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Grant me the gift of healing  
Hearts that are aching from  
misery.*

*Many hearts grow sad and lonely  
Even drift to be bitter and cold;  
Often longing for love and understand-  
ing  
That would help them more than  
gold.*

*Often times we judge one to be cruel  
Seeing nought of his life that is  
good,  
But when we learn his history  
There's much right for which he has  
stood.*

*In the struggle he may have been  
rejected  
By friends he trusted quite well;  
The agony of the broken confidence  
Left a scare on his heart for a  
spell.*

*Lord, let me understand their troubles  
And convince them someone cares;  
Let me see their lives so full with love  
That all their doubts must dis-  
appear.*

*In that way may I be like you,  
Blessed Jesus, when you walked  
among men  
You brought joy and hope to broken  
hearts  
With your love for all, in this  
world of sin.*

Mrs. Thertha Jaskson  
Tulare, California

## FEARING CALLS TO SERVE—

Essie Hearron  
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"What is that in thine hand?" Exodus 4:2. The third chapter deals with the burning bush, and the conversation God had there with Moses. After telling Moses how He had seen the afflictions of the people of Israel, and promising deliverance, God said, "come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people, the children of Israel out of Egypt," Moses got scared. Oh! how many blessings we miss by being afraid. How terrible the penalty if we do not conquer fear. The right kind of fear is pleasing to God. The fear of God means that "reverence for God leads to obedience," this is a Godly fear. God said, we are told by Job 28:28, "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom." Prov. 1:7 tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Prov. 9:10 says it is the beginning of wisdom. But the fear of the world, the wise man said, "The fear of man bringeth a snare" (or trap), Prov. 29:25. The Lord can give us victory over fear Isaiah tells us in 13:3.

So Moses began to fear. How could he face the great ruler in whose kingdom he had grown up, educated in all the wisdom it was possible for his Princess adopted mother to give him? The adopted grandson of Pharaoh, from whose face he had fled years before, and was a stranger in the land of Midian. Decendants of Abraham and Keturah were his friends. He married his wife Zipporah there.

Moses lost a great blessing by being fearful. He said, "I am slow of speech," and God used Aaron to do his talking. After asking him, "who hath made man's mouth?" Oh you fearful! God can be "with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do." God saw Moses had nothing in his hand, but a rod. What have you got? Well, he was told by God to "cast it on the ground," and "it became a serpent and Moses fled from it." So many times we start a work and get scared when it becomes larger or different to what we thought.

Moses fled, but God said, "Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail."

Still a serpent, but Moses obeyed, "And it became a rod in his hand." As long as he held it in his hand, it had power. Verse 17, God said, "And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs." And Moses took the rod of God in his hand. Exodus 7:20, we find a miracle performed with Aaron's rod. Exodus 14, Moses used his rod to divide the water of the Red Sea. Again, he used it on the rock at Horeb but he did not use it as God directed. He was told to "speak to the rock," but he became angry, and smote the rock twice. As a result he didn't enter the promised land, but saw it from afar.

Fear is a snare. Of three servants who were given the talents, one was afraid. God said "Thou slothful (lazy) servant." Too lazy to use one talent. All through the Bible we read of fearful people, who failed to use what they had in their hand. The widow who gave her mite had a very distinguished person watching her. We are told he was watching—Mark 12:41. We read of a woman who used her needle, making garments for the poor. Acts 9:39, we read she died, and Peter raised her from the dead.

Use what you have in your hand. If you throw it away, it may become a serpent to terrify you, as Moses' rod did him. As we enter into the new year, why not ask God to cast out all fear, increase our faith, so we can do great things in His kingdom. Revelations 21:8, tells us who are outside and the first mentioned are the fearful. Doing His will with what we have and not trying to do like some one else. As Jesus told Peter when He asked him "What shall this man do?" John 21:21. "What is that to thee, follow me," verse 22. "What is that in thine hand?"

### S. O. S. IN HOME MISSIONS

Well, April will soon be here and don't forget—April is "Revival and Home Mission Month." We, as a National Home Mission Board are expecting great things to happen because so many things are needed. One thing, a Free Will Baptist church in every town and community in America. Oh, we don't expect that to happen over night, but we are on the road to that great goal. And by the co-operation of every F. W. B. preacher in America

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and the divine guidance of Almighty God, it can be done. I ask that each pastor preach missions in their respective churches and urge the support of the National Home Mission work.

I have coupon books that I will gladly mail to you, whereby each Sunday School class, League, church, or individuals may subscribe monthly pledges for this work.

Your National Home Mission Board's hands are tied unless you help us. We have calls from various states and places wanting workers and new churches. Now, what are you going to do about it? If we can depend on you, write us about it. We will supply you with needed information of our work, its needs, and instruct you what to do about it.

Now don't forget—April is "Simultaneous Revival Month." Write your state director of home missions for instructions on this work. Again let me remind each pastor to take an offering during April for home missions and send it to your state Treasurer, or to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Box 426, Oilton, Oklahoma. He will receipt you for the same.

Watch the paper for the quota for your state, and be sure that amount or more is raised. Your dollar will help some poor lost sinner to find Christ, and also to establish a F. W. B. church somewhere. God is depending on you now, the same as you will be depending on Him some day. Don't let Him down. Now listen, a good National Home Mission program is the foundation for a greater Foreign Mission program. Our main goal is, a Free Will Baptist church in every town in America and Free Will Baptist missionaries in every country in the world. Your dollar will help us reach this goal. Send it today; tomorrow may be too late.

Pray much for your National Home Mission Board for we need your prayers in this great important work.

Yours for this Goal to be reached—and in His name.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chm.  
311 West 15th St.  
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## IF WE NEGLECT—WHAT??

Rev. Roena, Thomas, Liberal, Mo.

*"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation," Hebrews 2:3.*

There are very few of us, who are not, or have not been guilty, some time or other of this very thing. Neglecting to do so many of the things pertaining to our salvation, through which we do receive our joy in serving Him, and also, that which makes our influence to be felt among those who are unsaved.

Webster says, neglect means to disregard, or fail to notice; or, to pay no attention to, or fail to give due attention, to a task or duty. When the Lord saved us, we felt we could go to the very ends of the earth for Him, so great was our joy and deep love for Him. In our hearts we meant to do any thing, or every thing He would call us to do. But it isn't always as easy to do this as we at first felt it might be. The Master's life here on earth was far from being easy. Neither did He promise His followers an easy way. But He did say, "His grace is sufficient for us." The early Christians gave their all even to their lives, many of them, for their Lord and His way. They left homes and loved ones, "counting all loss for Him."

When we consider their sacrifices, some times our own service seems so small and very insignificant. Too many times our service goes just as far as it doesn't conflict with, nor disrupt, our own plans and lives too much. We do not like to make ourselves too uncomfortable, even for the sake of the Lord's work itself. So, we find ourselves beginning to neglect to do some of the things we really feel the Lord wants us to do. We try to satisfy our minds by saying, "Our God is a reasonable God," and requires only "our reasonable service!" This is true of course. But, what is reasonable service for God? Surely not less than our best. So we drift along, saying to ourselves, we are giving our reasonable service. When, all around us, even right at our doors, the Lord's work is needing help desperately! Maybe we pray, "God bless your work, and Lord, send someone to help." Then many times, if we would but listen, we would hear Him say, "Will you go?" or "Will you give of your tithes and

offerings to help those who will go and do, and give their full time to the work?"

Then neglect again! So on we go, claiming to be loyal followers of Him, and yet go on continually neglecting to do so many of the things He would have us do. We may go on neglecting so many of these duties and our call to His service, for God never forces one into doing service for Him. Only He asks for volunteers. Remember, if we do neglect, we shall not escape the displeasure of our God, and shall not escape to give an account in the day of judgement of our neglected lives. The blood of many souls may be required at our hands because we failed our duty. Then, "What will our answer be?" We will be speechless, for there will be no answer that we can give that will stand there. "How shall we escape?"

