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this work for some time. If you need evangelists, contact this husband and wife evangelistic team.

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## WHAT INDIA CONVERT SEES "KILLS ME DAY AND NIGHT"

Dear Friends:

The economic problems of the people whom we touch has been hinted at in a previous letter. I have long been considering writing a paper devoted entirely to this subject, but it is a big subject and I did not wish to risk doing harm instead of good by a weak or faulty presentation of the situation. It seems as if Providence had relieved me of the need of tampering with the subject by pen inasmuch as the following letter from one of our own former school boys speaks more eloquently than all our efforts could do. Manickam's education has been either given or promoted by us and he has risen to a fairly good position in the Head Postoffice at Ootacamund, our District site. We are naturally proud of him and we now let his letter (just received and never meant for publication) present the plight of his people. I have not changed his quaint language, because I wanted you to read it just as he has expressed it.

Dear Madam:

I am absolutely changed inwardly after realizing the terrible difficulties and inevitable troubles which our poor people must undergo throughout life. The pitiable condition is awful and I am too weak to see it with my eyes or to bear it in my mind.

Especially our females work hard from morn till night, eating very limited and insufficient quantity of rice or kanji in the morning and bearing thirst and hunger with much difficulty and compassion. When they return home late in the evening, they find no time at all to attend to their children whose good habits, education, morality, good future and best citizenship are wholly dependent upon the parents. For that the parents are not responsible, but the poverty that sticks to them is to be blamed.

They have to forego their midday meals and forget their children and sell their bodies to the rich to fill up their belly and their children's! It is not at all the willingness or intention of our Heavenly Father that they should suffer throughout their life to earn their daily bread and butter. They

sacrifice their time and blood only to feed the rich and make them fat, but to reduce themselves. They toil like oxen while their bodies are stressed with burden. They work for others while their hunger kills them and slavery conquers them! Awful! Awful!

This being the case, can we expect the boys to become good-habited or good citizens? No, we cannot—their education will absolutely be spoiled and their knowledge in this world as well as in heaven will be cipher. They are made fools among others by their poverty.

Seeing all these things, will it be possible for a young blood, like me to observe silence? Is it possible for a youth who has attained some worldly and heavenly knowledge to keep quiet? Realizing all these things, I have decided to live for our people. Not only that, if necessity occurs, I like even to sacrifice myself to disappear (dispel) the poverty, hunger and slavery.

Since last June 1950, I have conducted many meetings in which I rendered my time in making our people to understand my view. Now, it has ripened to some extent. My enthusiasm is strengthened by the bachelors (men) who understand my policy of view, and work vigorously bearing many personal difficulties. I am bodily as well as mentally disastered (distressed) on account of the anxiety which kills me day and night.

Now the iron-youths have proposed to prove it in practice on 22 September 1951. To improve the financial position of our people, I am trying to install one store in that village on co-operative basis. Opening ceremony of that store—which will surely shine one day or other and make the hunger and slavery to disappear or vanish—will be celebrated on Saturday the 22 September 1951. I request you, in behalf of our people, to be kind enough to be prepared to preside over the meeting on that day and be ready to receive our thanks and congratulations to your long, industrious and glorious helps you have rendered for the past sixteen or seventeen years. I think you will gladly accept to preside over the meeting on Saturday, 22nd September. Once again I thank you and

wish to know your acceptance at an early date.

Some bachelors will speak. The minutes will be read.

An early reply is highly appreciated and thank you.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ P. Manickam

Clerk

Head P.O.—Ootacamund

We recognize that a co-operative store in itself will not transform a miserable village into a paradise. But it will relieve a number of evils and will assure the people of their meager ration of grain without bribery. It is designed to develop, on a smaller scale, on the lines of the excellent co-operative scheme inaugurated by Kagawa in Japan and followed out to such success in past years. (However, I doubt that any of these friends ever heard of Kagawa or the Japanese plan as such.) I was impressed that Manickam has made no appeal for financial aid. However, Volena Wilson and I have bought one share each, Ten Rupees per share (about \$2.25), which is all we can do at present, though we wish with all our hearts we could do more. If we had it, we would gladly buy, of our personal funds, shares up to at least \$50.00 and let the dividends go into a fund that would promote our work in the future. We have an overwhelming desire to help in some way, in some material way that will be constructive and not destructive to our spiritual work. For, believe us, it is sometimes hard indeed to preach to ragged, starving human beings when we don't have some food and a garment to offer for their bodies—or, better, some substantial help for them in a plan of economic uplift.

May this word help you to know how to pray more effectually, and to give more freely.

Yours in His glad service,

Laura B. Barnard

Seen on a church bulletin: "Come to Worship. Leave to Serve."

If you want to be rich, *give*; If you want to be poor, *grasp*; If you want abundance, *scatter*; If you want to be needy, *hoard*!



## "AND BE YE THANKFUL"

Rev. Cecil Campbell-Monett, Mo.

*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful—* Cor. 3:15.

Small inconveniences, momentary weakness, personal feeling, moral retribution, fleshly pride, and unsuccessful achievement many times cause us to forget and fail to be thankful.

The ten lepers who were cleansed by Christ, as recorded by Luke in the seventeenth chapter and verse twelve through eighteen, received what they needed and wanted most, but only one returned to give Him the praise and thanksgiving.

Ingratitude to God is a common sin among the believers in the world today. In Deuteronomy 32:6 we read, "Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?" If He is our Father who hath given us all good things to enjoy, should we not give thanks and praise to Him? David said, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 150:6. Ingratitude to God causes our spiritual eyes to become blinded to the truth, and we soon find pride has become the ruler of our life. Ezekiel called upon Jerusalem to stop and consider that all her beauty, wealth

and lavish adorning of their body was made possible as a result of the goodness of God. He said, "Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them." Ezekiel 16:17. We have shown our ingratitude to God by our failure to regularly attend the house of worship, where we obtain our spiritual strength, by neglecting the reading of His Word in which we find instruction in the developing our stewardship, by failure to follow His instructions and teachings, and to act the expression of His goodness and mercy.

Dr. Russell Owens is accredited with the statement that of all the present day church members, "five per cent do not exist, ten per cent cannot be found, twenty per cent never pray, twenty five per cent never attend any church services, thirty per cent never read the Bible, forty per cent never give to any kingdom cause, fifty per cent never attend Sunday evening services, sixty per cent never give to missions, seventy five per cent never accept any responsible position in the church, eighty five per cent never go to prayer meeting, ninety per cent never practice family worship, and ninety five per cent never win a soul to Christ." Does not this prove our ingratitude to God? We should feel like the Publican who stood afar off and smote his breast saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

We surely have so much to praise and thank God for in our country. Beside the blessing of having the most wonderful Book of the whole world—the Bible—we have the blessing of all the essentials of life in the physical world; good crops, beautiful weather, good schools, churches and communities, and in the business world, good wholesome, moral and honest men. In Deuteronomy 8:10 we read, "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shall bless the Lord thy God for all the good land which he hath given thee." Psalm 100:4, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

If it was good for our country in the days of our fathers to have proclaimed by our president, a day in the which all men should, with their families, give thanks to God for the bountiful goodness shown us through the year, it is expedient for us in the day of uncertainty, changing ideals and standards, that we not only give thanks but pray for a return to the foundation principles of faith in God, faith in each other, and faith in ourself. Sometimes it is easy to become a bit discouraged in the pathway of life, but we read that the children of Israel also became weary in their travels. "And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way." Numbers 21:4. When they



finally settled in the land of Canaan they soon forgot the hard travels that they had endured. So we today find ourself in hard travel, but with thanksgiving and praise to God, we travel on. We are indebted to Rev. Johnson Oa man, Jr. for the beautiful words, "When upon life's billows we are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thes. 5:18.

