of God. And I dare to raise my voice in condemnation to such a policy. The Word says in Proverbs 14:14, "The backslider in heart shall be filled with *his own ways*..."

Our nation has been built on the principles of humbleness before God; our prayerful solicitation of His blessings; the essential dignity of every

human being; respect for wisdom; the right of every person to earn their livelihood.

Do you remember when there has ever been such flagrant disregard for the "old-fashioned" virtues? People laugh at you today when you say, "I'll need to pray about that decision first." "Pray!" the scoff, "Do you think God wants to be burdened with your trifling problems or needs?" Yes! A thousand times, YES! God wants us to call on Him, to acknowledge Him as our Supreme Commander.

I'm quoting from an editorial in the June, 1951 issue of *The Missionary Crusader*: "Wicked rulers will have much to answer for in eternity for their dealing with the precious lives of men and women as if they were pawns on a chessboard. At the Yalta Conference held in 1945 between President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joe Stalin, the more than 19 million people of Korea were dealt with as if they had been so many cattle...in order to pacify the gangsters of the Kremlin...about 10 million North Koreans were handed over to the Communists to do with as they pleased. Then began the fatal work of the indoctrination of these people in the principles of Communism. Some of the finest Christians in the world were in North Korea, and, a short time before, a revival in that country had brought the church to a high state of spiritual power. However, the Communists first aim was to destroy the church, and get rid of the Christians, who, they knew, would oppose their program. As a result of the massacre among the Christians of that country, the church was almost completely wiped out. Hebrews 11:37, 38 has been literally fulfilled, according to the reports of Missionaries who know the facts. There has never been a greater crime committed in the annals of the human race than that which the three national rulers committed on that day. We do not know the number of Christians in Korea at the beginning of the Communist regime, but there were, perhaps, a million, the great part of whom have been destroyed.

"A few years ago these people were meeting in their churches in peace just as we are today, never dreaming any more than we are today, of the terrible things that were about to befall them. But in brief time the blow came, and we have the terrible situation here de-

scribed. Who knows but that we here in America may lose our freedom of worship just as speedily? The hand of persecution may fall here just as it fell there, and we are far from having the background of faith that they had to enable us to endure persecution as historically as they have. ..."

I repeat, it is time for us to fall on our faces, humble ourselves and pray that we might be spared. It is ironic that only six short years ago we were *demanding*, but today, we make *every kind of appeasement* at the Peace Conference in California.

Friends, I would to God that we might seek fellowship with Him as He asks us to when He says, "*seek my face*." He is reminding us that "they who seek me with a whole heart shall find me."

You are thinking, "But I'm only one person. How could I help or change this situation?" Friend, Christ died to save *you*. And when you have accepted the Prince of Peace as your Saviour and Lord, your life and influence will be felt in a far different way than it is now. And as you change, the country is changed, and so the state, and so the nation.

Further, He says, "turn from your wicked ways." The Lord Jesus has left an example, how a *victim to the will of God* can become the *victor in the work of God*. We can become victors instead of victims, if we will awaken from our mental and spiritual lethargy and "*turn from our wicked ways*." But, friends, it is only as we are vanquished by the power of the Holy Ghost that we are conquerors in this present evil world.

The promise is—"then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." I contend that we are in the midst of "hard times" and I have endeavored through the Word to give you God's remedy.

Will you not kneel where you are and "seek His face" that your soul will be spared and the curse be lifted from our nation, for God has said, "The nation that forgets God shall perish."

Note: The foregoing message was by Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards and was graciously contributed by her. Sis. Edwards is Editor of the Woman's Auxiliary section of the Gem. Since the W.A. section is pretty well filled this time, we have taken the liberty of

separating this message from the rest of the Auxillary contributions. The message was originally delivered over radio station K.F.M.O. of Flat River where Leadington Church has a regular broadcast each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:30. If in reach of this station, make this hour a regular listening habit.—Ed.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

Rev. Raymond Riggs - Michigan

TEXT: Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

These words were penned by the Psalmist David, and were primarily written for the children of Israel when they came up to Jerusalem to worship. What Jerusalem was to the children of Israel, our local churches should be to us today. We should be just as eager and joyful to attend the church of our choice as those in former days. Our country was founded on Christian principles by God-fearing men and women who were glad of the golden opportunity to attend the services of the Lord. Distance, weather conditions, modes of transportation did not stand in their way.

Tomorrow is the Lord's Day, or the Christian Sabbath. It is the day when we here in this great city that is saturated with industrial strife, crime and sin should turn aside from our cares and attend the house of God. We should not let anything come between us and our regular church attendance. George Washington's pastor once said of him: "No company ever kept him away from church. I have often been at Mt. Vernon on the Sabbath morning when his breakfast table was filled with guests. But to him they furnished no pretext for neglecting his God and loosing the satisfaction of setting a good example. Instead of staying at home out of fancied courtesy to them, he used constantly to invite them to accompany him." Many today are using 'flimsy' excuses to keep them away from the house of God when we too should be setting the good example, and be glad to go into the house of the Lord.

There are many reasons why we should be glad, as David was, to go in-

to the House of God. In the first place, we should be glad to do so because we know that it is pleasing to Him who has died to redeem us from sin. Of course we can, and should, worship the Lord in our homes, and constantly in our heart, but there is something about public worship that is especially pleasing to our God. The Apostle Paul tells in Heb. 10:25 to "Not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." We need spiritual strength in these last days. Many are the things to weaken us and truly the tempter is ever on the job. To stay away from church services because we have so many other engagements and so little strength left is like staying away from the table because we are so weak and hungry, and it takes all our time to sweep and wash dishes. The church is a place to get spiritual strength for other duties, just as the table is a place to get bodily strength.