In speaking on this subject, I feel led to add some life experiences of a certain one who was very guilty of neglect. Trusting it may help others not to fail duty, as it presents itself in God's work, for when you do, many things come that cause much regret and grief over the past and lost opportunities. A God called minister was used very actively for several years in a certain section of the country. God began to lead definitely to new fields of labor. This required breaking up and leaving home, being permanently located, owning his home, etc., it seemed a hard move to make. Finally after several months of undecided waiting, this one said, "It is just too much of a sacrifice," so did not go. Therefore, neglecting to move under God's leadership, to do His will, it was only a very short time until sickness and misfortune began to come to this home. And at the end of several years, the results of those afflictions are still present. The work of the ministry seemed to be closed for that one, or practically so, and left to think back with regret on the years past that might have been so different, had not neglect to follow the Lord, came into this life.

We can not escape, if we neglect. Friends, don't you ever think you can? As we hear Bro. Jeffreys begging for some one to come, and help out at the office of the "Gem." Surely we do realize this is God's work. The Lord must have some one, some where, whom He would have for this very

important work of His. If He leads you there, be sure you do not neglect or disregard, or fail to give due attention to this task or duty. It pays to let Him have His way with our lives, wherever it may lead us.

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING BADLY NEEDED

Sometime ago, the National Association voted while in session to launch a campaign to raise \$15,000 for a Headquarters Building for the Denomination. In the months that followed, something more than \$1,000.00 was brought in for this purpose. With a change of personnel in the Executive office and in the Denominational program, the Headquarters campaign was side tracked for awhile in the interest of more pressing matters. Today, however, we are faced with a Denominational demand for this Headquarters, so we are launching the final phase of our drive which will take us over the top.

### NEED IS THREEFOLD

1. We must have a Denominational address. As we now operate we are not able to give a mailing address for the National Association. We must either designate the College address or the home address of the Promotional Secretary. Our Headquarters will become our Denominational address.

2. The Headquarters will make for greater efficiency and co-ordination in our Denominational Program. Each of the Boards and Auxiliaries will have its offices located in the Headquarters building. This will cut down expense of renting offices. One mailing department can serve all departments which will also mean efficiency and savings. All Denominational leaders will be operating their various programs from the centralized Headquarters building and will be able to thus correlate their endeavors.

3. Our people over the Denomination will be able to see the program operating "first-hand" by visiting the "nerve-center" at the National Headquarters.

### THE COST

The National Association set \$15,000 as the limit for the purchase price. Of this amount, approximately \$2,000 is now on hand. In addition to the price of the building, there will be the



cost of equipment for the Promotional office, which will entail another \$500.00. The maintenance cost will be on a budget basis, worked out with the various boards and agencies occupying the Headquarters Building.

#### THE PLAN

With one-half the purchase price, we can close a deal for suitable quarters in Nashville and set up the balance to be paid over the period of a few years. This means that we must have \$6,000 as soon as possible. We are asking 100 churches to make gifts of \$50.00 each. With more than 3,500 churches listed in the Denomination, it is a reasonable assumption that at least 100 can be depended on to respond to this need.

Already the following churches have pledged definitely to send their gifts of \$50.00: Loyal Chapel, Columbia, Tennessee; Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee; East Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee; Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee.

The first church to actually make

an offering in this renewed drive is Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, with a gift of \$110.75. Other churches and pastors have assured us that we could count on them to cooperate in this cause.

#### HOW TO SEND OFFERINGS

Make all checks or money orders payable to "Headquarters Fund," Damon C. Dodd, Treasurer. Mail them to: Promotional Department, National Association of Free Will Baptist, 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville 9, Tenn.

You will be promptly receipted for your gift and your church organization will be listed among those who have given to the Headquarters Fund. A list will be published in the Denominational publications monthly so you can see where we stand in our drive for the "Free Will Baptist Headquarters."

Editors Note: To expedite accurate records within the state, Missouri donors are urged to remit by way of Rev. Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer, Center-view, Missouri.

The period, "Youth Speaks to Youth" is especially designed for them. Many young lives have been changed completely as a result of coming to the Conference.

It is regretted that we have no rooms available this year for our guests. We could not expect guests to live as crowded as our students—six and eight to a room. But rooms—at reasonable rates—will be secured for you if notice is given in advance. Many who come wait and get rooms after arriving.

#### VOYAGE TO INDIA DELAYED

There are many wonderful events in the life of any Christian. This is especially true in the life of a young couple who have dedicated their lives to Christian service on the foreign field. The years of study and training, the assurance of God's call to a definite field, the filing of preliminary and formal application to a Foreign Mission Board, the medical examination, the days of anxious waiting for the decision of the board. Learning to wait on the Lord and trusting Him for passage money, and then for the glad news that their home is to be blessed by their first baby. This, in part, has been the experience of Bro. and Sis. Carlisle Hanna. Even though they had hoped to go to India earlier, in the interest of all concerned, they have been advised by the Foreign Mission Board to wait until after the "blessed event," which will be some time in July.

Our people have responded in a wonderful way toward their support for passage money. As of now there is \$1,575.16 in the treasury designated for their passage. This, no doubt, will be enough for their tickets, but remember their salaries, living expense, repatriation, etc., must also be paid after their sailing.

Several have indicated their willingness to assume partial support of the Hannas', but as yet, not enough to be sure.

Remember, their basic salary is \$75.00 per month per missionary, which in reality constitutes about one-half of the actual cost in maintaining a missionary on the field.

Even though their passage money is in they need some equipment, so keep those funds coming.

—Rev. Raymond Riggs,

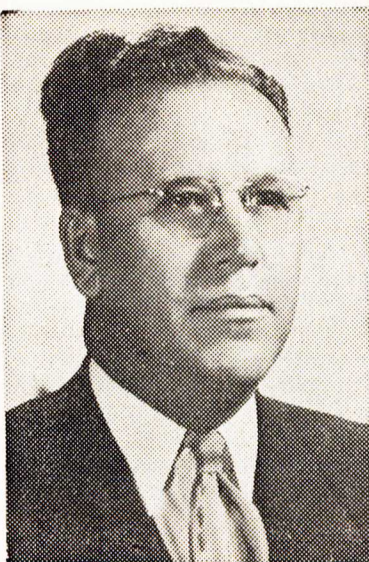
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#### BIBLE CONFERENCE SET FOR FWB COLLEGE—MARCH 23-27

Bible Conference time will soon be here. With much praying and planning it is hoped this Conference will be the best ever. The tent, which has been our meeting place in past years, will be supplanted this year with a new comfortable auditorium. New seats are now on order and it is expected they will be installed in time for the Conference.

Bro. Willard Day, pastor Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri, and Bro. Chester Pelt, pastor of Free Will Baptist churches in Florida, will be our speakers. Both these brethren are able Gospel preachers. Another feature of this year's Conference will be a period each day when Youth Speaks to Youth. Young men recently gone out from the Bible College and still in College will be bringing these messages. This will be especially inspiring to the young people attending. Good music has always been a special feature of our Conference program.

A special invitation is given to our ministers to attend this year. If you, brother minister, have not attended a



Rev. Willard Day

Conference, why not come this year? We want you to visit your Bible College as well as receive the inspiration and blessing from the good Gospel preaching and singing.

A good number of young people have always attended the Bible Conference. More are expected this year than ever.



Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."



## OKLAHOMA RALLY TO McALESTER—MARCH 14

Using the Keynote Theme: "The Light for This Dark Hour," (Luke 1:79), Oklahoma Free Will Baptists will convene at McAlester on March 14, 1952 in a giant Missionary Rally. Following is the scheduled program for the day's activities.