## REVIEW OF PROGRESS OF F. W. B. BIBLE COLLEGE

In a recent article, I gave a report of the progress made in Free Will Baptist Bible College from a student standpoint. The first year, 1942-43, 18 students registered during the nine months' school term. These students represented six states. For the first semester of this year, 1951-52, we have registered 134 students from 18 states and Cuba. In this ten year period there has been a 650% increase in the student body. The progress of the Institution from this standpoint has been phenomenal.

From the standpoint of the physical plant, there has also been progress. Ten years ago there was one building at 3609 Richland Avenue. At the beginning of that school term there was an indebtedness on that building of \$10,000. Today the College owns four nice buildings with an indebtedness of approximately the same amount. Last year alone there was spent in cash for a new auditorium and a nice large residence \$32,333.88. The operation of the school last year plus what was spent for property amounted to \$85,931.22. It cannot be said that Free Will Baptists do not believe in education.

Each victory brings us to greater responsibilities. With a 37% increase in the student body this year over last year, the Bible College is faced with its greatest challenge. The challenge is simple: Will Free Will Baptist people rise up with their gifts and make it possible to take care of these young people who are seeking a Christian education?

We need to duplicate our present

plant. If the physical plant were doubled, there would be none too much room. The library is far too small. More dormitory space for both young men and young women must be provided. (We are now renting outside rooms.) The kitchen and dining hall space needs enlarging. Our classroom space is inadequate and must be enlarged. We also need some place for social and recreational activities. *These are not luxuries which we could wish for but are essentials which we must have.*

I have listed our needs for physical properties and now there is another need which must be met. For the last two years expenses have been more than income. With what the students have paid and the gifts from various sources, it has taken approximately \$20.00 more per student than was received. This has amounted to approximately \$2,000.00 per year. This means we have had to dig into the reserves approximately \$4,000 for the two years. Since there has been an increase in the cost of food, and other things in proportion, and the cost to the student has not been increased, it is necessary for the gifts from our Free Will Baptist constituency to be increased.

The lower we can keep the cost to the student the greater number will be able to come. If this cost is kept down, it must be made up through increased gifts. The need is for several hundred more regular contributors to Free Will Baptist Bible College for operating expenses plus many liberal gifts for expansion purposes.

You who have visited the College are in a position to know just what I am talking about. We want you to help us lay these things on the hearts of those who have not had the opportunity of seeing for themselves what our needs are. If you have followed the history of the Institution, you are convinced this work is of God. You realize its tremendous importance to our Church. Since this is the only Institution of learning owned and operated by Free Will Baptists, I am sure that we have plenty of money to build and operate the kind of Institution we need.

L. C. Johnson, President

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## YOUNG ST. LOUIS CHURCH PURCHASES \$30,000 EDIFICE

Dear Readers:

It has been some time since the South Side Church (of St. Louis, Mo.) has written to the Gem. I have been recently elected correspondent of our church, and I am happy to make the following report of our church history.

In January, 1944 a small band of people led by Rev. Harvey E. Hill, met and organized into a Free Will Baptist Mission. They rented a store building for \$40.00 a month. God has richly blessed us. On January 1, 1945 we organized into a full-fledged Free Will Baptist Church with 27 charter members, and with a Sunday School membership of about 30.

In 1947 we purchased the store building which we were worshipping in at the cost of \$7,500.00. God has been so good to us. In August, 1951, we purchased a regular church building for the cost of \$30,000. We are thanking the Lord for what he has done for us. (A picture of this latest building is found on the front of the Gem.)

This last quarter we saw our Sunday School grow to an average of 130, and our church membership is 170.

On September 23, 1951 we had our annual Rally Day service with an old fashioned basket dinner. We reached our highest number in Sunday School with 301 attending, and climaxed the day with four conversions.

It will be a few months before we can get possession of our church, but we can hardly wait the day when we can move in.

We have good spiritual prayer meetings, with 75 to 100 attending. We are thankful for our young people who attend every service, and are willing to pray, sing, testify or lead services when called on.

Our Ladies Aid has done much for our church. They have surely done their part towards our building fund.

We have an average of 65 in our League, which is well attended by our young people. The purpose of our League is to be a youth training program.

We request prayer that we might continue to grow and prosper for the Cause of Christ.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Pastor  
Erma Lee Hogan, Corres. Sec.



## WHAT MAKES IT TICK?

A story is told of a Missionary who was on his field in a foreign land. He became well acquainted with the native children. There was one boy in the group that wanted to see the missionary's watch. The missionary took his watch from his pocket and held it to the boy's ear, the boy marvelled at the constant ticking of the watch. One day the missionary gave the boy the watch to keep for his own, but a few days later the missionary saw the boy as he came running to him with his fist clinched. The boy opened his hand and there he held the two hands from the watch. He said, "They would not go round." The missionary asked for the other parts of the watch. The boy didn't have them, so the missionary told the boy that the thing that made the watch tick, he had left at home. This is something to think about. We look at a watch and as the hands go around we realize that there is something on the inside that makes it tick.

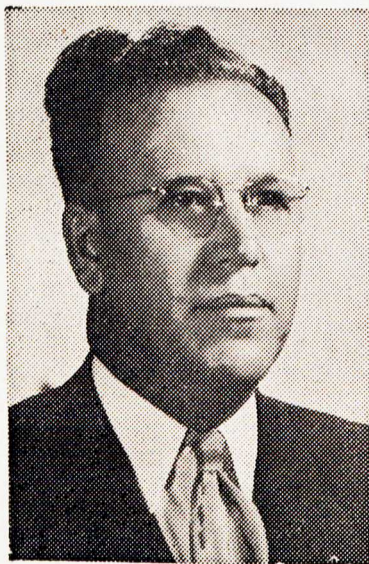
This thought came to me as I sat in conference at our State Association—the reports from the different phases of the work were read, we heard about our fast growing college, and our great missionary work, the efforts in youth camp, and all other great things which are being done. Then I remembered just a few years ago, we didn't have a College, our missionary efforts were weak, we didn't have fine church buildings and full time pastors. I saw the great denomination known as Free Will Baptists, coming to the front and marching as to war.

I said to myself, "What's making this group move so rapidly? Is it the preaching and the preachers we now have? No, we have always had the great Gospel preachers. Is it the prayers? No, we have always had praying people that could reach the throne of glory. Well, what makes it tick?" I have only one answer to this great question; "The Christian and his tithe." Perhaps this is as far as some will read this article, but please read on!