In the second place, we should be glad to go into the house of the Lord because of the influence that the church has on the lives of individuals. Those who come under the influence of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ and are truly saved by faith in His blood, make good citizens. They make good husbands, they make good wives, they make good fathers and mothers. The reason for this, of course, is because they are made new creatures. II Cor. 5:17.

On November 30, Governor Harry F. Kelly in an address made the following statement: "Juvenile delinquency represents a war casualty as grievous as those issued by the Army and Navy. Offenses against common decency committed by girls aged 12 or younger during 1944 were 352% above the 1940 level. During the last calendar year, 22% of all crimes were committed by youngsters who had not yet reached their twenty first birthday. They were responsible for 35% of the robberies, 51% of the burglaries, 35% of the larcenies, and 63% of all auto thefts. A survey shows that 30,000 of our one million Michigan school youth are showing anti-social behavior tendencies that will lead to delinquency."

My friend we are prone to quickly accuse the youth of our land today for the aforesaid conditions, but I honest-

ly believe that if these who are guilty had of been brought up under the influence of church and Sunday School, the picture would be much brighter. The trouble lies with the parents of our youth who have been too busy earning 'big money' and loitering around the theatres, beer gardens, and other hell holes, and did not have time to take them to the House of God.

If our youth are won to Christ through the Home and the church it will do more to combat this crime wave than any Legislation or Program we might inaugurate.

I thank the Lord for an old fashioned, praying, Bible loving, stay-home, baby-spanking mother who took me to church and Sunday School, and now I can say with David, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Remember, go to church somewhere regularly.

(Article contributed by W.A. Editor.)

EVANGELIST

Rev. John Rogers is now available for evangelistic work. Bro. Rogers is filled with enthusiasm for the Lord and is ready to proclaim Christ and defeat sin in any form. We feel you will do well to call Bro. Rogers if your church is in need of an evangelist. Only a love offering for his services.

TWENTY-SEVEN SAVED IN S.E. MISSOURI REVIVAL

Hello Gem Readers:

I would like to report to God's children, that we have just closed a revival at Bright's Stone Church. God poured out His spirit on us, and we had a glorious time in His love. Twenty-seven precious souls were saved, nineteen of them were young people. Sixteen of these young people alone followed the Lord in His example of water baptism by immersion, on Sunday September 9, after an old time basket dinner on the ground at the church.

Thanks be unto God for His every presence. God is yet on the throne, ready to bless and save the lost. May God richly bless you and your church, Gem Readers.

Yours truly in Christ,

Rev. John Rogers



From The Editor's Desk



MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ENJOYS FELLOWSHIP AND BLESSINGS IN ANNUAL MEET

The Thirty-Eighth Annual session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Youth Camp near Niangua, Missouri on Tuesday evening, September 11. A nice delegation was on hand for the opening session, as was true throughout the entire convention. Peace and harmony prevailed in nearly every transaction, which, no doubt, contributed materially to the many spiritual blessings manifested. All eleven o'clock and evening periods were entirely devoted to worship and devotion, while business of the body was cared for at other morning and afternoon sessions.

Organization

The Wednesday morning session was devoted to the organization. Letters were received from 10 of the affiliated District Associations and their delegates seated. Visiting brethren from other bodies were seated in council. Election of officers saw Rev. O. T. Allred re-elected Moderator by acclamation, as was the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Benjamin Scott, and the Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. Marie Hyatt. Members of the Executive Board elected were Rev. Rolla Smith to fill a one year unexpired term, and Rev. A. W. Brook for a regular five year term. Elected to the Superannuation Board were Rev. John Long to fill a four year unexpired term, and Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys for a regular five year term. The selection for the Youth Camp Board was Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite for a regular term. Choosing not to make all committee selections, the Moderator asked for and was granted a Committee on Committees to do this work.

Business Transactions

Every delegate present seemed to realize the responsibility of their position in the transaction of business, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, many progressive moves were

adopted. Reports from the Youth Camp Board, the Executive Board, the Gem Office, the State Treasurer and other departments all indicated progress made and victories won during the past year; however, all set forth or indicated definite needs for the future progress in their department. Both the State Sunday School Convention and the State League Convention petitioned the Association to create a Board to be the business head of their respective organizations operating in a manner similar to their National parents. The several appointed committees worked diligently to prepare and present many other items of business designed to advance the work of Christ among men. One item so introduced came from the Publication Committee and meeting with favor, placed Missouri Free Will Baptists on record as favoring a National Publication owned and controlled by the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be located at Nashville, Tennessee in conjunction with other department heads located there. This proposal came first from a district association. It was not designed to disrupt any publications now in operation, but stems from the recognized and urgent need of a more widely circulated publication to serve all the people everywhere and to be supported by all the people everywhere. Its design entails nothing more. The Free Will Baptist Gem will continue to operate, at least until this objective is a reality, God so willing.

Woman's Auxiliary

The Wednesday eleven o'clock hour and the afternoon session were turned to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. As is so often true, the women found it necessary to work under a great handicap, this time due to a heavy rain and cold wind buffeting the tent almost continuously. A tent under these conditions is hardly the ideal

situation for a business session. But, unyielding to circumstance or handicap, they concluded their business session with progressive movements set in motion. The previous officers were again installed in their respective positions, with Mrs. Agnes Smith heading the organization. The Mountain Grove Auxiliary presented a fast moving playlet entitled, "Let Susie Do It," which presented a message and a challenge to every person present.

Worship Periods

Of paramount interest to all were the regularly scheduled devotional and worship periods. As the appointed hour would near the tent would rapidly fill with delegates who would suspend their committee work, and with all others who could cease from their different chores. At the evening services the tent would literally bulge at the seams as the adjoining community turned out to share these spiritual feasts with us.

