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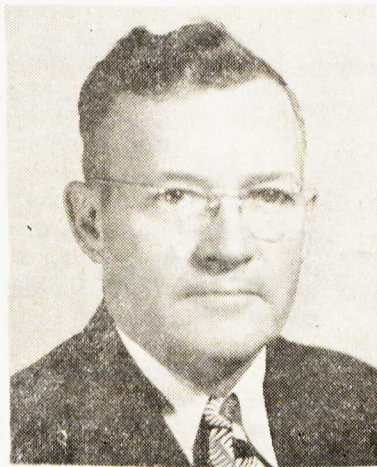
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Rev. O. T. Allred - Moderator  
Monett, Missouri



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### A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND

Greentop, Missouri

Greetings to you in Jesus' Name:

In behalf of the host church, as their pastor, and of Northeast Missouri Association, we send to you, our brethren and co-laborers, a cordial invitation to attend the Missouri State Association convening with the New Harmony Church, on September 14 through 18. The sessions will convene under a Gospel tent near our church, located three miles west of Greentop, Missouri, on a state rock road.

We will be looking forward to seeing you here, worshipping together, and doing business for our Saviour.

Your Sister in Christ,  
/s/ Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam



## THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

Following are averages for July:

Fredericktown .....	164
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool .....	44
Lawnwood (Tulsa, Okla.) .....	129
Phillips Chapel (Springdale, Ark.)	140
Happy Hill, Oakland .....	35
Marble Hill, S.E. Mo. ....	34

The following are carried over from  
last report:

Jones Chapel .....	44
Mountain Grove .....	183
First Church (Elizabethton, Tenn.)	210
Bethlehem, Tennessee .....	100
South Side (St. Louis) .....	147
Wolf Creek .....	47
Fellowship (Flat River) .....	145
Fourth St. Louis .....	39
Hatcher, W. Va. ....	150

July is generally hard on church  
attendance and Sunday School aver-  
ages. Averages have shown a decline  
in several instances, and several have  
not supplied us with a report. Come  
on now, you reporters, we need your  
report every month regularly.

Getting even with a person means  
putting yourself on his level.—*Selected*

—o—

Character is pretty much like win-  
dow glass—when it is cracked, it is  
cracked inside and outside.—*Selected*

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Beautiful Baptismal Certificates,  
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lithographed border forms, and suit-  
able for framing. Every Church  
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These certificates are in books of  
20 and stubbed, check book style.  
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A local F.W.B. Hour, sponsored by  
the Indian Creek Association, is heard  
over KRMO (990) Monett, Missouri,  
8:00 a.m., each Sunday.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Mgr.

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The Russellville F.W.B. Church  
broadcasts their Sunday morning wor-  
ship services over the local station,  
KXRJ, beginning at 11:20.

Rev. O. T. Dixon—Arkansas

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The Lewis Avenue Church is broad-  
casting Sunday evenings over Station  
KOME in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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The Monett Free Will Baptist Church  
now broadcasts the Sunday morning  
worship service from 11:00 to 12:00  
o'clock. This service is heard over  
KRMO, Monett, Missouri—990 on the  
radio dial.

Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, pastor

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Rev. Willard C. Day, pastor of the  
Mountain Grove Church, may be heard  
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## SUBSCRIBE TO THE "GEM"

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Kindness is one language the dumb  
can speak and the deaf hear.—*Sci.*

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Be careful that your opinion of  
others is not theirs of you.—*Selected*

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The man who stands the straightest  
in the presence of sin bows the lowest  
in the presence of God.

THE GOSPEL DID WHAT THE LAW DID NOT DO

# The POWER of the Gospel

The Startling Testimony of 'Al Johnson'

Given at the Berean Gospel Temple, June 15, 1952

"I praise the Lord tonight for what He has done in my life. I know that everything that has been done in the way of transforming my life, He has done it. I give Him all the glory for it. Some people think that I've just merely reformed. Now this is untrue because I tried many times to reform before I was saved and found that I could not. Some people think what I did was done because the law was about to catch up with me. This is untrue because the case was closed four years ago. Some of the authorities that helped in the closing of this case would have been mighty glad if I had not turned myself in.