I am sure you will agree with me, that if we had the money we could send the fine young men and women who have prepared for missionary work and are waiting for funds. You will also agree that if we had the money in the College treasury to

build more room that we could have twice or three times as many students as we now have. And if we had more money for Home Missions we could build churches in states where we do not have one church.

Do you know of a better system to make the hands go around than the



Rev. Willard Day - Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Tenth system? I have observed this one thing, I have met preachers and laymen who said, "We don't tithe because it isn't Scriptural," but I have my first one to meet who would say, "We don't tithe because it won't get the job done." Why? Because I know and you know that it will get the job done, it has, and it will. Show me a church that has a tithing membership, and I will show you one that is getting the job done.

### And It Is Scriptural:

Both the Old and New Testaments teach tithing. It started about 1913 years before Christ was born, in Genesis 14:17-20, and this was before the law was given. Tithing Commenced by Abraham, Commanded by Malachi, and Commended by Christ. In the Old Testament the Singers and the Levites were paid with Tithes for the WORK THEY DID, Neh. 13:10. In Numbers they were paid for their service, Numbers 18:21. I have heard preachers use the text, "Why is the House of God Forsaken," but they usually tell the people they ought to be more loyal in attendance. But that is not the meaning of the text. Nehemiah said

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the house was forsaken because the members didn't tithe. I have also heard preachers pray for God to raise the windows of heaven and pour them out a blessing, but God will not raise the window until we pay the tenth. Read it! Malichi 3:9-12.

Now, someone will say that is the Old Testament. But, didn't the church go when tithed? Sure it did, the tither made it tick.

It is easy for some to drape themselves over the pulpit and say, "You must wash feet for Jesus said you ought." I believe it, and I preach it, but there are other things He said we ought to do:

We OUGHT to wash one another's feet, John 13:14,  
We OUGHT to give the more earnest heed, Heb. 2:1, 2,  
We OUGHT to obey God rather than man, Acts 5:29,  
We OUGHT to lay down our lives for the brethren, I John 3:16,  
We OUGHT to love one another, I John 4:11, and  
We OUGHT to Tithe, Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:41.

But, someone will say Christ told the Pharisees to tithe. Sure He did. But why did He? Because He knew that was the plan that God gave.

Note: we find a group arguing the case with Jesus, John 8:39. The Jews said, "We are Abraham's children. Christ said, "If ye were Abraham's children you would do the works of Abraham. What works did Abraham do? Abraham—paid tithes of ALL—Genesis 14:20. Get this! We are all Abraham's children by faith, Romans 4:16, so Christ said if we are his children we would do his works. Paul said we are Abraham's children, so let's give a dime out of every dollar and make the hand go around.



## THE PRIEST WHO FOUND CHRIST

Every time I (Joseph Zacchello) see a priest walking in the street it seems impossible, unbelievable, a dream, that once not long ago I myself had been a Roman Catholic priest, that I had to believe what he has to believe; that I had to teach what he has to teach. I clearly know why I left the Church of Rome, but what I cannot fully understand is why priests stay in the priesthood, why I stayed in the Roman Church as a priest.

I was born in Venice, North of Italy, on March 22nd, 1917. At the age of ten, I was sent to a Roman Catholic Seminary in Piacenza, and ordained a Priest, after 12 years of study, on October 22, 1939.

Two months later Cardinal R. Rossi, my superior sent me to America as assistant pastor of the new Italian Church of Blessed Mother Cabrini, in Chicago. For four years I preached in Chicago, and later in New York. I never questioned if my sermons or instructions were against the Bible. My only worry and ambition was to please the Pope.

It was on a Sunday, February, 1944, when I turned on the radio and accidentally tuned in on a protestant church program. The pastor, was giving his radio message. I was going to change the program because I was not allowed to listen to protestant sermons, but—I do not know why—I kept listening.

My old theology was shaken by one text from the Bible I heard over the radio: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Therefore it was not a sin against the Holy Spirit to believe that one was saved.

I was not yet converted but my mind was full of doubts about the Roman religion. I was beginning to worry about the teachings of the Bible more than about the dogmas and decrees of my pope. Poor people were giving me, every day, from \$5.00 to \$30.00 for twenty minutes of ceremony called Mass, because I promised them to free the souls of their relatives from the fire of Purgatory. But every time I looked at the big crucifix upon the altar it seemed to me that Christ was rebuking me, saying: "You are stealing money from poor hard-working people by false promises. You teach doctrines against my teaching. Souls

of believers do not go to a place of torment because I have said, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours' (Rev. 14:14). I do not need a repetition of the sacrifices of the cross, because my sacrifice was complete. My work of salvation was perfect and God has sanctioned it by raising Me from the dead. 'For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified.' (Heb. 10:14). If you priests and the pope have the power of liberating souls from purgatory with Masses and indulgences, why do you wait for an offering? If you see a dog burning in the fire you do not wait for the owner to give you \$5.00 to take the dog away from it."

I could no longer face the Christ on the altar. When I was preaching that the Pope is the vicar of Christ, the successor of Peter, the infallible rock upon which Christ's church was built, a voice seemed to rebuke me again: "You saw the Pope in Rome; his large, rich palace; his guards; men kissing his foot. Do you really believe that he represents me? I came to serve the people; I washed men's feet; I had nowhere to lay my head. Look at me upon the cross. Do you really believe that God has built His church upon a man, when the Bible clearly says that Christ's vicar on earth is the Holy Spirit, and not a man? (John 14:26) 'And that rock was Christ.' If the Roman Church is built upon a man then it is not My church."

I was still preaching that the Bible is not a sufficient rule of faith, but that we need tradition and dogmas of the church to understand the Scriptures. But again a voice within me was saying: "You preach against the Bible teaching; you preach nonsense. If Christians need a pope to understand the Scriptures, what do they need to understand the Pope? I have condemned tradition because everyone can understand what is necessary to know for personal salvation. 'But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name' (John 20:31)."

I was teaching my people to go to Mary, to the Saints, instead of going directly to Christ. But a voice within

me was asking: 'Who has saved you upon the cross? Who paid your debts by shedding His blood? Mary, the Saints, or I, Jesus? You, and many other priests, do not believe in scapulars, novenas, rosaries, statues, candles, but you continue to keep them in your churches because you say, simple people need simple things to remind them of God. You keep them in your churches because they are a good source of income. But I do not want any merchandising in My church. My believers should adore Me—Spirit and truth. Destroy these idols; teach your people to pray, to come, to me only.'

Where my doubts were really tormenting me was inside the confessional box. People were coming to me, kneeling down in front of me, confessing their sins to me. And I, with a sign of the Cross, was promising that I had the power to forgive their sins. I, a sinner, a man, was taking God's place, God's right, and that terrible voice was penetrating me saying, "You are depriving God of His glory. If sinners want to obtain forgiveness of their sins they must go to God and not to you. It is God's law they have broken. To God, therefore, they must make confession; to God alone they must pray forgiveness. No man can forgive sins but Jesus can and does forgive sins. 'Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.' (Matt. 1:21) 'There is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.' (Acts 4:12) 'For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.' 1 Tim. 2:5)."