- 10:00 Hymns and prayer. Greetings from Rev. E. S. Sunday, Mission Board Chairman. Special music, "The Light of the World is Jesus," Sulphur trio.
- 10:20 "Missions—The Christian's Obligation," Rev. Willard C. Day ("Light to them that sit in darkness..." Luke 1:79a).
- 11:00 Hymns, Singspiration and Prayer. Special music, "The Sobbing of A Thousand Million Souls."
- 11:20 "The Church's Part In Curbing Crime," Rev. R. R. Reed, State Prison Chaplain ("Light to them that sit in the shadow of death..." Luke 1:79b).
- 12:00 Lunch and fellowship.
- 1:30 Hymns, Singspiration and Prayer.
- 1:45 Introduction of Rev. Carl Hembee, State Promotional Worker.
- 2:00 Your Questions Answered.
- 2:20 "Missions—An Investment In Peace," Rev. Willard C. Day ("Light to guide our feet in the way of peace." Luke 1:79c).
- 3:00 Special music, Rev. Everett Helard.
- 3:10 "Voyage To Rome," a film episode from the life of Paul, God's missionary.
- 3:45 Adjourn.

## ACCORDIAN FOR MISSIONS

Cedar Hill, Tenn.  
Route 3

Dear Bro. Riggs:

A few weeks ago I wrote to you and told you of some of the things we would like to have before going to the mission field. Among other things mentioned was an accordian; and the Lord has supplied us with a beautiful 120 base accordian.

At the Rural League Rally of the Eastern Quarterly meeting of the Cumberland Association, which was held at Olivet Free Will Baptist Church on February 2, money was raised to pay

for our accordian. The amount raised at the rally was \$145.00 which covered the cost of the accordian. Also, we received \$10.00 from Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri to help pay for the accordian. Thus the cost of the accordian along with the express bill was paid by the Lord's people.

We praise the Lord for this instrument and desire that it may be used only for His glory.

Also, I would like to mention that a few days ago we received a nice piece of luggage as a gift from Ronald Creech and Mary Belle Smith. We are thankful that God has given us friends like these.

We are trusting the Lord that the rest of our equipment will be supplied before we leave for the field. Pray for us.

In Christ,

Wesley and Aileen Calvery

## REV. HENRY MELVIN LEAVES COLLEGE POST

Bro. Henry Melvin, who has been with the Free Will Baptist Bible College for the past five years as Treas-



Rev. Henry Melvin

urer-Business Manager, plans to leave his present position with the Institution at the end of his present term of office this spring. After having served as a successful pastor for many years, he feels he should return to this work of his first love. Too, Bro. Melvin's children are grown and away from home and he cannot feel good in leaving his wife alone so much. His pres-

ent work with the school is primarily traveling.

Bro. Melvin had a long and successful pastorate at Edgemont Church in Durham, North Carolina, before coming with the Bible College. We pray the Lord's blessings on him wherever his new field of labor may be.

## SHIBLEY'S POINT AND GREENGROVE REVIVALS

Greentop, Missouri  
February 23, 1952

Dear Gem Readers:

We would like to report the good revivals we have recently closed at the Shipley's Point and Greengrove Free Will Baptist churches.

Rev. John Rogers of Fredericktown, Missouri, conducted both revivals. Services started at Shibley's Point December 9, and continued for two weeks. Although the weather was very cold and snowy we had good services each evening. The church was greatly revived and one soul was saved. Bro. Rogers came back for the revival at Greengrove January 28. The Spirit of the Lord was very manifest in each service. God's children were blessed and five souls were saved. The people from the neighboring churches were very loyal in these services. There was good attendance each evening. God's children shouted the praises of God. Truly at each service we left the church feeling it had been good to be there.

We found Bro. Rogers to be a real man of God. The messages were filled with the power of God and we found him to be a man who was not afraid to speak the truth. We thank God for Bro. Rogers' ministry and that God sent him to help in these revival efforts. He and Sis. Rogers are in our home now while conducting a revival meeting at the New Harmony Church. We enjoy them so much, they are such fine people to have in your home. We can say we are truly enjoying a wonderful fellowship with them. We thank God for our brothers and sisters in Christ and for the wonderful privilege we have of fellowshiping with them in our home.

Yours for Jesus,

Pastor and husband of Shibley's Point and Greengrove churches.

Alta and Gene Mikel



# THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



## UNION AUXILIARY MEETS

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Union Free Will Baptist Church was held Wednesday afternoon, February 13, at the home of Mrs. Herbert McClerren, near Thompsonville, Illinois.

Group singing opened the meeting followed by prayer. The Bible study taken from John 15:11-27, was read by Mrs. Wendell Dillion. Mrs. Fred A. Read, president, conducted a brief business session. "The Hour is Come to See and Serve," was the title of the program directed by Mrs. Marion Bonucchi. Topics were given by Jo Ann Bonucchi, Joyce McClerren, Mrs. Eddie Jones, Mrs. Dessie Welker, Mrs. Elmer McClerren and Rev. Geraldine Lewis, District president of the Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of Southern Illinois. Vocal music was presented by Miss Jo Ann Bonucchi. Visitors present were Mrs. Emily Malone and Rev. Lewis.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dessie Welker.

## FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI

May we come in for a short visit and tell you some of the good things God is doing for us in our Auxiliary work.

We met Wednesday, January 30, for our regular all-day service, with 15 members and four visitors present. The theme of our program for the day was, "Advancing with Christ in Prayer," and truly we did have the presence of the Lord with us. All present had a wonderful time praising God from whom all blessings flow. At the noon hour we enjoyed a covered dish luncheon where all had a wonderful fellowship together. How the Lord did bless every one.

At 1:30 we were called to order by singing, "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes," after which we had prayer, then into our Bible study which was a blessing to all. How wonderful it is to sit at the Master's feet and learn of Him.

Another wonderful blessing we have received from God through prayer is the new cabinets in our basement. We had been talking about how we needed them, but hadn't done anything about it. So we started praying and trusting God, and it was just like Him to hear and answer. We now have our lovely cabinets, and we know it is all through His goodness, and because He hears and answers our prayers. How we do love to trust and serve Him because we know He is ever near, just when we need Him most.

Pray for us that we will ever be in the center of His will and go forward in His cause.

Mrs. Mildred Hilderbrand, reporter

## "GROWING PAINS"

February 22, 1952

Dear Co-Laborers:

May we come in and visit you for just a few moments? We do not prevail upon you very often, but there is something very near and dear to our heart at this particular time; a decision must be made and we feel that you can help us through your prayers and suggestions.

Before I place our problem before you, I would like to give my personal testimony. When realizing the need of a Saviour, my husband and I began searching for a church that could give us the spiritual help that we needed. After visiting churches of other denominations, we found joy and happiness among Free Will Baptists. We love them and it makes us happy to know that the Free Will Baptist work is growing and reaching out into all parts of the earth with the Gospel.

Speaking of growing, the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention of Free

Will Baptists, is suffering with growing pains. That is the problem which we wish you to pray about.

During the life of the W. N. A. C., her literature department has been operated in the home of the W. N. A. C. literature chairman. At the present time W. N. A. C. has twenty publications ranging from a thousand to eight thousand copies. Thus the hour has come when provision must be made for storage space for some 44,000 books, supplies, rolls of wrapping paper, boxes of stationery, cards, envelopes, receipt cards, record files, wall charts, etc. There is also a need for a convenient place for the wrapping of hundreds of parcels.