On Tuesday evening Rev. Harvey Hill was present to deliver the Introductory Message, having been selected at the previous setting of the Association. Using Isaiah 24:20 as a text, Bro. Hill spoke concerning the "Material and Spiritual Crisis" we are experiencing today. A powerful message with some sobering statistics was delivered, and every heart was both lifted and solemnized.

The Auxiliary message at the 11:00 o'clock hour Wednesday was delivered by Rev. Mark Lewis. Bro. Lewis spoke of the duties of stewardship in our day. His message was timely and well received. More concerning this good message will be found in the W.A. section.

The pulpit committee's selection for Wednesday evening was Rev. John Rogers, evangelist from Southeast Missouri Association. Bro. Rogers spoke concerning the "Victory that Overcometh the World." Though the weather was cold, the ground wet, and in most ways a gloomy night, yet the Spirit of God attended the message and hearts were aflame with the goodness of God. The shouting of the saints reverberated among the hills.

Rev. Willard Day, a new comer to

most of us in Missouri and now pastor of the Mountain Grove Church, was the selection for Thursday at 11:00 o'clock. Bro. Day is a forceful speaker and brought a forceful message. Using Mark 10:46-52 as a Scriptural setting he spoke of the "Need of the Hour." Like this blinded man, it was pointed out that we too, have a great need, we have a great opportunity, and if we will but also make a great cry we shall receive a great blessing.

We were highly privileged to have with us for the evening service Rev. Henry Melvin of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. The Spirit directed Bro. Melvin in speaking on the subject of the "Judgment," which he did with clearness and alacrity. The Lord blessed in a mighty way and two souls accepted Christ at an old fashioned altar. After this message Bro. Melvin spoke on the progress and needs of the Bible College.

In our last worship service at 11:00 o'clock Friday morning, Bro. Wm.

Buster, evangelist from Thebes, Illinois, was the speaker chosen. Bro. Buster brought us one of his usually good messages. Speaking from the Scriptural standpoint that "She hath done what she could," the Spirit used him to climax the entire session of the Association and bring into sharp focus the fact that there are many things before us to be done in the next year, and that we will have to be very busy both at home and abroad if we are to come into the Association next year able to say of our organization "She hath done what she could."

On this high Spiritual plain the session was ended. While duties at home were beckoning a speedy departure, yet there was a decided reluctance to depart from this place that had grown so close to each heart in so short a time. One by one the cars headed out with the occupants expressing virtually a common resolve to be back in the State Association again next year, the Lord so willing.

please, make it your business to keep the matter of subscriptions and the need of support of the Gem before your people ALL the time—*Every Service* if necessary—*ALL YEAR*. Don't let 50¢ (inflated at that) hinder or stop the Gem. Subscriptions and other support are vital to us, and *YOU* as Personal Workers in your church are our means of contact. Pray for us, and put feet on your prayers with regular contributions to the Gem.

ABOUT YOUR GEM ADDRESS

Some months ago the Post Office Department changed certain regulations and orders concerning the delivery of all second class matter (such as the Free Will Baptist Gem). What it boils down to in effect and practice is that if there is *one thing wrong in any way* with your address the paper is returned to us and we must pay a considerable postage to receive it back. This we must guarantee to do in order to have mailing privileges for the Gem. Your Gem is returned to us if you have moved and left no forwarding address, if you have moved and did not guarantee forwarding postage on all mail, if you have been re-zoned, re-numbered, or your street re-named. If you have moved only one house down the street, or from a rural route to general delivery, or any change in any way, your Gem is returned to us. We have even been receiving some back where the addressee is still living where they have for some time, but the streets have been re-named. In returned mail only those who have furnished their postoffice with their new address have the change on it. On all others there is no way for us to know where your new location is.

These things happen when you fail to notify us of a change in your address: (1) You miss your Gem for the month or it is suspended longer while we await your new address, (2) This is a great inconvenience to us—it is much easier to correct your address by receiving word from you at once of any change, and (3) It costs us postage which is not necessary and we can ill afford.

May we suggest you check your address and notify us at once of any error or change. We'll appreciate it. This will aid us materially in getting your Gem to you on time.

GEM SUBSCRIPTION UPPED

One item of business emanating from the Business Committee and unanimously adopted by the body at the recent Missouri State Association had to do with raising the price of the Subscription for the Free Will Baptist Gem.

The same problem faced the committee last year. It looked impossible to avoid a raise at that time. Yet, we dared try it with the hope that costs of supplies and utilities would subside during the year. Obviously we were disappointed in this, as prices continue to spiral upward unabated. So it seemed there was no longer a choice about it this year. With much reluctance that such a plan need be incorporated, the committee nevertheless felt it the only thing to do. The delegated body readily concurred in this decision with a unanimous vote. Also, unanimous was the agreed price of \$1.50 (except for many who felt it should be even more), and the date of effect for the measure was set as November 1, 1951. This means that the old price of \$1.00 is still good all through October. Now it was expressly implied that the new rate apply to renewals of November or after. This

means your expiration date will determine when the new rate effects you. Therefore, it will not be acceptable to send in only one dollar for extension of a subscription expiring some time after that date and expect a full year extension (we will apply any amount received at any time for a maximum benefit to you).

Now, some have in the past had a regular habit of enclosing a one dollar bill in an envelope for their subscription—new or renewal. This has been very agreeable with us but is not a very safe procedure, and will now be even less safe with a heavy coin in the envelope. We suggest that you use a personal check. This is convenient, provides a record for you, and is inexpensive as you pay no money order charges. However, if you prefer to send bills, send two of them, and if you specify for us to apply ALL of it to the subscription, we will be glad to do it. In such a case you will be extended 16 months instead of one year. Otherwise the extra will be entered as an offering from you and your time extended the conventional year.