I could not stay any longer in the Roman Catholic Church because I could not continue to serve two masters, the Pope and Christ. I could not believe two contradictory teachings, tradition and the Bible. I had to choose between Christ and the Pope; between tradition and the Bible; and I have chosen Christ and the Bible. I left the Roman priesthood and the Roman religion in 1944 and now I have been led by the Holy Spirit to Evangelize Roman Catholics and urge Christians to witness to them without fear.

(Note: The above is from a tract by Dr. Joseph Zacchello, additional copies of which may be secured by writing to: The Convert, G. P. O. Box 333, Brooklyn 1, New York.)





# From The Editor's Desk



## THANKSGIVING

With this we are coming to you with the November issue of the Gem. November of course is synonymous with Thanksgiving. And not too many days after you get your Gem you will celebrate this memorable day.

To many of the citizens of our land the day will perhaps merely mean a holiday from the shop or other labor; to others it will mean a day to go visiting and see the family; still others will use it to go afield hunting or fishing; many will use it to see a football game, and multitudes will connive various schemes to satisfy the lusts of the mind and of the flesh. Whatever the schedule followed, there is the inevitable sumptuous noon time feast, far in excess of the need, the reason, or the ability of the body to manage. In a rush to meet these appointed schedules, many will be maimed or die on crowded roads, in the air, and by kindred misfortunes. Playing no small role in this sordid picture will be alcohol.

To be frank with ourselves, this is what Thanksgiving will mean to many of the citizens around us this month. But I would like to go back in my memory to my early grammar school teaching on the original Thanksgiving, and share with you some of the concepts I gained at that time of its purpose and meaning.

First and foremost, the early settlers—devout men of God—were here to obtain a freedom of worship, unhampered by the regulations of state. For this attained blessing they were abundantly thankful. They felt disposed to collectively give thanks for this new found privilege. To us today, we have always had the privilege of worship without the dictates of man. We now take it for granted, though many times it has nearly slipped from us. We seldom think of it, less often mention it, are not enthused about it, and rarely mention it in our weak and irregular thanksgiving to God, and then only in private or by a representative leader of a congregation. Every early citizen of our land realized this blessing, appreciated it, and sought to thank God publicly and heartily for it. Till now

it has continued to rest upon us. But like the unused or ill-used talent, it may soon be taken from us if we don't suddenly realize the tremendous value of this legacy handed us by our forefathers, and give abundant thanks to God—the Giver of all.

Next, they had worked hard and long against insects and the elements, amidst un-heard-of handicaps, and God had blessed them abundantly with sufficient food and shelter for the rigors of winter just ahead. They had the assurance of a certain security in these material blessings. They were thankful for it. Today we use cunningly constructed machines and the latest scientific methods, then close the books on a successful enterprise and smile pleasingly to ourself and smugly say, "See what I've done," never once admitting even to ourselves that we were merely the agent used of the Lord to bring it to pass—that He was the author of the success we claim for ourselves. When disaster strikes, we judge God harshly; but when our bins and larders are full, we ignore Him.

The people who banded together at that first Thanksgiving time had seen many of their relatives and friends perish of pestilence, disease and want in those early days. Left behind were many children and widows. The remaining Christians expected to care for them adequately and so "bear one another's burdens." They were thankful for their own health and soundness of mind that would enable them to carry these additional responsibilities. Today we turn the less fortunate over to the state for welfare and care that should be coming from the church instead. We don't want any added responsibilities and do very little some times to take care of the unexcusable duties of our own. We grumble about them instead of giving thanks.

Then there were the inevitable hostile forces (Indians in their case) whom they needed to win to a friendship. They did not choose to bribe, cajole, threaten, scold, or force. They were not sufficiently equipped for any of these methods, and the forces being dealt with were shrewd at these things. Yet God had placed at their disposal a very appropriate way to accomplish

this—and the Indians even share in the plan. They were merely to use the things He had given them—food. So, congruent with their thanksgiving, they held a feast of the stable and abundant items available to them and invited the Indians to share with them. Today we reverse it, hold a feast, and say an inadequate "Thank you, God." if convenient and not too embarrassing. What a profitable fellowship this was both to the settlers and to their Indian friends—for henceforth they were to be friends. By application we could enlarge considerably on this point, but suffice it to say we today are blessed with what the hostile forces of the Church need, and we should place it abundantly at their disposal if we are to win them. Bribery, regulations, force and all the instruments of men will not do it—but the Christian's endowment correctly shared will. Our forefathers found ample reason to give thanks for such a fellowship as they experienced and God blessed it to their good. Do you lack friends and precious fellowship? Are you using what God has given you?

I could go on reminiscing of my impressions of early childhood, but space forbids. I suggest you turn back in your memory, or perhaps get down your old primary reader or intermediate history and refresh your mind as this Thanksgiving day approaches—and spend the day(s) as they did—in joyous thanksgiving to God.

## OUR ERROR

In the Fly Leaf of the last issue of the Gem we stated that Rev. Willard Day, pastor of the Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church, was the director of National Home Missions in Missouri. Since then it has been discovered that I was much in error, as a different article in the same issue plainly stated the director for our state to be Rev. Harvey E. Hill. This error has been pointed out by different readers. Thank you kindly. We do not like to make errors, but once made we do want to correct them as quickly as possible. We are glad to make this correction, clarifying that Rev. Harvey



E. Hill is the Director for Missouri, while Rev. Willard Day is a member of the National Home Mission Board. Knowing the interest of each of these brethren in this particular phase of the work, you may be sure you will find ready and competent help from either of them in your Home Mission problems. An article in this issue by Bro. Hill sets forth some important plans and needs of the National Home Mission Board for its program.

## NOVEMBER IS LAST CHANCE

As has been stated in a previous issue, the price of the Free Will Baptist Gem is scheduled to go up to \$1.50 per year starting after the November issue. In other words, new or renewal subscriptions bearing a date of December, 1951 or later will be renewed at the price of \$1.50 for one year. A few have been of the impression this rate is already in effect and so have remitted \$1.50. We did not take advantage of the situation and have correctly applied the remittance to cover the maximum amount of time. Still others have been under the impression that it would be within propriety to send in only \$1.00 now for a renewal of a sub that will not expire until after the above mentioned date. In such (few) instances we have also correctly applied the remittance and set up the subscription as far as the remittance would cover. We urge you to be very busy during the coming month and get in all the new subscriptions and all the renewals dating November or prior, still for \$1.00. After it becomes necessary to drop the delinquent subscriptions of November, all subscriptions, new or renewal, will be at the \$1.50 rate.

## Fine Response in October

For some time the subscription list has been anything but encouraging. It was difficult to maintain the list without loss. Every once in awhile it was a discouraging experience to actually lose ground. We have tried to discover just why, but so far have been unable to. We have wanted to visit over the fields, but this, too, has been impossible. However, it was a rare thrill this month to watch a good many names added to the mailing list. We are thankful for this response. However, some of our regular stand-

bys have not yet renewed this month. We do not have a single subscriber we can afford to lose or that we would wish to lose. Every one who ever drops off brings regret to us. We do hope you will be prompt with your renewals and that we can hold our drop-offs to a new minimum.