The Literature Department of the W. N. A. C. has outgrown any private home, and she is asking herself many questions, such as, "Is the National Association of Free Will Baptists going to set-up a headquarters? If so, where? And, if so, will provision be made for W. N. A. C. space? If not, where and just how will W. N. A. C. headquarters be set-up?"

The hour truly has come when a change must be made for the handling of W. N. A. C. literature. We cannot go on another year as we have in the past. Will you, who are interested in the "enlarging of the place of thy tent ... lengthening thy cords, and strengthening thy stakes:" help us pray about this great need?

Yours in His service,

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, Pres.

## EDITOR'S REPORT

Received—

St. Louis Third Auxiliary	.....\$1.00
Fredericktown Auxiliary	..... 4.00
Total received	.....\$5.00
Expenses	..... .50

## "YOUTH AND LIQUOR"

Rev. Eunice Edwards

The subject before us for our con-

sideration should not be thought of as being used together. Youth and liquor should be as far apart as the poles. However, in this present age, I grant you, that the two subjects are, I fear, becoming fast friends. I say this to



our shame.

There are a number of reasons for this situation, or at least, are contributing factors. No doubt, you are well aware of each of the reason I have listed here, but shall we consider the following by way of refreshing our minds?

First, I do not believe there is such a thing as a boy or girl being born bad. The blood of Jesus Christ is able to save any who will call upon Him, and is able to sustain everyone who will trust Him for daily living. "If the Son shall make ye free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36. Therefore, I believe it follows, that we do not have delinquent children, but we do have delinquent parents and as a result, neglected children. By neglected, I do not mean necessarily physical or temporal neglect, although as a rule, the children of drinking parents do suffer for food, shelter, clothing, all the things we think essential to good living.

The first neglect I want to mention is how parents are neglecting to love their children. I refer you to any current newspaper headlines you care to read and I challenge you with this statement that somewhere in that paper you will find an account of child abuse in one way or another. What is the cause? Parents do not love their children. They would much rather love pets than children.

Next, is the neglect of proper training. In a news item from the "Civic Bulletin" I quote: "Pastors report that there is an increasing number of young people who come for advice as to what they are going to do about their parents—young people who are practically compelled to serve liquor to guests although their conscience is opposed to it ... At one time it was the parents who came asking what they were going to do about John or Mary, now it is the children who come to the pastor because they believe their parents are on the road to alcoholism. Surely the times are out of joint." II Cor. 12:14, "...for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children." Too many of our modern parents are too busy making money, keeping up with the Jones', and making a name for themselves to be very much concerned with laying up real treasures in the hearts and lives of their children, through proper training.

From the child's first tottering, stumbling steps, the modern mother teaches by precept and example to be popular and successful, they must do the things the crowd does. For instance, and I quote in part, Beatrice Wrath in her article entitled, "Trial By Firewater," in a recent issue of "Listen," "A christening is the most popular excuse for a party ... Junior is lullabied to the tune of the Beer Barrel Polka ... one of the first things he learns in college is the Stein Song or its equivalent ... He has now reached man's estate and is ready to seek a mate, at debutante's 'passing out' parties, in bars, night-clubs, and roadhouses. The least he can hope for is a social butterfly but what he usually gets is a barfly."

Parents seem to have the peculiar idea that if you drink in an elite club, or at home is all right, but to drink in a "low dive" is not right. Friends, it is the same damning stuff whether you drink it in the "White House" or a tavern. God's word says "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," Prov. 20:1. And as for the leaders of our nation to set themselves up as examples I quote from Prov. 31:4, "... It is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink."

I hear this excuse, from adults trying to excuse their actions behind the defense of personal liberty, "I have a right to drink if I want to." I say, no! Rem. 14:7 says, "For none of us liveth to himself." In other words, each one of us, is some one's Bible. "Whose Bible am I?" "Whose Bible are you?"

Friends, many of the children in our community are suffering from neglect, unloved, unwanted, untrained. What are we to do about this question? "We then that are strong ought to hear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Rom. 15:1.

Again, I quote Beatrice Wrath, "It is from today's crop of moderate drinkers that tomorrow's alcoholics will stagger."

I believe the solution to the problem of Youth and Liquor lies in the hands of adults, to love children, to teach them that their lives and bodies belong to God, to live godly lives before them, to exercise their right to vote, and to educate youth to the awful results of drink.

## REV. DAY IN REVIVAL AT HAZEL CREEK UNION

Kirkville, Missouri

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

We would like to tell you and the readers of the Gem about our recent revival and perhaps a few other items of interest about our work with the people of Hazel Creek Church.

Our revival began January 6, and closed the 23. The weather was very favorable for the most part and we had large crowds at practically all the services. Many unsaved attended the meeting which is very unusual in this part of the state. Of course all those who attended did not accept Christ but we are happy to report that six of them did. We feel that the church and community were helped greatly by this revival. Other churches of the association co-operated in a fine way to help make the meeting a success. On the second Sunday night of the meeting, our sister church, New Harmony, presented the play, "The Lost Church," to an overflow crowd. The play was well presented and was a blessing to those present.

Our evangelist was Rev. Willard Day who is pastor of the Mountain Grove Church. We feel that we were very fortunate to have Bro. Day, who is certainly a man of God. Although he arrived in our community a stranger to most of our people he immediately seemed as one of us. We are sure that our people will always love him because of his tireless evangelistic efforts as well as the fellowship with him in our homes.

Although our church has not been growing by leaps and bounds we do feel that we have been making steady progress since the middle of July when the church began full time work. We have a good Sunday School and one of the two Leagues of this association. We are certain that our entire church has been greatly helped by our League work which we started about two years ago. We realize, too, that anything that has been accomplished has only been as we as individuals have yielded ourselves to God's will. We desire that each of us will continue to be used of Him even in a greater way so that not only our community but surrounding communities might be brought closer to God.

In His service,

Rolla and Agnes Smith





# From The Editor's Desk



## WE RUN THE GAMUT

To a few (very few) of our readers, we seem to use poor taste when we use the section of the Gem designated for the Editor in a promotional effort to secure finance, materials, or assistance for some phase or operation of the church and its enterprises. Indeed, we are aware of one gentleman who is off our list more than he is on. His avowed reason is, "I never read the Gem that is does not seek money for some department of the church, or some other aid." To this we humbly say, "Praise the Lord," for it makes us know that we are at least trying to fill an urgent need—that of keeping our people informed of the needs of the different departments and enterprises of the church.

During the past twenty years, we have watched with great interest a worthy work of the Lord progress from a very unsteady beginning in a small way to a great work that is entertained in its realm as one of the most outstanding sources of spiritual inspiration available. The head of this work has always practiced the motto, "Ask the Lord and tell His people," in all matters of material aid. From the first the idea appealed to us as fundamentally sound. It has very definitely proven so. The Lord has blessed that work, and its influence is colossal. Always the will of the Lord is sought after, and when it is known, the people are informed just what will be their part in such a program if it is to succeed. They (the informed Christians) always respond.

One of our national leaders often uses the expression, "Information brings inspiration." To me this is a proven statement. How often my heart thrills when information unlocks a storehouse of inspiration. Many times with the information comes a definite demand on my own limited resources: finance, time, energy, or intellect. I find that as one rises to the demand made of him, and as success attends his efforts, a joyous satisfaction is his reward. With this as our experience we do not hesitate to

present needs and ideas that will help the work of the Lord in any way—either now or in the future. So please stay with us—read on—for we have somewhat to discuss with you, and much of it will challenge you.

### In Review

In the last issue of the Gem, we spoke of "Our Macedonian Call." In it and on other occasions we have tried to emphasize the importance of the printed page. This cannot be over-emphasized. I am sure that by your own reasoning you will agree with me. A long list of reasons of great importance could be given concerning its great importance. But in the light of the emphasis of the opening paragraphs above we ask, "Where else can you better disseminate information? Where can one better inform all of the Lord's people of the plans and needs of the Church?"