With this we would like at this time to appeal to all the subscribers and to every pastor, Sunday School superintendent, and every leader—



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



CONVENTION MESSAGE

One of the high lights of the Annual Auxiliary Convention was the morning message from God's Word. Rev. Mark Lewis, pastor of Fellowship Church of Flat River, was the speaker previously chosen. At the appointed time Bro. Lewis came forward and was used of the Holy Spirit to deliver the message God had given him for this hour. His Scriptural basis was from Luke 12:42; his text I Cor. 6:19, 20, and his subject, "Now is the hour for proven stewardship."

Bro. Lewis brought to our attention that Stewardship embraces (1) Time, Ephesians 5:14-16; II Peter 3:3, 4; (2) Talent (parable of the talent); and (3) possessions—(a) workers, Leviticus 27:30, (b) families, Mal. 3:10, and (c) wages, Prov. 3:9, 10. Again we were faced with the Gospel revealed fact that "We are bought with a price," that we are not really our own, we belong to the Lord, and that at best we are merely stewards of that which we seemingly possess. A pathetic truth was emphasized that the world is at present drunken and reeling under the influence of its greatest economic prosperity. Again, prosperity has not produced loyalty or faithfulness, but has fostered betrayal and unfaithfulness. The pointed challenge to the Christian was to prove your stewardship and "be found faithful." The message and the challenge were timely and to be long remembered.

A DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

(As given by Rev. Eunice Edwards at the Missouri State Auxiliary Convention.)

THEME: "Now Is the Hour for Consecration."

ISAIAH 61:3—"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called Trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified."

P. E. Sharp tells this story of the "fire-lily" of Africa: "A grass fire in a hill country is one of the most wonderful sights in a wonderful land, surpassing in subtle attraction the grandeur of a veld fire on the plain with its roaring flames leaping skyward as they lick up the tall dry grass. Among the mountains where the grass is much shorter you watch with tireless fascination the long running lines of light on a distant height—sometimes like the illumination of a town seen from far away. With morning the scene is changed. You lift your eyes to greet the mountains you love, and they answer you with blackened faces. A little longer and these same hills are clothed in springing green, and from ashes, one of the first of the flowers, rises the 'fire-lily' like a little scarlet flame.

"Beauty for ashes! Here are the very words of God incarnate in His works. The matchless message of Isaiah 61:3 comes with a deeper meaning as we consider the 'fire-lily'."

IS THIS CONSECRATION?

I'll go where you want me to go,
Dear Lord,

Real service is what I desire;
I'll say what you want me to say,
Dear Lord,

But don't ask me to sing in the
choir.

I'll say what you want me to say,
Dear Lord,

I like to see things come to pass;
But don't ask me to teach boys and
girls, Dear Lord,

I'd rather just stay in my class.

I'll do what you want me to do, Dear
Lord,

I yearn for the Kingdom to thrive—
I'll give you my nickles and dimes,
Dear Lord,

But please don't ask me to tithe.

I'll go where you want me to go, Dear
Lord,

I'll say what you want me to say;
I'm busy just now with myself, Dear
Lord,

I'll help you some other day.

Consecration is simply letting God have what He has already paid for.

*It may be on a kitchen floor,
Or in a busy shopping store,
Or teaching, nursing, day by day,
'Till limb and brain almost give way;
Yet if, just there, by Jesus thou are
found,
The place thou standest on, is Holy
Ground.*

(M. Colley)

Some one has said, "Look at God's method of producing corn and see something of His method of producing saints."

"...to give unto them beauty for
ashes," Isaiah 61:3.

But there were only ashes when He
came

Saying, "My daughter, thou hast tried
to serve

In thine own way! but now, stretch
forth thy hands

That I may lead thee out of self's
dark cell

And work My will through thee—
When thou hast ceased to be."

I said, "My youth is gone; my strength
is gone;

My life—it lies before Thee bare and
sere.

For very shame I cannot offer Thee
These ashes that are left me, grey and
drear.

Yet, work thy will in me
And teach me not to be."

Then through the ashes of that fading
fire

He breathed His breath; and when the
ash had fled,

Laid on some smouldering embers a
live coal.

That was His life, His love, all flaming
red.

"Thy will be done in me,
So shall I live in Thee."

(Author unknown)

Please send all your Auxiliary notices, programs, reports and articles to your Woman's Auxiliary Editor.

MISSOURI W. A. OFFICERS

Auxiliary Officers for the Missouri State Convention were elected as follows:

President ... Agnes Smith, Kirksville
 First V.P. ... Eunice Edwards, Desloge
 Sec. V.P. ... Lucille Beatty, Fredericktown
 Third V.P. ... Jewell Campbell, Monett
 Fourth V.P. ... Burnice Davis, Monett
 Fifth V.P. Georgia Hill,
 132 E. Loretta, St. Louis
 Sec.-Treas. Evelyn Alyea, Neosho

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE
REPORT**

(Missouri State W. A. Convention)

We, the Business Committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that we pay \$6.50 to the Free Will Baptist Gem for the printing of the programs.

2. We recommend that we reimburse Rev. Eunice Edwards \$2.71 which she paid to the W.N.A.C. for the shortage in dues from Missouri.

3. We recommend that we instruct our women to pay hereafter the correct amount of dues, which is 30¢ per member.

4. We recommend that reports be sent in from January to January to coincide with the National reports.

5. We recommend that each Auxiliary adopt the Co-Laborer plan of support.

6. We recommend that we continue with the two page report in the Gem for our woman's work and that we continue with the same financial plan as last year.