As to the raise, deemed proper and necessary by the State Association in session, there is probably little need to discuss it at length. Everyone is well aware of how prices have skyrocketed in the past few years. We have been hard hit by it. We have tried hard to avoid the increase. Even this will not be sufficient to cover actual cost of production. We know you will fully understand and will realize the Gem is still a bargain—even at \$1.50. We believe you will continue to be prompt and loyal.

## PERSONAL INCOME AND WHERE IT WENT

WHAT did we Americans do with the record \$224.7 billion that we received last year in wages and salaries and from interest, dividends, rent and other sources?

The fascinating answer came this week from Commerce Department statisticians. In 1950 we paid out of our vast personal income \$20.5 billion in taxes, saved \$10.7 billion, and spent the remaining \$193.5 billion.

We spent more on food than anything else. Our gargantuan appetite cost \$52.8 billion and *our enormous thirst \$10.1 billion for alcoholic beverages alone.* Our water bill was only a small fraction of the liquor bill.

A generous people, we left \$411 million in tips. *Up in smoke went \$2.4 billion—for tobacco and smokers' supplies.*

To cover our nakedness and to adorn ourselves we spent \$22.9 billion. The clothing bill was \$15.5 billion; jewelry and watches cost \$1.3 billion. Shoes and the care of garments took other billions.

*SKIN DEEP. Our vanity cost \$2.3 billion. The money went for powder and rouge, lipstick and mascara, lotions, tonics and creams to make us look more attractive and smell sweeter, and to barbers, beauticians, masseurs, etc.*

Shelter cost \$19.9 billion and household operation \$26.4 billion. Included in those huge sums were the rents we paid, the rental value of houses we owned, the cost of furniture and rugs, china and cooking utensils, refrigerators, washing machines and appliances. We burned up \$6.3 billion in electricity, gas and other fuels; spent \$2.1 billion on phone calls.

New life, the ills of the flesh and death cost us \$9.5 billion. That's what we paid to doctors and dentists, midwives and nurses, hospitals and sanitariums, accident and health insurance associations, cemeteries and crematories and tombstone makers.

Our personal business took \$8.5 billion, the cost of handling life insurance \$2.4 billion and labor unions \$263 million. Other items were tools, interest, brokerage charges, legal fees.

*GOING PLACES. Transportation cost \$22.7 billion, with autos, their fuel, care and insurance taking the largest chunk.*

*On fun we spent \$11.3 billion. That included admissions to spectator amusements, participant sports and informal recreations, ranging from toys and TV to books and pleasure flying. Stamp and coin collecting cost us \$12 million.*

*On private education and research we spent \$1.8 billion, only one seventh of what we spent on liquor and tobacco. ANOTHER \$1.8 BILLION WENT FOR RELIGIOUS AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES.*

Foreign travel and remittances, costing \$1.1 billion, accounted for the rest of our tremendous spending.

Personal consumption expenditures are one factor in what is known as the "gross national product." This is the value of all goods and services produced during a year and is an index of U. S. productive ability. It has increased steadily; estimated at \$282.6 billion last year, it had soared to an estimated annual rate of \$330 billion in the second quarter of this year.

(Note: The above article from a recent copy of Pathfinder was selected and contributed by Rev. A. L. Ferguson, Fredericktown, Missouri. We suggest you analyze it carefully. It may shock you. Editor)

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God and a scourge for Satan  
—John Bunyan





# THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



## CHURCH, S. S. GROWING

Anderson, Mo.

The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met October 17, 1951.

Four members were present. The meeting was opened by singing our theme song. Prayer by Sis. Effie Slagle.

The study program was, "Working with Him through our goals of achievements." The Bible study was found in John 4:32-38; Phil. 3:12, 13.

The usual business session followed the lesson. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Nehrbass. We had a wonderful lesson which was enjoyed by all present.

We are happy to say our Sunday School and church is growing. All are in one accord, doing the will of God, and happy in service for Him. We have our new seats made and in use. A new flue has been built and a new oil heater installed that really does the job.

Pray for us that we may continue in His love.

Mrs. Frank Jackson, 4th V.P.

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## REPORT WOMAN'S EDITOR

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Be an informed member, not a "guess so" makeshift.

—Editor

## HAZEL CREEK UNION W. A.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church met Wednesday, October 3 with Agnes Smith. There were 10 members, three visitors, three men and several children present. While some pieced quilt blocks, others made dresses and others tacked a comforter for the hostess.

The president led the devotional by all singing, "Jesus Loves the Little Children," and "Thank You, Lord." Dorothy Houston read for Scripture reading, John 4:32-38, and Phil. 3:12, 13. Dora Sponsler led in prayer.

"Working together with Him through our goals of achievement," was studied with topics given by Mary Filkins, Lola Filkins and Agnes Smith. A book review, "This Is India," was given by Maizie Sevits. An offering of \$1.92 was taken for the Co-Laborer Band fund.

Two hundred ninety seven Bible chapters, 20 sick calls and 12 cards reported.

We were dismissed with prayer by Ethel Thompson.

Lola Filkins, Sec'y.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADERS

Mrs. Eunice Edwards - Desloge, Mo.

READ: I SAMUEL 1

There is much that we can learn from the study of this chapter and it's central character, Hannah. Hannah means *grace*, and the woman is true to her name for her's is a gracious spirit in contrast to that of the Priest, Eli, who had brought moral ruin upon the nation. Eli was a kind-hearted but weak-willed man, who cared more for the honor of his sons than the honor of God.

Believe me friends, the last Eli has not died. There are multiplied numbers of "Dads" today who toil every day to provide a living and secular education for their children and yet who never take those same children to the house of God that they both might learn of God and His will for their lives and feed their eternal souls upon the Living Bread.

All the blame cannot be placed upon the fathers either. Much of it is to be placed upon the mothers of our nation. They are far from having the gracious spirit of Hannah. They are more concerned that their children know all the social graces, than *The Grace* of God. And friends, if *The Grace* of God is accepted into the lives of children or adults, the exercising of the social graces will follow, for it is impossible to be a Christian and not



be courteous and kind to others.

Hannah was sorrowful because she was childless. (v 5) Hannah was of the opinion that "children are a heritage of the Lord" (Psa. 127:3) and her soul was troubled and her heart vexed because she was barren. As she appeared before the Lord, her barrenness was a shame to her. I would to God that today this same sense of shame might strike at the hearts of the women of America! But seemingly, they go on their way, uncaring and unthoughtful of their fruitlessness before God. Not only in refraining from bearing children but in barrenness of teaching spiritual truths to the children they already have. I declare to you that such shall rise in the judgment to condemn their souls!

People say, "That child was born bad," or, "He (or she) is a juvenile delinquent." I cannot accept such statements as true. There isn't a child born, given the opportunity to learn of God's love through Jesus Christ, that will not respond in some measure to *The Grace*. For this marvelous blessing, this *Grace*, is sufficient for every need. We have a host of delinquent mothers and fathers in our nation and as a result of this, a host of neglected children, but *not* delinquent.

Hannah was mocked because of her childless condition. (v 6) It brought upon her the sneer of the ungodly. It is a deeply humbling experience for any child of Grace, as Hannah was, to have the finger of ridicule and scorn pointed at her by those who loved not the Lord. But friends, sometimes these very things are necessary to make us aware of our fruitlessness. If such has been your experience, I invite you to cast yourself upon God all the more unreservedly. Look about you and see the needs of our young people as they need leaders, guiders, counsellors, so desperately and volunteer your life and service.