It is always up to you to help us meet the demands necessary for operation. Space forbids mentioning them in listed order. We would emphasize our continuing need for additional employees here. We particularly are in need of alert young people, called to serve the Lord in this capacity, who know this work or are willing to learn it. Older Christians, qualified, please contact us if directed of the Lord.

Also, we always need—and must have—volunteer workers order the field, constantly busy in their own locale in the interest of the Gem. A spasmodic, half-hearted, in-and-out method will not be sufficient. We have only a few workers who really work at the job. We do so much appreciate their help. And it is a real help. Our volunteer workers are not on a salary or commission. They even pay their own postage. Their only sure reimbursement is in the satisfaction of service rendered and genuinely appreciated. Join this group now and be a help. If you desire further information on our needs, please contact us. We will be happy to provide such information.

### National Headquarters Building

Some time ago a program was set in motion for a National Headquarters Building. A real need for it was recog-

nized at that time. However, several other departments of the Church stood in emergency status at the time, and it became necessary to give more emphasis to them, and the drive for funds for the headquarters building was temporarily abandoned. Not all of the emergencies have been met. But with considerably better conditions in many departments and a decided increase in the need for the headquarters building, the drive has been reactivated. With the exception of the school, none of the different departments have a permanent address, and only a few have offices in Nashville, the recognized center of the denomination. Most departments have their own office established in the home or church of their chairman or secretary. These are widely scattered. We often get mail here at the Gem office concerning one of the different departments. We always use our own postage and send it on to the proper place. We in turn are favored in like manner. This confusion comes because of the many different offices, and inadvertently different ones send their correspondence to the wrong office. But the real difficulty comes at the other end—the office end. Under the present set-up there is a vast duplication of duties, mailing lists are duplicated, materials are duplicated, programs are overlapped, needful things are overlooked, and countless other problems exist which cannot now be corrected. It has long seemed to us that it is time to "Get together," use a common address known to all, do away with duplications of duties, co-ordinate the program to avoid "dormant" periods and promote a smooth running program balancing the work of every department. The enemy is very efficient: we must be if we are to remain in business for the Lord. A Headquarters Building will foster much needed efficiency.

### Home Missions

Elsewhere in this issue you will read an article concerning the gravity of the situation in the Home Mission program. For some reason there has been a poor response to this program. If there is any program that cannot afford to be slighted, it is Home Mis-



sions. Just as the human family must reproduce young to even continue to exist, so also must the organic church bear young if it plans to survive. Death constantly claims an alarming number of the old; even some that are middle aged or younger. In order to increase, many new must be raised up.

Let us illustrate by using the example of oil and the oil wells. The current demands use the current supply. Little or no reserve can be stored up. To meet the demands of the future, the industry must replace the wells that go out of action and increase the number to meet the ever larger demands of the future. There can be no let up in expansion, or it will result in a disastrous dearth of oil. In comparison, we must equal the dying organizations with new living ones and further expand so that we will have a source of support for the demands of the future. Any slackening of this effort will prove alarmingly disastrous. Promote Home Missions by supporting Home Missions.

### Your Remittance

This is particularly to Missouri Free Will Baptists, but may be of some value to others, and concerns remittances for the support of the different departments of the church. It is still the practice of many to send their check directly to the head of the department being supported. In this manner, your state treasurer has no record of your contribution. For the sake of accurate records (and these are very valuable) we urge you to **MAKE ALL REMITTANCES** to work on the state level or above through your state treasurer. If you have a local church and/or a local association-treasurer, set up to take care of this, by all means send your gifts through them. They will then send it on for you. But bring your money through channels. Always identify just what it is for, and exactly 100 cents out of every dollar will go for that exact purpose. Your state treasurer is bonded for your protection, she will receipt you for your remittance, the money will be regularly moved on to its goal, and a complete record will be maintained. It is a good system for your convenience and protection. Use it. See page two for her complete address.

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### Materials and Orders

Orders for materials have slackened considerably since the Christmas rush. We urge you to get your catalog, list your needs, and place your order early. Prices on many articles have advanced. We are trying to absorb this increase over the listing in the catalog, but may not be able to do so much longer. We urge you to order while you are assured of current listed prices.

We have extensive listings on Oxford, Scofield, Harper, World, and other Bibles. If you have a particular Bible in mind, contact us giving us the description and number if possible. We have a wide listing of study helps, visual aids, Christian fictions, and novelty items.

If you need religious text cards of any kind contact us. At present we have a few Easter greeting cards—while they last at 60¢ per box post-paid. We also have birthday, all-occasion, sympathy, and get-well cards. Make your order now. We handle charge orders.

### Book Needed

We have had inquiry of the availability of the book of "The Life of Benjamin Randall." We have a copy of it in our home, but are not aware of where it can be obtained. If anyone knows of a supply of this book, you will do us a favor by supplying us with the information.

### CHURCH AT LOS ANGELES

To the Gem:

We have a new Free Will Baptist Church here near Los Angeles, just nine or ten miles from downtown L. A.

We have been in need of a church here for a long time.

We rented a building here in Bell Gardens, and called Eld. John L. Waltman for a two-week revival. That was during the rains and the flood here, but did not hinder the meeting any. We surely had a wonderful time.

There were eight precious souls saved, some that had been bound by the Devil with the drink habit and it looked as if there was no hope for them, their homes broken and their families about to forsake them. But praise God, Jesus was preached unto them and He saved them, breaking the bonds of Satan and claiming the victory.

The meeting was doing so well, and with such interest, we continued another week, and during the third week, on January 22, we organized our church. We have 21 charter members.

Our song leader was a good Nazarene whom we have known here for almost three years. He had offered his services to us when we first met him. He being very well known, helped us out a lot by his contact with people who sang. He is the president of the Orange County Singing Convention. When the meeting came to a close he made the statement that it was the best meeting he had ever witnessed, and the fellowship he and all enjoyed.

These words are just to let you know that we are glad to report to you such a good meeting.

The Sunday School is growing, and it is a wonderful group to work with. They are already talking of building.

After the revival closed, Eld. John L. Waltman went to Phoenix, Arizona to begin a meeting on February 3. If anyone is in need of a good old-fashioned, humble, Spirit-filled evangelist, we would recommend him to them.

This is sent to you hoping that its publication might reach out to the people who might read it and they in turn might point someone this way. It has been so hard for Free Will Baptists to get started here in Southern California. The church is located at: 8030 Eastern Ave., Bell Gardens, Calif.

Rev. Eual Gorman  
6029 Fry Street  
Bell Gardens, Calif.

If Christ is kept on the outside, something must be wrong inside.



## EYES ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Miss Barnard writes: "Two of the young men from the Tea Estate have recently come to the Lord. It has been wonderful to see how the Holy Spirit has taught them. Last week when I was examining them, the older one said, 'I want to be baptized because I have given myself to the Lord Jesus and He has forgiven my sins.' Then he added, 'He is in my heart now!' The younger lad, after he had been hearing the evangelist's message, had come to inquire further, and when I asked him why he wanted to be baptized he answered very simply, 'I am a youth, I want to find the true God now and seek His forgiveness of my sins and His strength to live a clean, pure life. You say Jesus is that true God, that He died for my sins. I am ready to accept Him and follow Him all my life.' And as I took him right into the Gospel of John, showing how to receive Christ and the meaning of salvation, he opened his heart and the miracle was done right on the spot. His testimony was radiant. So it was good to have these in the service today."

Volena Wilson is in Bangalore at Language School and is very happy in her work. Miss Barnard states, "I have great hopes of her and her usefulness."