I was born in Topeka in 1928 and later moved to Newman where I spent my boyhood days. There was no church in that community. The nearest church was five miles away. The people who went to this church seemed as though they would go to church on Sunday and then live 'like the Devil' the rest of the week. They never invited anybody to Church or Sunday School. I was a young boy and for three years lived next door to some folks who went to that church, but never once was I asked to go to Sunday School or Church. As I think back, if somebody had asked me to go to Church and I had gone and heard the Gospel, chances are things would have been different. I grew up in this town. There were not many good things for us boys to do. No child activities. If there are no good things for a boy to do, he will find something bad. He will not sit around and twiddle his thumbs. I found the wrong things to do.

I had a young friend whom I had known since he was a baby. He was an upright boy. He, as far as I knew, had been the most straightforward boy in that neighborhood. I had never known this boy to take anything wrongfully. When I was sixteen years old, my father died leaving me with the responsibility of keeping my moth-

er and sister. I got a job at the flour mill and did pretty good for about two years. I found that I was making about \$10.00 a day and spending \$15.00, as most young fellows do. But one day, this straight-going boy came to me with a most startling question. He asked, 'Al, how would you like to make some easy money?' Being in the financial state that I was, I considered it and asked him, 'How?' You see, I had been in a few scrapes before, taking minor things. The boy said, 'Robbing a bank.' I thought, 'Man, you're silly.' And you and I know tonight that is a very silly idea. I first refused, but I was in debt and about to lose my car. All I thought about was the money.

I asked him who was going to help us in the robbery and who told him about it because I knew that somebody had been influencing that child's mind. He, himself, never would have thought of a thing like that. He took me to an older man whom I had known for sometime and well-known around that community. He told us how we could rob this bank, and not only this one, but four or five more, then retire in Arkansas buying each of us a farm. That sounded good to retire so young. This old man also told us how we could take care of things. He told us how to commit many crimes. That man is in jail right now in Birmingham, Alabama, for murder.

This old man sent us boys out into a timber for about three days in hot weather. He knew how to harden us for this crime. We had a can of beans and a few slices of bread to eat each day. We drank water out of a creek. About three or four days later, the old man came with food, guns and ammunition. Strangely enough, he had borrowed money from the State Bank of Perry. He used this money to buy guns and ammunition to rob the Hoyt State Bank. He had four '38' automatics, a '22' rifle, plenty of ammunition and some food. He gave each of

us a '38' and taught us how to use it. After we were fairly accurate, which didn't take very long, we went in to Topeka at night and looked for a car which we could steal. We knew this car had to be heavy so as to stand up under the punishment we would give it throughout this robbery. We got a '41 Oldsmobile. We stole license plates from another car and changed license plates for, in that way, we would not be picked too easily by the authorities. We took the car out of town and, that night and the next day, we tried it out by driving it long distances at 110 miles an hour. We knew then that this car could take the punishment we would put it through. That night we drove up to Hoyt, Kansas, drove around the bank and cut the roads to make sure that we could get away.

The next morning, which was Thursday, May 17, 1948, about eleven o'clock found us driving up before the Hoyt State Bank, Hoyt, Kansas, located some ten miles north of Topeka. All three of us got out of the car and left the motor running. We left the car on the corner. Now this was a silly idea because anybody seeing us robbing that bank could have driven the car away while we were in the bank, and where would that have left us? Right there! We walked into the bank and my job was to hand the Cashier \$15.00 for a deposit and make the 'stick-up.' The old man's job was to watch the door: the younger boy's was to sack up the money. I handed the Cashier the \$15.00. After he had counted the money, he looked up and, to his surprise, there was a '38' automatic sticking in his face right between the eyes, with the hammer pulled back. The man knew I was nervous enough and that the Devil had me in such a state of mind that if he had made a false move, I would have killed him. It is true that the Devil had me in such a state of mind that if he had made a false move, I would have killed him, and I would also have killed and man, woman or child that would have made a false move in the bank that day. But there were no women or children there. Thank the Lord for it! The men in the bank did not hesitate to come from behind the cage when we told them to. They lay face down on the floor.

The Topeka Daily Capitol stated these men said the guns were '45' automatics. I imagine that the barrel

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The POWER of the Gospel (from p 3)

looked mighty big to the fellow looking in the other end.