7. We recommend that an offering be taken to help defray the expenses of our convention.

{ Lucille Beatty
 Mrs. Wendell Sevits
 Eunice Edwards

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

On Wednesday, September 5, nine members and six children met with Maizie Sevits for an all day Auxiliary meeting. More dresses were made for the children's home, and also quilt blocks for them.

The President led the devotional with all singing "Close to Thee." Agnes

Smith led in prayer. I John 1:1-4 and I John 2:1-8 was read for the scripture lesson. Ethel Thompson, Delma Newcomer and Emma VanLandingham discussed the topics of our lesson "Working Together with Him Through Our Literature."

Motion made and seconded to purchase enough bleached sheeting for six sheets for the children's home.

Bible chapters read, 507; sick calls made, 70, and 40 cards sent.

Lola Filkins, Secretary

PROGRAM —

W. A. Convention of Oklahoma

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OCTOBER 23, 1951

First Free Will Baptist Church,
 Wewoka, Oklahoma

THEME: *The Hour Is Come*, John 12:23

WATCHWORD: *Glorify Him*.

CONVENTION HYMN: "It is Glory Just to Walk with Him."

Tuesday Morning:

9:30 Registration

10:00 Hymns of praise.. Mildred Cash
 Pianist Ava Hellard
 Devotional Hattie Newman
 Welcome ... Mrs. Ralph Staten

10:15 Salutations from National and District Conventions.

10:30 President's Message Bessie
 Staiores

10:45 Appointment of committees

10:55 Recess

11:00 It is Glory Just to Walk with Him through Worship.

Special Music .. Ada Auxiliary
 Sermon Rev. George Scott,
 Oklahoma City

Benediction

12:00 Lunch and fellowship.

Tuesday Afternoon:

1:00 The Hour of Information—Convention Officers in charge of the classes

1:30 Singspiration Mildred Cash
 Prayer Mrs. Claude Rice
 Response .. "Heavenly Sunshine"

1:40 1951 Progress and 1952 Goals,
 Cleo Pursell

2:00 Glorifying Him through—

Enlistment Cleo Pursell
 Our Youth Jean Wilson

Study Courses Edna Dehart
 Programs Verdun Bingham
 Benevolence Nettie Barnett
 Finance Myrtle Richburg

2:15 Chorus time, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

Committee reports—

Registration — Appreciation

Obituary — Credential

Finance — Plan of Work

Resolution

Declamation Contest Second vice-president in charge

3:15 Election of officers

"Now is the Hour for Installation" Rev. Weldon Wood

Reading of the minutes

Offertory

4:00 Adjourn

Mrs. Ralph Staiores, President
 Mrs. Walter Richburg, Sec.-Tr.

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI W. A.
MEETS AT SHIBLEY'S POINT**

The Northeast Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Convention met Saturday afternoon, September 1, 1951, with the Shibley's Point Church. The president, Sis. Agnes Smith, was in charge.

The service was opened with the congregation singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." We were lead in prayer by Mrs. Fern Kelsey. The president read for the Scripture lesson the second chapter of Titus. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Green Grove, Hazel Creek Union and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. We then had the election of officers, with Sis. Agnes Smith elected president, Sis. Mildred Gilliam, vice-president, and Leona Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

The following program was given: Song—"Just A Closer Walk with Thee," by Andy Lay; reading—"Manna," by Mrs. Gussie Byers; song—"An Empty Mansion," by Mrs. Leonard Thomas and Mrs. Ernest Thomas; song—"Anywhere is Home," Shirley and Leola Paris, and a pageant—"The Light of Stewardship." Hazel Creek Union.

At the conclusion of the program the service was turned over to the Associational Moderator.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y.-Treas.

NEWSY BRIEFS

OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

AULSBURY CHAPEL CHURCH

At the annual business meeting of our church, Rev. James F. Miller was re-elected as pastor for the coming year. We are truly thankful for Bro. and Sis. Miller as they labor to faithfully from year to year as servants of God. We are indeed thankful for the many spiritual blessings of the past year, but feel that still greater blessings await us if we remain faithful to His cause.

August 19 was Home Coming Day at our church. The speaker for the morning worship hour was Rev. Robert Wilfong, missionary to Cuba. At noon a bountiful dinner was enjoyed on the church lawn. In the afternoon service special numbers in song were rendered and talks given by three of our former pastors—Rev. C. B. Dees of Flat River, Rev. Charles Moyer of Farmington, and Rev. Albert Halbrook of Mine La Motte. A large crowd attended and old acquaintances were renewed, and a rich fellowship enjoyed by all.

On Monday night, August 13 we were privileged to have with us the Gospelairs Quartet from the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, who brought inspiring messages in song and testimony.

We are looking forward to our revival which begins on September 30 with Rev. Benjamin R. Scott as our evangelist.

Please remember us when you pray.

Mrs. Audrey Boyd, Cor. Sec'y.

CHURCH DEDICATED

Exeter, California
September 23, 1951

Dear Gem Readers:

With thankful heart we give this report of the Free Will Baptist Church of Farmersville, California.

On the 29th day of July we dedicated our Church house to God, all finished and paid for. All our thanks go to God, for without His help we could do nothing.

Rev. W. A. Huddleston preached the dedication sermon, followed by our pastor, Rev. Fred Marler. Sitting at the stand with them were: Rev. Wilk-

inson, Rev. H. E. Dixon, pastor of the Selma Church; Rev. F. A. McCage, pastor of the Porterville Church; Rev. E. M. McCaully, Rev. J. E. Bridges, pastor of the Orange Cove Church; Rev. L. K. Wood, Rev. Sam Roberson, Rev. J. W. Allen, and Rev. Morris.