Hannah felt a great "bitterness of soul" before the Lord, "therefore she wept, and did not eat." There is great hope for any Christian worker who can weep over the fruitlessness of their lives. The Word says, "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion."

This gracious woman, when she was being so sorely tried, turned to God in prayer. Her trials only served to turn her to God in renewed earnestness of purpose. If we would only be

as willing for God's will to be worked out in our lives, but too often when we are tried, we rebel and grow stubborn and resentful.

Hannah vowed, "O Lord...if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid...and give unto me a man child, then will I give him unto the Lord all the days of his life..." (v 11) She purposed in her heart, even as she asked for this gift, to give it back unto the Lord for His glory and service. This is a mighty argument with God. Eternity alone will reveal all that God will do for such a supplicant.

"So the woman went her way, and her countenance was no more sad." Hannah brought her burden to the Lord and she went away *without it*. Casting *all your care upon Him*; for He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). It is one thing to *tell* the Lord of our burdens, it is quite another thing to *cast* them upon Him. But friends, as we cast our *all* upon Him, our countenances will show it. When our hearts are right with God, it is evident upon our faces.

Perhaps you are excusing you lack of service by saying, "The Lord never gave me any children of my own, so I've never been around young people and I don't know how to lead them or guide their activities. All the more reason for you to apply yourself to helping some young person who does not have a Christian home. And as for not knowing how to lead them, if you will first give yourself to God in consecration, through study of His Word and any number of good books on leadership that are available at any good book store, you can **LEARN** to be a real leader. The first requirement is to be ashamed for our neglect and then ask God for a *child*."

Hannah asked for a *son* and the Lord did not give her a daughter. He gives us what we ask for. (Matt. 7:7) Friends, He who can make the barren woman to be the joyful mother of children (Psa. 113:9) can also make the fruitless Christian worker a happy winner of souls. And note the powerful testimony Hannah gives: "I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying; and the Lord hath given me my petition."

Too, she kept the vow she made to God. (Psa. 116:18) In the giving of Samuel back to God she was cement-

ing a very strong link between herself and God that I'm convinced enriched her whole life.

I trust that this little message will be a blessing to some one, some where and they may be encouraged to accept the challenge of leading young people to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. If you will be used of Him, you shall not lose your reward, for every sacrifice you make for Him and for His glory will return unto you a thousand-fold blessing.

### WOOLSEY'S FURLOUGH IN SPRING OF 1952

It hardly seems possible that Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey have almost served out their first term as missionaries to India. However, it is true. In reality they were scheduled for furlough in November, 1951. However, they have asked to remain in India until the spring of 1952. Their furlough home will cost money. Your contributions to the Foreign Mission Board will help bring them back to us that our hearts might be cheered by their experiences in carrying the Message to Regions Beyond.

### POLICY OF BOARD TO NEW MISSIONARIES

The policy of the board concerning new missionaries is that before a missionary is sent out he must have his total support under-written in some way. This may be by local churches, associations, district associations, state associations or individuals.

The minimum of this support including salary, rents, travel expense, etc., would be about \$1,800.00 per year. Their basic salary is \$75.00 per month, however this constitutes only about one half of their actual expense.

It is immaterial to the board as to how or from whom they obtain this support. However, we feel that the support of new missionaries *must be* in addition to what we are already giving for Foreign Missions. Our present budget is heavy and if our regular funds come in designated for new missionaries we will not be able to meet our present obligations.

Rev. Raymond Riggs



# NEWSY BRIEFS

## OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since my last letter to you in regard to our Youth Camp work, but I am happy again to tell you of our work and how God has been blessing in this great phase of our denomination. If you have never had the happy privilege of attending any of our sessions then you have missed some of the greatest blessings that God can bestow upon us, for truly if God has ever put His seal upon any work it IS the Youth Camp. Many of your boys and girls have been saved through the Youth Camp, either while in session or through its influence. Many of them have answered the call for special work, such as the Gospel ministry, for Foreign Missions, as evangelistic singers, etc. This has all been because of the great vision some of our people had of this great work a few years ago.

It has also been made possible because of some churches, Sunday Schools, Leagues, individuals and other groups who have continued to give of their means in order to put this great cause over for God. Who knows, it may be your boy or girl who will find God or answer the call for some special work at the next session.

But wait, as we have so often told you, we as your Youth Camp Board, can only do what you make it possible for us to do. Because of the need for a better water system and a larger kitchen and many other improvements your Youth Camp Board went in debt approximately \$600.00 in order to better accommodate your boys and girls, as well as the State Association this year. There are many other improvements which we hope to have before next session, such as a hot water system for dish washing, a shower room on each side of the camp grounds, more cabins, etc. But before much can be done we must first retire our present indebtedness. Will you do your best for us in the few months we have left before our next session? Will you pray? Will you give? It all depends on YOU. God is willing to do His best, your Youth Camp Board is willing to do their best, our boys

and girls are willing to do their best, but *HOW ABOUT YOU?*

Many small items are still needed such as tea towels, dishes, pots and pans, recreation equipment, mattresses and springs, and personal items. Send all funds and gifts to our Caretaker, Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri. We have faith in you, so please don't let us down and don't forget to pray for us as you pray.

May God bless you all is my desire.

Yours for Christ,

Rev. Harvey E. Hill  
Chairman of Board

### ARKANSAS EVANGELIST CONDUCTS RADIO PROGRAM

Huntsville, Arkansas

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This is our first time to write to the Gem, so I might ought to tell where I am from. I am in the "Old Mt. Zion Association" of Free Will Baptists in Northwest Arkansas.

I would like to report that we still love the Lord and His service, and He has blessed us over and above that which we were even able to ask or think. Praise His name forever! We have enjoyed one of the greatest periods the past year of our short ministry, for which we thank the Lord, realizing that without Him we are nothing and can do nothing.

God in His love has helped us conduct 12 revivals from August, 1950 to August, 1951, and by God's wonderful power to save, we witnessed 218 conversions. Preacher brethren, isn't it wonderful what God can do if we will only obey Him? I am glad for what David said in the 126th Psalm, the sixth verse, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

O, Christian friend, don't you want to have some sheaves to lay down at the Master's feet? Jesus said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of

the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

We have done our best with the help of the Lord and our preacher brethren to send out the Gospel over the air from Radio Station K. B. R. S. in Springdale every Sunday morning 8:30 to 9:00. We have started our second year on this station. God has wonderfully blessed this work and souls have been saved through it.

We had the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists with us here in Old Mt. Zion Association. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. We were blessed in our souls by a soul stirring message from God's servant, Eld. Ed Morris from the Capitol Hill Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

We feel in our hearts that Free Will Baptists are going forward and that we have set before us an open door. God has said in His Word, Rev. 3:8, "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." May we continue to be a loyal church.

Pray for us.

Your Brother in Christ,

Eld. Tom Day

### MT. OLIVE CHURCH TO HOST TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Just a word from Texas.

We are looking forward to our Texas State Association which will convene with Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church near Henderson. Pray with us that it will be a great association as we endeavor to do business for the Lord.