This older man had given me strict orders to 'be sure to take the banker's billfold, because bankers always have a lot of money in their billfolds.' I found this untrue. As we were holding these men on the floor, I took the banker's billfold. It contained \$10.00. While we were waiting for the boy to sack up the money, (he was having quite a time back there) I heard a few harsh words and wondered what was going on. I looked back and the boy was sacking up money but, suddenly, had stopped. A peculiar thing had happened. We had taken a 100-lb. flour sack with us. We were in for big money. Mom had ripped the bottom out of that sack. While the younger boy sacked the money, it went right through the sack and out on the floor. After a few harsh words, he tied a knot in the bottom of the sack and refilled it. That wasn't funny at the time because every minute counted. We were getting nervous and failed to go into the vault even though the door was open. I'm glad we didn't for I never could have paid that much back.

We took Orin Williams, the Cashier with us. We drove about a mile and a half from Hoyt and let him out of the car, unharmed. We drove into the timber, left the car, and proceeded through the woods on foot. We had driven that road at 80 and 90 miles an hour and this banker was doing quite a bit of squawking. I don't blame him one bit for there were ruts so deep in that road that if we had hit one of them, it would have sent us flying into a field, probably killing all of us.

I noticed, after we got into the timber, that through my carelessness, I had stuck my automatic back in my belt and had left the hammer back. Now one twig of brush or a jolt over that rough road could have set that gun off. It would have shot me right through the stomach. And, according to the agreement we had made before, the other two men would have had to kill me. As we walked on into the timber, we decided to split the loot. God says there is no honor among thieves. I found that very true because, that day as we counted the money, the younger boy and I stole part of the old man's share.

We stayed in the timber all that day and walked to Topeka, about ten or

## PROGRAM AND BUSINESS AGENDA

for the

Fortieth Annual Session

of the

## MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

of

### FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

when convened with the

### NEW HARMONY CHURCH

(near Greentop, Mo.)

SEPTEMBER 14 - 18, 1953

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Monday Evening, September 14, 1953

(Sunday School Convention)

Devotions, singing, etc.

Evangelistic rally ..... Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, speaker

### Tuesday Morning, September 15

10:00 Devotional ..... Rev. James Franklin

10:15 Sunday School reports — — — business

10:30 Special feature ..... New Harmony S.S.

10:50 Recess

11:00 Message (emphasis on S.S.) ..... Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

### Tuesday Afternoon

(League Convention)

1:30 Devotional ..... Rev. Henry Long

1:45 League reports — — — business

2:00 Message (emphasis on League) ..... Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

2:45 Special feature ..... Hazel Creek League

## MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

### Tuesday Evening, September 15

Congregational and special singing — — — prayer

Call to order for business ..... Rev. Marie Hyatt, clerk

Welcome address

Response

Moderator's message ..... Rev. O. T. Allred

Introductory message ..... Rev. William Hill

Alternate ..... Rev. Benjamin Scott

### Wednesday Morning, September 16

Devotional — congregational singing — prayer

Receive letters and seat delegates

Call for letters of newly organized associations

Receive letters of corresponding religious groups

Seat corresponding messengers in conference

Election of officers

Appoint Committee on Committees

Enrollment of delegates and visitors

Report of Committee on Committees

### Eleven O'clock

See Woman's Auxiliary program



**Wednesday Afternoon**

See Woman's Auxiliary program  
 Association resumes business as time permits

**Wednesday Evening**

Congregational and special singing — — — prayer  
 Message ..... Speaker to be selected

**Thursday Morning, September 17**

Devotional — congregational singing — prayer  
 Reading of minutes ..... Clerk  
 Receive late letters and seat delegates  
 Receive reports of various boards  
 Receive report of Free Will Baptist Gem office  
 Receive Statistician's report  
 Receive report of State Treasurer  
 Miscellaneous business

**Eleven O'clock**

Congregational and special singing — — — prayer  
 Message ..... Speaker to be selected

**Thursday Afternoon**

Devotional — congregational singing — prayer  
 Receive committee reports  
 Miscellaneous business

**Thursday Evening**

Congregational and special singing — — — prayer  
 Message ..... Speaker to be selected

**Friday Morning, September 18**

Devotional — congregational singing — prayer  
 Reading of minutes ..... Clerk  
 Receive final reports of all committees  
 Miscellaneous business  
 Final reading of minutes ..... Clerk

**Eleven O'clock**

Congregational and special singing — — — prayer  
 Any unfinished business  
 Message ..... Speaker to be selected  
 Final adjournment

thought that was mighty peculiar because one of those men stayed all night with me last night. He surely didn't look dead this morning. Inquiring a little further, I found that two escapees from the penitentiary, who had been former bank robbers, had stolen a car from Topeka and had driven to Atchison. On their way back to Topeka, they were driving at high speed and crashed into a bridge, killing both of them. They were immediately identified by the banker and state authorities by the banper and state authorities as the men who had robbed the Hoyt State Bank. The headlines in the Topeka Daily Capitol the next day read, 'Two Hoyt Bank Bandits Killed in Automobile Crash. Pair Identified as Ex-Convicts.' This gave us a great relief because we knew that at least it half-way cleared up our case. The State immediately closed the case. They didn't investigate any further.