Paul Woolsey writes (dated January 13, 1952): "Time does not wait for us slow bodies, therefore I find things piling up to an alarming extent. The Big Mela (Fair) is on at Kishanganj and the Cronks have their hands full. I was down Friday and Saturday and Mrs. Woolsey is still there. Two of our evangelists are helping in the Mela. Dan has our big tent (will seat 200) up on the grounds. Ordinarily a tent, used only during the camping season (November to February) is good for several years but our tent has taken three "lulus" (strong east winds), three cold seasons, two hot seasons and two rainy ones. It is a miracle that it still can be used. It has served, in turn, as living quarters, as a Dispensary, to camp in on tours and for evangelistic attempts. I gave \$250.00 for it, (later I was reimbursed from our India fund). It is a large war surplus quatermaster tent.

"As of date we have no definite date earlier than April 6, for leaving Bombay but are still trying to obtain pas-

sage the last of March. Will keep you posted."

Bro. Woolsey further states, as he has indicated to us before, that, "We felt called to help in opening the work in North India, and have felt that our usefulness to the Board would not extend or pass over one five year term. We honestly feel that God has called us to help prepare the way for those better qualified to carry on the work once it is started, however we do not feel that we should return here at this time. We will be glad to discuss with the Board about future work either in U.S.A. or India, particularly Nepal when it is open for the Gospel."

## Special Prayer Requests

It seems that the Foreign Mission Board feels that the time has come to secure the services of a full time man in promoting Foreign Missions. Truly the Lord has blessed this department in the last few years and it is no longer a 'side-line' affair. If it continues to grow or even if we maintain our present standing, some one must devote full time to this all important work. Matter of fact, it will require the full time service of more than one for it will be necessary to have an office staff to do the book and secretarial work in addition to the administrative and executive affairs. Are Free Will Baptists ready and able to meet this challenge? Who among us is qualified and willing, or to whom is the Lord speaking to fill this important position. The board has entered into a covenant to pray about this matter constantly until our annual meeting in April. Now we are asking you to intercede with us, please. We also welcome any suggestions or recommendations from any of our church leaders on interested parties.

Pray for Miss Bessie Yeley in Cuba who is in bad health.

Pray for the Native Pastors and workers in Cuba.

Pray for additional workers to go to India. They are desperately needed.

We give you the following summary of the financial statement issued by Rev. Riggs, treasurer of National Foreign Missions.

During the month of January, 1952, a total of \$15,517.91 was turned to the National Foreign Mission treasurer. Of this, Missouri Free Will Baptists contributed \$810.03. This ranked Mis-

souri fourth in the total amount given in January, falling behind North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina, in that order. With five months of the fiscal year to go, Missouri's total gifts have reached \$6,227.86 of the \$8,500.00 goal. This is just a little above schedule and may make other states hustle to beat us under the finish line.

January recorded our neighbors contributions as follows: Oklahoma, \$248.51; Arkansas, \$5.46; and Illinois, \$305.52. However, only Illinois, has passed the half way mark, and calls for a little extra effort on the part of everyone.

An oversubscription of the announced goal does not constitute an over-support of the department of Foreign Missions—or any other division of the church.

—Editor

## GOD'S LOVE BINDS GROUP

Exeter, California  
Februaury 4, 1952

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have been reading the Gem and it makes me rejoice to hear how the Lord is blessing the labor of His servants all over the different states. Most of the writers are strangers to me, but I am acquainted with their Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and His wonderful love.

First, I want to tell you how wonderfully the Lord has blessed our little church here in Exeter. The debt on our church has been paid. It was paid the last of November, 1951. We plan to have our dedication service Easter Sunday. We are trusting to have a wonderful day in the Lord.

We had a wonderful day last Sunday, February 3. We met at our little church for Sunday School and the preaching service as we do each Sunday. After Sunday School, Bro. Aaron Lewis gave us a wonderful spiritual message. We all enjoyed it very much. The Ladies' Aid and the church presented Bro. and Sis. Lewis with a friendship quilt after service. Then with well filled baskets and gifts, we all followed one of our deacons, Bro. Pete Ussery, and wife, home, it being their birthdays. It sure was a surprise to both of them. The thought I want you to get here is of the wonderful

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love that binds us all together. We thank God for that love.

After dinner was over, we all gathered back at the church for singing. Bro. Charlie Jones is our song leader, and also a deacon in our church. We all dearly love Bro. Jones and wife. He sings in the Spirit and in the old fashioned way.

Our little church bears the name of being just old fashioned—old time preaching and singing—and we just want to stay humble in the old fashioned way. We don't seek to be popular. But rather to get more humble is our goal.

We gathered back for service Sunday night. Bro. and Sis. Alvan Long, of Porterville, were with us. Sis. Long led the devotional service. There was a message in each testimony. We just thank God for Bro. and Sis. Long, and it lifts us up each time they visit our church. Bro. Elza Owens brought the evening message. Everyone was filled and running over—it was a wonderful message. After service was dismissed there was more singing and rejoicing. It was a wonderful day in the Lord for all of us. Everyone was happy.

We want to thank our Lord for that wonderful love, and want to ask each one of you to remember us in prayer. We need your prayers that we may stay the old-fashioned, humble little band of the Exeter Church. I wouldn't forget our dear loving pastor, Bro. Earl Austin, and wife. They are a real blessing to our church.

God bless us as a denomination, for if I understand my Bible, we are founded on the truth, and the Bible says truth will stand.

May God bless the Gem family, and if this comes to print, may it be a blessing to someone.

Mrs. James Campbell  
490 South G Street

P.S.—We would love to hear from some of you Free Will Baptists through the pages of the Gem.

**LOYAL CHAPEL GOES AHEAD**

Loyal Chapel is well launched into 1952. So far there have been 20 souls saved during the month of January alone. We have faith that there will be many more saved, for ours is a church that houses the Spirit of the Lord. We have also had 33 new members since the new year started.

Which brings us to the young people. We have a fine group of them now and they attend all the church functions. The Young People's League started with three members and now have 42. It's wonderful that the young people of today will let the Lord abide within their hearts. We realize that it is exceedingly difficult in this day and time when the world is so steeped in sin, for a young teenager to live a Christian life. But if they can hold out and come through, holding the banner of Jesus high and foremost, then they will have proved to God that they are what He wants.

Bobby Jackson, from the F.W.B. College, conducted a Youth Revival at our church February 8-10. The five souls that were saved are worth every bit of effort that was extended. A quartet from the college, favored the revival with many beautiful and appropriate hymns. Wonderful Christian fellowship was enjoyed and the Holy Spirit was present. God wonderfully blessed and the older folks enjoyed it every bit as much as the younger folks did.

Sunday morning all the young people gathered at the radio station with our pastor, assistant pastor, Bro. Jackson, the College quartet, and the Gospel Echo quartet for the regular radio program that is sponsored by the Loyal Chapel Church, Sunday School, and by friends. They had a wonderful time there testifying, but we in the radio audience had as good a time hearing them.

Mrs. J. B. Bloss, and Mrs. L. B. Young have organized a "Go-Tell" Auxiliary for young people aged from nine to thirteen. You will hear and read more about this in the future, as they have only had one meeting with eight members. They have our prayers and support.

And now to the members of Loyal Chapel and all other churches throughout the world: Be steadfast and sure—Live for God regardless of the cost—for He is the dearest and best friend

you could ever have. And, Dear Youth, pray much and study to shew thyself approved unto God. Get your Bibles from their resting places and use them. God bless you!