The deacons present included Jasper Gates, Ira Malson, and Pete Usher. Other ministers and deacons were present but I don't recall their names.

Lunch was served and a good time in the Lord was enjoyed by all.

One of our present visitors is a minister who has been in the ministry for 54 years. We enjoy his presence very much.

God has wonderfully blessed our church. We ask an interest in your prayers that we will stay where God can use us.

Last, but not least, we thank God for our pastor, a real man of God.

Your Sister in Christ,

Margie Dean Miller, Reporter

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH HOSTS RALLY DAY MEET

The regular Fifth Sunday Rally Day meeting of Central Western Missouri convened with Hickory Grove Church near Harrisonville, Missouri on Sunday, September 30, 1951. Services started with the regular Sunday School classes. The morning worship was opened by a congregational number, "Farther Along." Bro. Wm. Buster, evangelist, brought the message. He read for a Scripture lesson, Romans 1:13-25 and used for his text, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (v16). The Spirit blessed in the delivery of this good message and hearts were lifted. The congregation sang, "Near the Cross." Dismissed by Rev. Lowell Martin.

A bounteous meal was served on the church lawn, for which Bro. Kicenski asked the blessing. The hour was further enjoyed because of the fellowship of the brethren.

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing. Scripture reading, Galatians 6:1-9, was by Rev. Roena Thomas. Prayer was by Sis. Thora

Arbogast. The following program was given.

Solo—"I've Got the Joy in My Heart," Sue Arnold. Trio—"Beautiful Life," Verdella boys. Solo—"God's Tomorrow," Lena Marie Reed. Song, "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You," the Nutting family. Song—"Camping in Canaan," the Verdella and Hannon young folks. Reading by Bro. R. L. Nutting.

An offering of \$36.59 was received, one-half for the morning speaker and one-half for Missions. The December Rally will be at the Wagoner Church near Stockton, Missouri. The speaker will be Rev. Marie Hyatt, with Rev. Alice Dickey, alternate. Churches represented were Mt. Olive, Wagoner, Hannon, Verdella, and Kansas City, with visitors from other religious bodies. A standing vote of thanks was extended Hickory Grove Church for their fine entertainment. The program was resumed with these additional numbers. Play—"Challenge of the Cross," Hickory Grove. Solo—"Is It Well with My Soul," Alice Snyder. Dismissal by Sis. Alice Dickey.

Data by Theo Bough

NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

Dear Gem Readers:

Our association met with the Pleasant Ridge Church on the ninth of August, 1951. We had a real good time and a good meeting all the way through though we are small in number.

We had with us on Friday Eld. Fred Jones of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Eld. Roy Jones and Eld. Curtis Wilson, both of Lebanon, Missouri, and Eld. Arthur Baley, all of other associations. We are always glad to have visitors with us from other churches.

May the Lord bless each and every one of us and watch over all till He comes in the air for us all.

—Contributed

This article crowded out last issue. Ed.

"Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

OKLAHOMA YOUNG PEOPLE DESIRE A LEAGUE

Jennings, Oklahoma
September 8, 1951

We have just closed out a revival 20 miles from Atoka, Oklahoma and 12 miles from Antlers. The church is a new rock building about 40 x 60 feet (real pretty), with electric lights and a butane system.

The second Sunday I was there we had 72 in Sunday School. We enjoyed an all-day service with over one hundred for dinner. This is, of course, a Free Will Baptist Church known as Center Point; Rev. Wharton is the pastor. The meeting continued 12 nights and the church was revived in a great way. Five gave their hearts to God. There was a house full every night and some folks standing outside. We had preachers of several different denominations present most every night.

There are many country schools down there, and those teachers have God in their lives. They are not ashamed to stand and witness for God. The church has a very fine bunch of young folks. They need a League. I trust some workers will go their way and help them start. They expressed a desire for a League.

Preachers, go down some weekend, visit these folks and preach for them. This is in the Southern Association, and they don't have many preachers. Look up Rev. Wharton or phone him out of Atoka.

Pray for us,

Rev. Hattie Newman

NORTHEAST MISSOURI TO BUILD YOUTH CAMP CABIN

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday meeting convened with the Green Grove Church September 30, 1951. Sunday School was held at the 11:00 o'clock hour. The morning worship service followed with Rev. Rolla Smith bringing a fine message. Reading for the Scripture lesson Ezekiel 9, he used verses four through six for his text. His subject was, "Some Signs of the Righteous." The congregation then sang "Just As I Am." We were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Alta Mikel.

A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour. The afternoon session was opened under the leadership of the

president, Sis. Agnes Smith. The congregation sang, "I Am Thine O Lord." We were led in prayer by Sis. Maxine Montgomery. The president read for the Scripture lesson Luke 11:1-13. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Green Grove, Hazel Creek Union, and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be with the New Harmony Church, with Rev. Eddie Hobbs bringing the eleven o'clock message; Rev. June Truitt, alternate.

It was decided for each pastor to choose one member from each church to be on the committee to make plans to build a cabin at the Youth Camp.

The following program was given. Duet—"Something Got Hold of Me," June and Bernice Thomas. Duet—"Not Made with Hands," Leola and Shirley Parris. Pageant—"Let Susie Do It," Hazel Creek Union. Solo—"O How Much He Means to Me," Rev. Eddie Hobbs. Reading by Kendel Sevitts. Pageant—"I Love to Tell the Story," Green Grove.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Mildred Gilliam.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y.-Treas.