Our Texas people are progressing and doing more for the Lord, but by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we feel we could do more. Pray that we might have a greater vision of the Lord's work.

I like the Gem and enjoy reading every word of it. I am sending my renewal and hope I will not miss a copy.

Yours in the Lord's work,

Mrs. T. W. Smith  
Henderson, Texas





### ALBERT L. GODDARD

Albert L. Goddard, son of Morris and Ellen Goddard, was born August 17, 1893 at Bement, Illinois and passed away October 19, 1951 at his farm home west of Harrisonville, Missouri at the age of 58 years, two months and two days. When five years old the family moved to the Everett (Mo.) community where Bert, as he was familiarly called, grew to manhood. Being the next to the youngest in a happy family of nine children, he developed a keen sense of humor and wit which characterized his entire life.

He was married February 2, 1916 to Miss Gladys Moul. For 21 years they made their home just north of Grand River Church and here their four daughters were born and raised. This was indeed a Christian home where love and happiness ruled. No cloud was ever so dark but what he could see the silver lining. This cheerful heritage he leaves his family is also shared by all his neighbors and friends. In 1940 the family moved to the Hickory Grove community. He was converted and united with the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church 30 years ago and was a very active member as long as health permitted.

About two years ago his health began to fail and his family spared no effort in trying to restore his health. During his long illness amid intense suffering and pain, his Christian faith still found the silver lining exemplified in his patient, uncomplaining nature. At his side each moment was the devoted companion with unsurpassed loyalty and encouragement.

Besides his companion of 36 years, he leaves the four daughters and their families. They are: Mrs. Tom (Doris Lee) Marrs, Freeman, Mo.; Mrs. Jas. L. (Lora Lavon) Sutton, Kansas City, Kans.; Mrs. George E. (Nina Jean)

Holt, Freeman, Mo., and Mrs. Donald E. (Peggy Ann) Shipley, Archie, Mo. Also 14 grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Jan Dye, Bement, Illinois; William Goddard, Decatur, Illinois; Mrs. Lizzie Christiansen, Archie, Mo.; Mrs. Mable Reynolds, Archie, Mo.; Morris V. Goddard, Archie, Mo.; Frank Goddard, Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Earnest E. Goddard, Bethel, Kansas. One brother, Walter Goddard, passed away several years ago. Also a large number of nephews and nieces and a large host of friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted October 22 by the church pastor, Rev. Marie Hyatt, at the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

### ROBERT (BOB) SIMMERS

"If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." I Thes. 4:14. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." I Thes. 4:18. "And God shall wipe all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. Rev. 21:4. "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 22:5.

*Servant of God, well done!  
Rest from their loved employ:  
The battle fought, the victory won  
Enter thy Master's joy.*

*The pains of death are past,  
Labor and sorrow cease,  
And life's long warfare closed at last  
Thy soul is found in peace.*

—James Montgomery

Robert Simmers was born November 19, 1927 at St. Ignatius, Montana, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simmers. He was a half Creek and half Flat Head Indian.

He moved to Oklahoma near Weleetka when 10 years old. About six years ago he was saved in Modesto, California and joined the Modesto Free Will Baptist Church. From that time on he spent much time witnessing to lost souls about the love of Christ. His past two and a half years were spent in the U.S. Indian Hospital at

Talihina, Oklahoma. Even in the hospital he witnessed to the nurses, doctors, and all he came in contact with. Several of his room mates were saved through his never tiring witnessing for Christ.

His highest hopes were to get well and attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

On August 21, 1951, he departed this life to live with Christ. His funeral was held at the Weleetka Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Earnest Harrison, the pastor, officiating.

He was our dear friend.

Rev. and Mrs. John Elliston

### JOHN EDWARD HOLT

John Edward Holt, son of George and Nina Holt, was born July 8, 1950 near Archie, Missouri and departed this life October 22, 1951 in Kansas City, Kansas at the age of one year, three months, 14 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing his mother and father, three sisters: Nancy, 8 years; Barbara Jean, 3 years, and Georgia Ann, 2 years; one brother, Jimmie, 9 years; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Holt, and Mrs. Gladys Goddard; one great grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Holt, and a host of relatives.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, October 24, 1951 at 2:00 p.m. at the Freeman Cemetery with Rev. Mrs. Marie Hyatt, pastor of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, in charge.

### NEED SUPPORT OF WORKERS

We have on hand the names, pictures and testimony of three full time native workers in Cuba. Church, Auxiliary, League, Classes or Associations that would like to personalize their gifts and adopt one of the workers for support please write the Foreign Mission Office, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

The minimum amount for the support of native workers is \$30.00 per month. The following are waiting your adoption: Maximina Sanchez, Moises Toirac, and Santos Romcu.

Forgiveness is the perfume of the violet on the heel that crushed it.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

September, 1951

On hand September 1 .....\$10,140.91

## Receipts—

Alabama .....	\$ 47.50
Arkansas .....	9.51
Georgia .....	222.45
Illinois .....	68.00
Louisiana .....	5.00
Michigan .....	106.39
Mississippi .....	29.40
Missouri .....	1,064.18
Nebraska .....	1.00
New Mexico .....	11.00
North Carolina ....	521.52
Oklahoma .....	74.37
South Carolina ....	114.12
Tennessee .....	747.01
Texas .....	96.80
West Virginia .....	140.04
W.N.A.C. ....	42.55
Sale Barnard books ..	8.00
Sale of Mimeograph Machine .....	10.00
Total Receipts .....	3,318.84
Grand Total .....	13,459.75

## Disbursements—

Cuba .....	\$2,489.99
India .....	1,321.89
Bank charges .....	.15
Promotional Dep't. .	420.00
Wiley's Insurance ..	10.01
Paper & Printing ..	217.50
Rev. Gaston Clary ..	57.78
Rev. Ken'th Turner ..	64.05
Rev. Raymond Riggs ..	50.00
Office help .....	75.00
Bicycle for Cuba, from Missouri ...	107.04
Mrs. Josephine Stevens (Africa) ..	80.00
Missions Visualized ..	233.37
Telephone calls and Cablegrams .....	26.87
Wilfong's Traveling Expense .....	209.95
Postage .....	34.00
Freight on Furniture from Monett, Mo. ..	11.55
Traveling Exp. for Mrs. Willey to the Missinory Confer. ..	91.35
Establish Cable Code ..	5.00

Total Disbursements .....5,505.50

Balance October 1, 1951 .....\$ 7,954.25

## Balance in Various Accounts—

General Fund .....	\$ 4,317.18
Barnard's books .....	2.00
Reserve for Miss Barnard ..	505.40
India Car Fund .....	3,104.41
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna ..	25.26
Total Balances .....	\$ 7,954

The above statistics are from the office of Rev. Raymond Riggs, Treasurer of the National Foreign Mission Board. In case you pass over statistics as something "dry" or don't happen to have your pencil handy to analyze these figures, we would like to point out a few interesting facts about them.

First is the serious fact that in September we spent \$2,186.66 more than was received into the fund. This seriously whittled down the General Fund now standing at \$4,317.18, and could only be repeated two more months until we would have no such fund and could meet no emergency whatsoever. This trend is certainly not healthy if we are going to meet our commitments, be able to cope with emergencies, and expend the scope of our Foreign Missions activities.