—Elsie Price

**— I F —**

*If I could have the eloquence*

*Of Solomon's great pen;*

*I'd try with all my heart and soul  
Some sinner friend to win.*

*I'd write a verse to touch the heart,*

*Of all who read or heard;*

*I'd tell of Jesus' boundless love*

*With each and every word.*

*And guided by the Master's hand*

*My pen would then describe*

*The peace of soul that living for*

*The Saviour gives within.*

*If I could have the eloquence*

*The tongue of Paul expressed,*

*I'd go from place to place on earth*

*And do my very best;*

*To tell my friends, and strangers too*

*How Jesus came below*

*And suffered agony and death*

*Because He loved us so.*

*I'd tell how Jesus gently knocks*

*And asks to be your friend,*

*And how He'd watch and care for you*

*And strength and comfort lend.*

*If I could sing with eloquence*

*As David sang of old*

*I would not use my talent here*

*For gain of wealth and gold.*

*But I would sing with happy lilt*

*The things that in my heart*

*That my poor halting untaught pen*

*Cannot for me impart.*

*I'd sing God's praises all day long*

*And tell to one and all*

*If God is piloting your ship*

*No evil can befall.*

*I would not say there'd be no tears*

*For trials come our way*

*But Jesus will our burdens bear*

*If we just kneel and pray.*

*A heart that walks in sweet accord*

*With Jesus there beside*

*Will know a gentle fellowship*

*And in sweet peace abide.*

*But I have not the eloquence*

*Of tongue or song or pen*

*But I can pray that Christ will knock*

*And you will let Him in.*

Odella Testerman  
Blanchard, Okla.



# NEWSY BRIEFS

## OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CEDAR RIDGE CHURCH— LONG LANE, MISSOURI

We, the Cedar Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, wish to make a report to the Gem for the first time.

We are having good attendance at our little church. In December, the Fifth Sunday night, we organized Young People's services, with 35 members. Now we have 45, with an average attendance of 55. We sure do enjoy our League. Leland Consler, President; Otho Spurlock, senior teacher; Mrs. Smith, junior teacher; Mrs. Leland Consler, secretary-treasurer. We only have two classes now, but it looks like we are going to have to have another one.

We thank God for our church. Our pastor, Rev. Leo Curtis, of Lebanon, is our good leader. We love to hear him preach. He is just an old fashioned preacher, who preaches in the Spirit of God. We are looking forward to a revival in the near future with Rev. Denny Ray Ford of Korea, as our evangelist. This young man and our pastor held a revival two years ago with 38 souls saved and restored.

We ask the prayers of you good Gem readers that our church will grow in the love of God.

—Reporter

### NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED IN NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA

Claremore, Okla.

February 12, 1952

Just a word about our new association—The Northeast Oklahoma Association.

We just closed a very good Quarterly Meeting. All of our churches were represented and we enjoyed a wonderful spiritual feast. Also, we were served a fine dinner by the Collinsville Church.

Rev. A. B. Talbert, reporting

Editors Note: We have never met Bro. Talbert, but have often been impressed with his faithfulness and his favors to the Gem. We now learn that he has been a steady subscriber to this publication down through the years

dating back to when it was published in Texas bearing the masthead "New Morning Star." Such information is inspiring to us. Many of us would do well to emulate Bro. Talbert's record of faithfulness and support, not only to the church publications, but also to every department dedicated to the Cause of Christ.



### MARY DEAN PENN

Mary Dean Penn, was born February 27, 1874, departed this life January 27, 1952. She was born Mary Doughty and was married to James Dean, January 31, 1894. To this union was born nine children, her husband and three children preceding her in death.

She was converted at an early age and was a member of the Free Will Baptist church most of her life. She and Mr. Dean will long be remembered in the Pleasant Grove community for their work and influence in the church and the community. The church today stands as a memorial to the faithful ones such as they, and other saints who have passed on.

She leaves to mourn her death, two sons: Samuel Dean and William Dean of Colorado, and four daughters: Mrs. Myron Flinn, Mrs. Roy Stewart of Los Animas, Colorado; Mrs. Alvin Stewart, Parsons, Kansas, and Mrs. Chester Eperson of Anderson, Missouri.

Funeral services were conducted at the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, by Rev. Frank H. Jackson, burial in the Anderson, Missouri, cemetery.

### 'SOME DAY' WITH JESUS

*THE Heavenly light is shining  
From that bright and golden shore;  
It shines for those who love Him  
And praise Him o'er and o'er.*

*Oh! Some day I shall see Him  
And meet Him face to face;  
Then we can tell the story  
Of salvation, saved by Grace!*

*SOME day we shall be like Him  
And see Him on His thrones  
We'll cast our trophies at His feet  
And rest in peace at home.*

*T'WILL be upon that river bank,  
That river sparkling bright,  
Where we shall meet our Saviour  
In the land where comes no night.*

*SOME day I shall know Him,  
Yes, know Him bye and bye;  
For I shall see Him up above  
Where comes no tear or sigh.*

*MY FRIENDS have gathered yonder  
Upon that golden shores  
I soon shall go to meet them  
And dwell forever more.*

*Oh! SAVIOR, will you help me  
As I travel along life's way,  
And lead me on to victory,  
To the land of endless day?*

*MY JOURNEY will soon be ended;  
My labors are nearly o'er;  
And I shall walk the streets of gold,  
And praise Him forever more.*

Composed by Rev. G. E. Mikel in 1944: passed on to his reward, 1950.

Sent in by his sister, Mrs. Wm. Newcomer.

### LATCH STRING OUTSIDE

Hatcher, W. Va.  
Box 62

Dear Brother:

I am sending my remittance so you can keep my wonderful paper coming. I would not be without it, for it is inspirational and educational for any body who wants to live and be what our dear Saviour wants us to be. I do enjoy the wonderful messages that are printed in the Gem. I hope that I will

some day have the privilege of meeting you.

Just a few words now about our wonderful little church here among the good old West Virginia hills. We have a wonderful membership of 229, in this on church. We have a good Sunday School, and have shouting in the Sunday School. The Lord does wonderfully bless His people. We have another deacon, a man of God, Bro. Paul Dempsie. Thank God for him.

We still have our good pastor, Sis. Stollie Parson. She has been our pastor for three years. She is a wonderful worker for our Saviour. Pray for us.

I am trying to get one Sunday of every month for our mission field.

If you are ever in this section of the country, be sure to call on me. My latch string hangs on the outside.

May God bless you and your home,  
H. L. Tilley

### JONES' CHAPEL AUXILIARY HOSTS QUARTERLY MEET

The Indian Creek Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Jones' Chapel Church for its quarterly conference on February 13, for an all day service.

It was a wonderful day of worship and fellowship. Auxiliaries were present from Monett, Carterville, Pleasant Grove and Jones Chapel.

The morning service began with reports and plans from the various officers, followed by the morning message by Rev. Cecil H. Campbell.

The afternoon service was based on the theme "The Hour is Come," and several talks were very ably given from the new year book on the subject along with a review of our national and local plans for the year as outlined by the various officers.

Reports from the different auxiliaries were very good and showed that our women are getting more "report conscious." We were especially impressed with the general report from Pleasant Grove. They reported 100% of their membership as being "Gem" subscribers and 100% tithers. They have also enjoyed study courses, etc., that have helped in creating interest. This is our newest auxiliary and we are indeed grateful for its growth.

The next meeting will be in May with the Carterville Church. The day's

offering was given to the "Woolsey fund" to apply on their return expenses.

We enjoy our quarterly meetings so very much for they give us time for fellowship and study that we can not have time for at our annual meetings. Continue to pray everywhere for our women's work that it may be a blessing for Christ.

Jewell Campbell, Pres.  
Pearl Thomas, Sec'y.

### RURAL PLEASANT GROVE HAS FULL-TIME PASTOR

Anderson, Missouri  
February 17, 1952

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

We noticed in the last issue of the Gem, that there was only one rural church in the Indian Creek Association that had a full time pastor. We wish to be recognized as the second rural church that has a full time pastor. Rev. Frank Jackson is our pastor on a full time salary. The Lord has blessed us financially. Our membership is very small, but we have accomplished much in the past year, including stuccoing the outside of our church, installing new seats and an oil circulator heater.