'ONE GOD' THEORY EXPOSED

One would wonder how that anyone that had ever read the Bible could believe that there is but one person in the Godhead, but I have seen people that seemed to use intelligence about other things yet, when it came to trying to explain the Scriptures they were not even logical.

I am not able to understand though how anyone that has studied the Bible any at all could say there are not three persons in the Godhead.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

When Jesus was baptized a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:17. Jesus was not in heaven at that time, who do you think was speaking?

On the mountain of transfiguration that same person spoke again and said, "This is my beloved Son; hear him." Mark 9:7.

Jesus called God *His Father*, "But Jesus answered them, *My Father* worketh hitherto, and I work." John 5:7.

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." John 5:30.

Paul said, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Corinthians 1:3.

Jesus prayed to the Father. He said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter." Jn. 14:6.

Do you think that Jesus was talking to himself in the garden when he said, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done." Lk. 22:42.

On the cross Jesus said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46.

Christ has entered into heaven "To appear in the presence of God for us." Hebrews 9:24.

"For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

Because Jesus said, "He and Father are one," (John 10:3) and John said, "There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." I John 5:7. Some say there is only one in the Godhead.

The Scriptures also say, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh." Matt. 19:5. Yet no one would say that they were only one person. In the same sense the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are spoken of as being one.

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God." I John 4:15.

Of course, then, those that deny that Jesus is God's Son could not hope for God to dwell in them.

Before I close I would like to voice a warning.

Paul said, "For this cause God shall send them delusion (do you suppose it might be the so-called unknown tongues?) that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." II Thess. 2:11:12.

(Condensed from a tract by—)

Rev. A. B. Talbert, Oklahoma

NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM INAUGURAL FOR JANUARY

Dear Fellow-Laborer:

The old adage "if it's important enough to say, say it loud enough so all can hear" could never be more applicable to any program than it relates to the Gospel Message. We must use every means by which to get the message out. For a number of years we have anticipated a denominational Broadcast in the name of the Free Will Baptist; but somehow, over the years, our dreams have not materialized. Today, however, it is about to become a reality.

Here is what we, your Radio Commission, purpose to do. We want the complete co-operation of each preacher and fellow-laborer. That is why we are writing you in this manner. We are going to set aside the month of October as "*National Radio Month*." You will be hearing from us on this score also. During the designated month, we want not only a liberal offering, but we also want you to give us all the emphasis you can in favor of the proposed "*National Free Will Baptist Hour*." You can do so by explaining the need of such activity, or merely by announcing the importance of the month and urging your people to lend their wholehearted support.

We plan to begin the actual broadcast the first Sunday in January. We are progressing nicely with the arrangements for a wonderful program with Dr. Floyd B. Cherry of Durham, North Carolina as the speaker for the first thirteen weeks.

Once we get the program going, we believe it will, in a great measure, support itself. Our one great challenge now is to get something started. Every effort which you put into this cause will be highly appreciated. We believe that your efforts will be amply rewarded by the returns on favorable publicity as a result of the broadcast, which will, of course, result in the greatest good—*The Salvation of the Lost*.

We shall be counting on you. Please let us have any of your suggestions. They will be most appreciated. Please have your church, Sunday School, League, Auxiliary and Individuals to make a liberal offering during the designated month. James A. Evans is Secretary-Treasurer of the Radio Commission, National Association of Free

Will Baptists, Post Office Box 203, Wilson, North Carolina.

W. A. Hales, Chairman

BIBLE COLLEGE OPENS; HAS RECORD ENROLLMENT

Free Will Baptist Bible College began its tenth year of history with a record enrollment of 134 students from 15 states and Cuba. This exceeds any previous semester's registration by 36. An analysis of this year's student body is as follows:

Number of Students from each State represented—North Carolina, 42; S. Carolina, 15; Alabama, 13; Oklahoma, 11; Tennessee, 11; West Virginia, 11; Missouri, 6; Georgia, 5; Mississippi, 3; Ohio, 3; Virginia, 3; Arkansas, 2; Cuba, 2; Florida, 2; Illinois, 2; Kentucky, 2; Michigan, 2; Maine, 1; and Texas, 1.

Classification of Students—Seniors, 7; Juniors, 18; Sophomores, 32, and Freshmen, 77.

Educational Status—Previous college training, 13; High School graduates, 108; Non-High School graduates, 26. Dormitory students, 89 (Boys, 46, and girls, 43). Day students, 45. Average age of students, 22.

We cannot help wishing that every Free Will Baptist could visit with us and see this year's splendid student body. We have some of the cream of Free Will Baptist youth in this year's student body. They are a happy, cheerful, consecrated group of young men and women.

Following is a quotation from a letter recently sent to the members of the Board of Trustees:

"As you know, Free Will Baptist Bible College is beginning its tenth year. As of today we have registered 124 (now 134) students from 18 states and Cuba. There are four or five others to come in which will bring the registration to above 130.

"As you very well understand, this faces us with one of the most critical problems we have ever had in the history of the Institution. In rooms where there should not be over three or four we have six. In rooms where there should not be more than two we have four. In some rooms there is only room for beds with no dressers, wardrobes, or places for students to unpack their clothes, and they are having to keep their clothes in boxes and suit-

cases. Some students' rooms do not have room for tables on which to write. There has been a complete overflow in the boys building and we have rented rooms from Bro. Melvin and 10 of our young men are staying in a garage annex down at his house. Over at the house where I am living we have nine girls in two rooms where there are no closets or drawer space. When they want to study there is no place for them to go to study for the library is totally inadequate and will not take care of this number of students. We have taken the offices out of the 3609 building and put them in the Sword building and turning what was the living room at the 3609 building into a dining room. We are feeding 90 in the dining rooms each meal. The classroom space is totally inadequate for this number of students.