As time went on, I got into more trouble. I drank and ran with a tough crowd. I stole lumber, tires, gasoline, and about anything I could get my hands on. I lied about everything; in fact, it was hard for me to tell the truth. This also got me into much trouble.

I tried to straighten up. I started to roller skate. There I met the girl who is now my wife. She asked me if I was a Christian, but I thought I had better keep in good with this girl, so I said, 'Yes, I'm a Christian.' And later on someone asked me if I was saved. I said, 'Sure, I'm saved.' She asked me to go to church with her. I lied out of it several times by telling her I had to work. I didn't go. Later on, after thinking she might find out I didn't have to work all the time, I went to Church with her. I found this church preached the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. That was the first time I had heard that a person could be born-again through the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This was the first time I had ever heard the word that 'Jesus Saves.' I was over twenty years old. I was more interested in the girl at that time than I was in the Gospel. I dated this girl for about six months and then asked her to marry me. She said she would. We went to see the pastor. I had professed to be a Christian and had tried to live like a Christian, but, not being saved, I did not make a very good stagger at

twelve miles away, that night. The next day, while the old man went in to get news and food, we stayed in the Calhoun Bluffs, east of Topeka, in a timber. As he didn't get back by the middle of the afternoon, the younger boy and I decided to go in and get a square meal and find out what had happened to Dave. As we went out into the open, we had no idea of men and planes looking for us, but there were many of them. We hadn't been in the open over two minutes when a plane swooped low. The older man was sitting in a pile of weeds. He jumped out and told us to get out of sight, and showed us the paper. We were plenty warm. We went back into

that timber and hadn't been there but about three minutes when two patrol cars were right in the spot where we had been. That was a narrow escape. We heard bloodhounds but, luckily, they didn't catch us.

The younger boy and I decided we didn't want any more bank robbing. We were going home and were going to get a job. We went to Topeka to make a deal for a car. We planned to go to Texas to work in wheat harvest, the younger boy and I.

I came into town one morning and a woman said to me, 'You know, two of those three Hoyt State Bank robbers were killed last night in an automobile crash at the Calhoun Bluffs.' I

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## From The Editor's Desk



### WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The Free Will Baptist Gem, official publication of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists and owned and operated by them, commenced publication in 1923, with a specific purpose of meeting a definite need of the people for a regular communication to provide spiritual help and a more efficient dissemination of important news of the church and its various enterprises. It has fulfilled this purpose through the years in the face of many adversities. Through these years it has become an important part of the lives of many people, both in the Free Will Baptist ranks and among Christian friends outside our denomination. We even have received reports that it has been the decisive influence to bring some of the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The inception of the "Gem" was no small even. It embraced considerable sacrifice in the lives of many to make it possible. But the Lord's work is often advanced by saints of the faith who do not shrink at adversity and sacrifice. Laboring faithfully, Rev. B. F. Brown, the first editor, established a high standard and left a priceless heritage to his successors. His good companion labored with him to see the Gem elevated in value to be eagerly received by Christians everywhere. During the time they published the Gem the work was done in their home. As the heavy machinery began to damage their home, and as additional machinery became necessary, a new home for the Gem also became necessary. With the need for a home of its own, there came also the need for additional sacrifice. The people rallied to the need and provided funds for the building now occupied by the Gem.

Operation in the present office commenced with Rev. John B. Rollens as editor. More machinery was added and the scope of service enlarged. Besides publication of the now familiar Gem, several supplies in demand for the church and home were made available at the office. This service has constantly been expanded to the present day and plans for further expansion have been drafted.