Encouraging, especially to Missouri Free Will Baptists, was their nice report of \$1,064.18 for September, bringing their total to \$3,102.90. This is 36½% of the assigned quota, and for the moment is tops both in the total amount paid and percentage wise. The over-all average is 20.6% at the end of the first three month—or 4.4% under schedule. We feel like admitting something akin to pride in Missouri for this record. Yet, as Christmas and the holidays approach, it has been a matter of record that contributions drop off sharply. We trust we will break this custom and that this time will find us continuing to give—even without any special drives or campaigns—to every department. We suggest that you modify your Christmas spending to delete or conserve the customary spending for frills, frivolity, or even the conventional useful items of remembrance exchanged so freely, in order to keep up your regular gifts to Foreign Missions. *Don't hand our missionaries a "No Funds" slip for a Christmas gift.* As for the rest of the states, Arkansas is coming along nicely having reached 33½% of their quota; Texas stands at 31½%, and Georgia 25%. Several others are grouped not far behind. Three months is hardly

enough to establish a trend, and since several of the states have very commendable past records we may well expect rapidly rising reports very soon from them. Check your quota and your amount paid, then respond regularly with your offerings.

## NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Dear Gem Readers:

At the last National Association of Free Will Baptists held in Nashville, Tennessee, I was appointed National Home Mission Director for Missouri. I feel it is a happy privilege of mine to serve in this capacity, but feel my inability to get the job done as I hope and pray it can be done.

I feel we as an Association can be proud of our National Home Mission Board which consists of Rev. J. B. Bloss of Tennessee, Rev. J. A. Evans of North Carolina, Rev. Willard Day of Missouri, Rev. Harry Staires of Oklahoma, and Rev. George McLain of California, for their splendid work last year in organizing over 30 new churches. Already in this new associational year two new churches have been organized.

As has already been said the stronger the Home Mission front the stronger the Foreign Mission front. Our National Home Mission Board has set as Missouri's quota for this associational year the sum of \$1,000.00 which we are to raise some way in our good state. I know we can do it, for to me I feel Missouri is one state that our Association can always depend on to do their best for any enterprise.

There are many ways you can help us reach our goal and briefly here are a few of them. You may take a regular offering and send it to our State Treasurer, Rev. Marie Hyatt, Center-view, Missouri, earmarked for National Home Missions. From her it will then go to our National Home Mission Treasurer, Rev. Harry Staires, Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma, and will be applied to Missouri's quota, or you may write to me, or any member of the board, and we will be glad to furnish you with a coupon book with which you can make a pledge by your Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, the Church, or any individual by filling out the first page and mailing to Rev. Staires. Then we may know we can depend on you for that amount each



month. If you want one of these coupon books write at once for it. The month of April is also designated as Revival Month by your National Home Mission Board and you are urged to send in your report of your meeting. We are also urging every church to send in a special offering for National Home Missions in April. For further information in regard to National Home Missions please feel free to write me.

Now Missouri, I know you are going to do your best, so come on now and let us hear from you. Put National Home Missions on your monthly budget and let us put Missouri over the top first. I am depending on you to get behind me. *WILL YOU DO IT?* I only ask you to pray about it and then give as God leads, and if you will do that Missouri *will* go over the top in their quota.

May God bless you in your giving and may He supply your every need is my prayer.

Yours for greater Home Missions,

Rev. Harvey E. Hill  
Missouri Director  
120 E. Loretta Ave.  
Lemay 23, Missouri

## STATE ASSOCIATION LEAVES SOUL-WINNING CHALLENGE

### Youth Camp Report

Niangua, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers and Co-Workers:

The State Association has come and gone and has left us with a greater determination to work in the Master's vineyard.

We did so enjoy the meeting and seeing our old friends in the Lord's work, but most of all we were glad for the spirit of Godly love dwelling throughout the entire session. It has left an impression of the greater need of winning souls for the Lord among our churches in this vicinity, by the State Association having met here.

Through the help of good friends, we will be able the first of the month to make a nice sized payment on the camp indebtedness. Again we say thank God for people interested in the youth of our country.

Rev. John Rogers is holding a revival at Black Oak Church at present, with good crowds in attendance each night. Pray for him that many souls might be saved through his efforts.

I will try to have my financial report in the paper next month. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

Yours for Christ's Cause,

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec.-Treas.

## WHAT THEY SAY

During the recent session of the Missouri State Association, it was directed that a letter be prepared over the signature of the Moderator, expressing disapproval of all advertising of intoxicants and petitioning the ban of such advertising, and that the letter be sent to all United States legislators from Missouri. Pursuant to this action the following letter was sent.

Dear Congressman:

Missouri State Association of the Free Will Baptist Church voted in its annual session September 11-14, 1951 to petition our congressmen to use their influence to ban intoxicating beverage advertisements from the radio, television screen and newspapers.

We urge you to give special consideration to the above stated petition.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
/s/ Rev. O. T. Allred

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator

OTA/mh

Monett, Missouri

September 24, 1951

In response to the above letter, several answers have been received. We do not have space to print them in their entirety. However, we would like to give you these quotes from some of the letters.

Senator James P. Kemm—

I am making known your views on this matter to the other members of the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Senator Thomas C. Hennings—

No reply as yet.

Congressman Clare Magee, First—

Some of these ads are calculated to lead one to believe that the drinking of beer and liquor is a necessary recreational pastime.

Morgan M. Moulder, Second—

I assure you I will support legislation for the purpose mentioned.

Leonard Irving, Fourth—

Absent from office. Secretary replied.

O. K. Armstrong, Sixth—

I have always favored this, and I introduced an amendment to the original liquor legislation in the Missouri Legislature in 1934, which would have banned all liquor advertising.

A. S. J. Carnahan, Eighth—

My interest in this legislation has been expressed to the committee (Interstate and Foreign Commerce) several times and I have also presented numerous lengthy petitions supporting these bills to the committee for their consideration.

Clarence Cannon, Ninth—

Am glad to find myself in heartiest accord. You may be certain I shall co-operate at every opportunity.

Paul C. Jones, Tenth—

While I would be glad to support legislation which would have the effect of eliminating this condition, I doubt very much if I will have an opportunity to vote on any of the bills which have been introduced dealing with such advertising.

Claude I. Bakewell, Eleventh—

When the Congress reconvenes in January I shall continue to observe the progress of this legislation.

Thomas B. Curtis, Twelfth—

I believe that, generally, an individual has the right to use such beverages or not, as he sees fit, but over-emphasis upon such act, especially where children and young people are exposed to it, cannot help having harmful effects.

Frank M. Karsten, Thirteenth—

I will have your communication before me along with others I have received on the same subject.

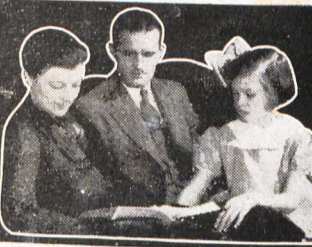
Not heard from: Phil J. Welch, Richard Bolling, and Dewey Short.

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