March 3, our revival will begin with Rev. Allred preaching for us. We are praying for a real old fashioned revival.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Hazel Krause, Clerk

### NEW ADDITION AT ST. LOUIS

Designed for service, beauty, and to care for the religious need as a large area, the Free Will Baptist Church of Berkley is constructing a modern up-to-date addition to the present edifice now located at 8912 Springdale.

The new addition will make the building approximately 75 ft. in length and 30 ft. in width. It will match the present structure which is of light buff brick insulated siding.

The building is designed to provide seating capacity for 225 persons and will be equipped with a cry-room, cloak room, pastor's study and church office with additional basement space for new classrooms, and two new rest rooms.

The church has enjoyed a continuous growth in the past two years in membership and Sunday School which now has an enrollment of 200.

Also, the church recently purchased the property adjoining for the church parsonage at 8914 Springdale.

Rev. Robert C. Hill, Pastor

### ROAD LEADING HOME

*HAVE you found the road to eternal life  
Where there will be no more sin and  
strife;*

*Where God shall wipe all tears from  
the eye*

*And the soul of man shall never die?*

*If Not, then I can point you to the One  
That will take you there when life's  
race is run.*

*Now the only road you can travel  
there on*

*Is the one provided us by God's own  
Son.*

*THE road we speak of is both narrow  
and straight,*

*At the end thereof is the pearly white  
gate.*

*Only those who accept Jesus as the  
Saviour of men*

*Will be permitted to travel therein.*

*Our Saviour was first to travel this  
road,*

*Bearing our sin and shame was a  
heavy load;*

*But not once did He grumble or com-  
plain*

*As He struggled along in His agony  
and pain.*

*Now the plan is finished and the road  
is done,*

*All paved with blood of the Crucified  
One.*

*Now friend, won't you come and accept  
His way*

*And travel with me toward that glori-  
ous day?*

*AT THE end of the road waits Father  
and Son*

*To welcome us home when our race  
is won,*

*And if in our life no sin be found  
Then our reward will be a robe and  
a crown.*

Madeline McFarland  
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Good Christians make good citizens.



## CONFERENCE IN INDIA

Mission House, Sonapurhat  
Purnea District, Bihar  
February 12, 1952

Dear friends in Christ:

Our first Conference of the Christians in this area has just closed. Mrs. Cronk will write concerning the Conference. I will content myself with saying the Spirit of God was truly in our midst. Our Christians came from villages scattered through out our area, from south of Kishanganj where a new group of Christians have been brought into the mission by the efforts of the Cronks to near the West Bengal border a distance of almost fifty miles. Fifty miles is some distance in this country.

The program for the Conference of Free Will Baptists in the Kishanganj Sub-Division, February 8-10, at the Mission Compound at Sonapurhat. Conference theme: "Building for Christ."

### Friday Evening

- 5:30 Singing in Bengali, Hindi, Santali and English.
- 6:00 Devotions, "Christian Soldiers" Eph. 6:8-18, Mrs. Cronk.
- 6:30 Welcome, Lukki Dass.
- 6:40 Response, Devan Marandi.
- 6:50 Enrollment of delegates and visitors.
- 7:20 Announcements and plans, Paul Woolsey.
- 7:30 Reception of new members.
- 7:40 Sermon, Bango Dass.

### Saturday Morning

- 8:30 Devotions, Sayten Dass.
- 9:00 Election of officers and board.
- 9:30 Oral reports and greetings from various groups.
- 10:20 Devotion, Mrs. Victor Sim.
- 10:30 Guest speaker, Miss Thompson.
- 11:00 Scripture. lesson and prayer, Ship Charran.
- 11:15 Sermon, by Moderator, Gedu Dass.

### Noon

- 2:30 Singing by groups.
- 3:00 Devotions, Chakachu Dass.
- 3:30 Women building together for Christ, Sahai Ama Joseph.
- 4:00 Talks by delegates.

### Adjournment

- 6:30 Singing.
- 7:00 Talk in Santali, Devon Marandi.
- 7:20 Plans.
- 7:30 Sermon, Rev. Cronk.

### Sunday Morning

- 9:00 Devotions, three boys, Mukkul,

Gopal and Jagnada.

9:30 Report of board and adoption of plans for groups.

10:00 What women have suffered for Christ in China, Miss Eyna.

11:00 Speech, Miss Leichti (Swiss).

12:00 Sermon, P. R. Maitra.

Lord's Supper.

Moderator, Gedu Dass  
Clerk, Ship Charran

/s/ Paul Woolsey

## COUPLES NEEDED IN INDIA

With the return of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey from India leaves a vacancy that we must pray for the Lord to fill. The Woolseys may or may not return to India. Even if they do extra couples are badly needed. India is still open for the Gospel. How long this will be true we do not know. Please pray that God will send forth laborers while the doors are still open.

Miss Barnard writes: "Surely the Lord has a couple there. It crushes my heart to anticipate the diminishing of our staff here instead of augmenting it. We cannot afford it. That is retrenchment, and we are advancing. So make your appeals for prayer as strong and as urgent as possible. Even if the Woolseys return at the end of a normal furlough, it is a sad thing to leave their field unoccupied in their absence. Where are our young people? Have we missionaries been such poor and unworthy representatives of the Lord of the Harvest that our young men and women in the homeland have failed to catch the vision, to understand the joy and satisfaction and abundant reward He assuredly bestows, and the opportunities for yet greater service and richer reward in this part of His harvest field? Are they not meeting a challenge from this field? Something is wrong, and I am humbly and sincerely asking this question of my own heart: Where is the trouble? We must have missionaries. You must join us in earnest supplication that God will put His finger on the cause of this standstill in missionary volunteers. While we give thanks for Marie and Carlisle we feel a sense of failure and defeat that with them are not forthcoming two or three couples. It breaks my heart to realize that (with no thought of disparaging the fine work being done at home) our earnest, quali-

fied youth are content to pick up the crumbs, so to speak, in the comforts of the homeland while out here in the field a bounteous table is spread. I guess they think because their joy is full there, there just isn't anything better. If only they could realize that utter "fulness" there is as nothing compared with the exceeding abundance of joy and satisfaction He gives to those who lay all, yes, ALL at His nail-pierced feet and follow on—to the end of the earth as well as to the end of the age. May the Lord of the Harvest thrust forth laborers into His harvest field, is my prayer."

## YOUTH CAMP SESSION NEAR

Dear Youth Camp Workers:

Niangua, Missouri

The Youth Camp Board met February 1, 1952, and made plans for our Youth Camp Session for 1952. Some changes were made. Our session will be from Sunday evening June 22, to Saturday noon June 28. The fee same as before. One dollar registration for insurance and \$1.00 per day for entertainment. Supervisor, Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Missouri; Principal of Teaching, Rev. Willard Day, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

We are looking forward to a good time. We have the promise of some new cabins by the session time. We need some furnishings for the cabins such as tables, chairs, dressers or mirrors. We could also use some more flowers, seeds, bulbs or sprouts. I would like very much to get some June flowers that will bloom at camp time. About all we have are for late season.

We are cleaning up more ground this year between the camp and the road and would like (if finance will permit) to use the Sprout Killer spray to kill the small brush.

The time is slipping by, spring is at hand, session time will be here soon, so we must get our plans and program started. Our finance this winter was low, but as spring comes on, we feel our offerings will be better.

We would appreciate a special offering to help retire our lumber and supply bill that we have not been able to pay this fall and winter.

May God bless our youth,

Rev. Wm. Reeves