Rev. Rollens exercised his prerogative, changed denominational affiliation, and was followed in the editorship by Rev. C. B. Dees. Rev. and Mrs. Dees labored under staggering odds for some time—problems that were made more serious by conditions of war in the last great World War. Under this strain the Gem finally became non-operative and ceased publication. During the few months that this condition existed, the real value of the Gem was indelibly stamped in the minds of the people. The lack of the publication was comparable to a sudden eclipse, the darkness of which left a great segment of the Free Will Baptist denomination reeling and groping helplessly. An unwanted isolationism was the condition of many.

The State Association quickly decided to remedy this, and the only remedy was to reissue the Gem. Rev. Winford Davis was secured as editor, and served the office well for some time. Due to pressing duties that would have prostrated many a man of less energy Rev. Davis finally felt compelled to yield the office, and December 1, 1949, yours truly became the editor.

At no time has the publication of the Gem been an easy task. Rather it has always taken real effort and demanded certain sacrifice. Today is no different. But no good thing comes easy. We have received a grand heritage, and we hope to pass on an equally sacred heritage.

In the publishing of the Gem, perfection has never been realized. Perhaps it never will be realized. In spite of good intentions and extended effort it has been impossible to meet every need. Most especially is this true when it comes to meeting certain needs on the higher level. Frequently our publication proves too limited to accommodate full reports of the various enterprises. Again, reports of higher echelon often arrive too late to appear as current news. Further, it is almost impossible to establish any courier system to and from all departments that will remedy the situation to great extent.

These and other imperfections have long been realized. Therefore, the Missouri State Association has been on record for some time as "favoring a national publication." This record

does not stipulate what is to be the future of the Gem when the desired national publication is realized. Missouri Association has always faced and met current problems, and heretofore this problem did not exist. However, there now is a national publication in the formative stage.

Last July when the editor and the manager, Rev. Cecil Campbell, arrived early at the site of the National Association to be in some committee meetings, we discovered that the idea of a national publication was asserting itself. We were consulted. Relying on the record of our State Association as guaranteeing support of this move, we committed ourselves to supply such a publication a copy of our mailing list and pledged our support to establish such a publication. We reiterated our position on the floor of the association in regular session, stating clearly at that time *that Missouri Association would subsequently decide her own future action in regards to the Gem.* Other publications similarly committed themselves.

We have on our desk the last two issues of one of these publications which has arranged to suspend publication, and editorially commits the Free Will Baptist Gem to the same course. This is an error of interpretation of our position, for we of the Missouri delegation realized we did not have such power. To be sure we wondered, pondered, and guessed as to the action of the State Association now that a national publication is about to become a reality. But we rested our position and determined to be as silent as possible and listen for the voice of the people, resolving to be of no influence either way.

We did not have to wait very long before we begin to pick up some very definite trends. May we say that we have been both surprised and gratified at the trend. We have not yet heard a discordant note toward the proposed new national publication. Most folk seem to be happy that it will now be a reality. Favor is assured and support is promised. But the immediate inquiry always is "What about us?" An exploration of the situation generally produces the idea that there is room for both and sufficient need for



both. The overwhelming tide seems to be to this end. So confident are the people that both the Gem and the new publication need to be—and will be—published simultaneously that new and renewal subscriptions to the Gem have reflected an upward trend recently.

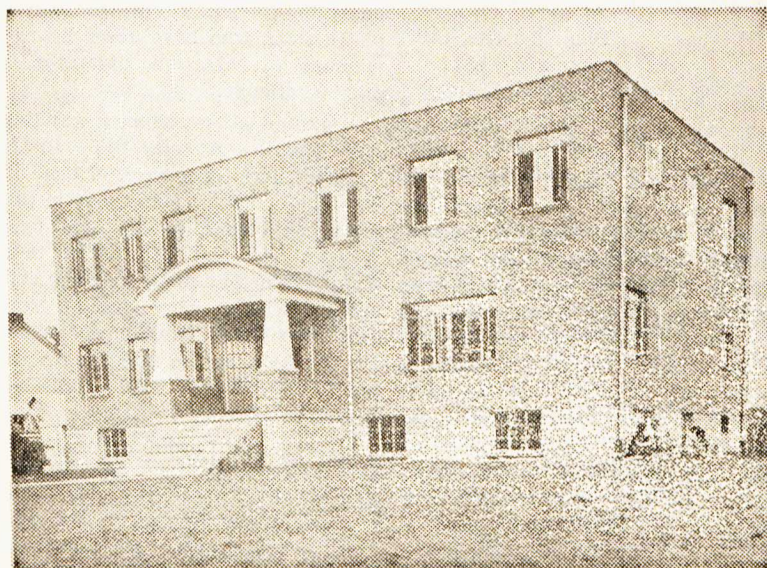
Reasoning among those who have expressed themselves has been very logical. Some thoughts are: the old is not immediately supplanted by the young, but time must develop the young to the point is it qualified to replace the old. No format or advance copy of the proposed new publication is available. However, it is quite probable that just as we experience much difficulty in serving the denomination efficiently at the higher level, so also will difficulty be experienced in developing a national publication to adequately serve where we now best serve. No details of subscription price, publication data, circulation, etc., are yet available, and it is not beyond the realm of possibility that the new publication would find these obstacles too great. In such an event it would be well to still have the Gem in full operation. Again, many have asked where they could turn for books and supplies that they now get from us, and where they are to turn for the printing of minutes if the Gem suspends operations.