"It thrills us to know that numbers of our young people are turning to the Bible College for Christian training which we are giving them. At the same time it faces us with a tremendous responsibility of providing adequate housing for them. Our needs at present are more dormitory room for both young men and young women, a bigger library, more kitchen and dining room space, and, of course, more classroom space. One of two things must happen as I see it. We must either refuse to take some of the young people who are applying to the Bible College or furnish more room for them. It would seem a tragedy for us to have to turn any young man or woman away from a Christian education when we know that it is the greatest need not only for our Church but for the world. Then the challenge is for Free Will Baptists to provide these young people with adequate facilities for their education. I, for one, believe that it can be done."

Note: The above situation has been improved since this was written to our Board of Trustees. Everyone is now comfortable since we rented extra rooms. As soon as gifts from our people make it possible, we must have more buildings.

If you have not been contributing to the Free Will Baptist Bible College, we would appreciate your gift. You who have been helping, maybe you could help some more. Your gifts will be highly appreciated. Our entire College plant must be enlarged if we are able to take care of the young people

coming to us for training. Free Will Baptists can not fail the youth of our Church. By God's help we will not fail. Pray for your College and send your offering.

Rev. L. C. Johnson, President

NEW CUBAN HIGHWAYS BOON TO MISSIONARIES

Our Dear Co-Laborers:

We, as a denomination and as missionaries, are faced with a new and wonderful challenge: new fine super-highways. One of these new highways cuts travel time down from seven hours to one and a half hours. This beautiful super-highway now passes the entrance of our missionary training school. Last year it was a horrible trail full of great gaping rock-lined holes. Now we can coast along at 40 miles an hour.

Along this highway there are thousands of souls who have yet to hear a Gospel song. They have never known that a Book called the Bible existed, that such an institution as a Sunday School was ever organized, that salvation can ever be a reality to them.

I want to tell you how we can meet this challenge. A very dear friend, a great financial executive, a devout Christian statesman, said "Brother Willey, if your people will get you a new ten chassis I will build a carry-all body valued at \$1,500, without cost." With a car of this type we could reach with our students eight or ten of these valleys. We could have at least 24 Sunday Schools on Sunday. These eight consecrated students could have three Sunday Schools in one day. We could cover two of these highways.

We are helpless to meet the challenge here. Our help must come from the Lord and those obedient to Him who will get under this burden. What can I tell this liberal Christian business man? This will depend on your response. We shall be waiting to hear from you, to hear you say, "We are praying and shall put feet to those prayers." If you are interested, write Bro. Riggs (or your own Missions treasurer), but above all pray for this urgent need.

Yours for a greater effort to meet the lost,

Rev. Thomas H. Willey

"GOD IS NOT DEAD"

*God is not dead, you see Him every-
where,*

*In sun and rain, and in the freshen-
ing air.*

*Each bough that bends it's luscious
fruitful head,*

*Speaks this refrain, "God is not
dead."*

God is not dead, nor shall He ever be.

*Endure life's ices with will and
faith to see*

His plans for you today—and on ahead.

*He does not leave, no ne'er forsakes,
He is not dead.*

*God is not dead though wars rage
everywhere.*

*The cradle is the harvest in our
case;*

*Supplant with love the fear that waits
with dread,*

*Have faith, and trust in God, He is
not dead!*

—Rev. A. A. White
Herrin, Illinois

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION CHURCH ENTERPRISES

God has given us two very important Denominational Enterprises in this state, together with our Free Will Baptist Bible College and our Mission programs as National Enterprises to be supported by Free Will Baptists every where. However, it is to the 9,000 Free Will Baptists in Missouri that I am making this appeal.

God has given to us of this state a Youth Encampment grounds and some equipment, for which everyone has a right to be thankful, because God has put his stamp of approval upon this work. What we have is a good start to a well-equipped Camp where more efficient teaching, training, and recreation can be provided. Of the 123 Free Will Baptist Churches in this state only a small number have the joy of knowing they are having a part in supporting regularly and systematically this worthy work.

In arranging for this years session and the entertainment of the State Association, it became necessary for your Youth Encampment Board to go in debt to the amount of approximately \$600.00. This was for a water

system, enlarging the kitchen, for other equipment, and a number of other improvements. Now, here is what we are asking for. We want enough people to send in a love offering of from \$1.00 up to take care of this indebtedness. Then through the year see that your church, Sunday School, League, or Auxilliary contributes regularly to this work and we will be able to further advance.

God has given us our Church paper, the Free Will Baptist Gem, that we might keep in touch with one another and the work. Through this worthy work comes a challenge for every Free Will Baptist home to be a subscriber and a booster for our paper.

One hundred gifts of \$1.00 each, and 100 for \$5.00 each (combined) would take care of this immediate need, or only 12 for \$50.00 would do the job. When you read this sit down and send your offering at once for the support of the Youth Camp, to Rev. William Reeves, Niangua, Missouri.

Also, send your subscriptions and gifts for the support of the Free Will Baptist Gem directly to the Gem or to Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, editor, at Box 377 here in Monett, Missouri.

Yours for the Master,

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator

ALL-WOMAN REVIVAL

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Greetings from the Woman's Auxilliary of the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church:

The Woman's Auxilliary of the Lawnwood F. W. B. Church collected for our Foreign Missions in September \$13.00. Also, we sponsored a missionary play for the church to remind all members we should pray and help our foreign missionaries in every way possible.

We are having an all-woman revival starting the first night in October. Every woman is welcome. Sis. Leona Mayfield will be the speaker each night. We have great expectations through faith in Jesus Christ and His love for mankind.

Marie Herron, Publicity Chm.

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