Yes, tradition, heritage, devotion, value received, potential service, and other factors are asserting themselves. It will be left to the will of the delegation assembled at the Missouri State Association to decide "What of the Future" of the Free Will Baptist Gem. Your editor hopes that you will accept your responsibility as a delegate and be on hand to add your voice and your vote on this important issue. Bring with you the sentiment of those whom you will represent. Let the wishes of the people prevail.

The Lord's big job is to get His Church into the world without the world getting into the Church.—*Sel.*

If money is the only thing you are getting out of your business you are not getting enough.—*Selected*

Should we give less to Christ than what we spend on ourselves? How much per week is that?—*Selected*



### NEW DORMITORY ADDED

Pictured above is the new dormitory of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage located at Louisa, Kentucky.

The building will be formally dedicated on September 6, with the public invited to attend. The program will start at 10:30 in the morning and will

continue throughout the day. Three quartettes from Burdine, Paintsville, and Nippa, and the choir from Sitka will furnish the singing. Messages will be delivered by Rev. Albert Dingus and Rev. Willie Horn.

The committee in charge is composed of Rev. Walter Hooper, Rev. Claude Preston and Rev. Willard Wilcox.

### CALVERYS BACK TO SCHOOL

While waiting for opportunity to enter India and upon realizing the need of further training, Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery have entered Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, for further practical training.

Mrs. Calvery is training for practical nursing and Mr. Calvery is working toward his B.S. degree.

Resolution has been passed by the Foreign Mission Board that their salaries be terminated as of May 31st since there is no provision made by the Foreign Missions Department to pay salaries of accepted candidates while they are in school.

It is further resolved that the Calvery fund be held open with the Board of Foreign Missions until such time as they are permitted to enter the mission field of their leading or until such time as their affiliation with the Board of Foreign Missions be terminated.

In the event they cease to be affiliated with the Board of Foreign Missions or for some reason are unable to enter a mission field, the funds accumulated in their account shall automatically be turned into the General Fund of the Foreign Mission Board unless the donors request a refund.

Also it is further resolved that the donors to the Calvery Fund be requested to channel their gifts through either the General Fund of the Board of Foreign Missions or some other approved account until a time when payment of the Calvery salaries shall be resumed.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,  
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.

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## NEW MISSIONARY ENJOYS ASSIGNMENT IN CUBA

Pinar del Rio, Cuba  
August 5, 1953

I have been in Cuba a little over a month and have been observing the work here, the people and their customs. Cuba is a beautiful island, revealing everywhere the marvelous handiwork of God. The tall graceful palm trees, having the sky for a background are even more beautiful than artists have painted them. When I look at them, I am reminded of these lines by Kilmer, "Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree." The palms are only one of the many beauties of Cuba. There are always the mountains in the background, the lovely valleys, and beautiful sunsets. All these things speak of God.

The Willeys have done a wonderful work for the Lord in Cuba. You would have to marvel at the progress the school has made here in only ten years. In the school they train the native to go out and do the job, and the natives are getting it done, much better than Americans could do it. This, of course, is the best plan. They have a large and growing work among the Cubans, and their workers, which have been trained in the school, are fine cultured young men and women who love the Lord and are proving it by their lives. The work that the Willeys have done has not been an easy task. There have been many discouragements, tears and broken hearts, but God has certainly done wonderful things through their efforts in Cuba. This station does not need more American missionaries except those who are specialists in certain fields—the native is best suited to win his own people.

The past few days there has been unrest and even some fighting in Cuba. In many places they are not permitted to have services at this time. Pray that God will restore peace to these peace loving people. Much of the trouble is caused by the physical hunger and suffering, but the people are also hungry for spiritual things. Mr. Willey made a trip recently to visit one of the fields. He came in contact with one woman who is 100 years old and has just recently been saved. She said that she had never heard the gospel before or had never seen a Bible until the message was brought to her

by the native preacher from the school here. Now she has a wonderful testimony for Christ. There are many people in Cuba who have never heard the message of salvation, and that is a great challenge.

A group of missionary candidates from the Los Angeles Bible Institute has been here for a week of boot-training. They received many helpful things from the course given them by the Willeys, who had information to give them obtained by many years of experience. I wish it were possible for our own missionary candidates to spend a week here at the mission for training. Doubtless they would make better missionaries.

I thank the Lord for His blessings here in Cuba and for the opportunity to serve Him here. The first years of a missionary's life on the field are years of preparation. I know God will have to teach me many lessons and I trust I can always be clay in the hands of the Master Potter. Many times Christians are so anxious to do something for God that they don't wait until they are prepared for the task before them. Most of the outstanding men of God in the Bible spent many quiet years in preparation before God would permit them to perform their work for Him. No one should ever feel sorry for missionaries; they have opportunities and blessings which could not be experienced anywhere else, but no true missionary could stay on the field unless he had the assurance that he is completely in the will of God. "The bitter only makes the sweet sweeter."

It is almost time for school to open here; pray that this will be the best year ever.

—Lucy Wisheart

## PERILOUS TIMES

Wilbia Sell—Stockton, Mo.

*"Thus know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good."*  
II Timothy 3:1-3.

As we study the above Scripture and then take inventory of the situation around us, we can readily see that the word is being fulfilled.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves—there is no limit to what man will do to gain for himself. Men will go so far as to take life in order to gain prestige or wealth.

Covetous—exceedingly desirous of what belongs to another. Such a greed of wealth, with a view of hoarding it, was never seen in a greater light than it is now.

Proud, blasphemers—such a wave of pride as has swept over the world. People are too proud to bow the knee to God, therefore blaspheming against Him, reviling, speaking profane against the sacred things of God.

Unthankful, unholy — unthankful mankind is rushing headlong toward destruction, not being thankful for material or spiritual things; unholy because they're not willing to pay the price of living a separated, consecrated life. We cannot attend worldly places of amusement and live a Christian life. Paul said the things of this world are sin. We read in I John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." Also in James 1:27 we find these words: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Professing Christians are deceiving themselves by running after the things of the world. We cannot take in with things of the world and be a Christian, and if we try to do so we will only lose our soul, for God says in His word, "Ye cannot drink of the cup of the Lord, and the cup of the devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." I Cor. 10:21, "Love not the things of the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15.

Without natural affection—The love that should be in the hearts of people is not there. Family ties, in so many cases, mean nothing at all. Homes are broken by divorce. Children are made to suffer because of broken homes. The radio news cast and the newspapers are full of instances where some mother or father has taken the life of their children or one of the



parents has killed the companion and the children.

Without natural affection—the rebels are murderers, because they don't know God.

Truce-breakers—no respect for fidelity—unfaithful to the marriage vow and without understanding.

Incontinent—lewd, lustful, vile, with great appetite for drink and worldly pleasures. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts." II Peter 3:3.

Despisers of those that are good—we're living in a time when a great number are turning their backs on the church and are persecuting God's people. With hatred in their hearts they use every means to cause a disturbance in the Lord's work. Some are even bold enough to give lip witness for God but their deeds are evil and they enjoy worldly pleasures. A number are in that great falling away from the church that God speaks about in II Thessalonians 2:3: "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. Another sign of perilous times and of people departing from the faith are found in I Timothy 4:1, 2: "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God—people are going a great distance to attend worldly gatherings but neglect to assemble with God's people.

When we take our stand for God we will have to suffer criticism and persecutions from friends, neighbors and even loved ones, but we rejoice as we think of the following Scripture: "Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions." II Timothy 3:11, 12.

As we bear these persecutions with our face set like a flint toward heaven we shall gain the goal because, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

## CORRUPTING THE WORD OF GOD

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

"For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God." II Cor. 2:17.

True, Paul did not corrupt the Word of God, but preached it in its purity, fullness and completeness. But the makers of the so-called New Bible have corrupted the word of God. Paul speaks of them in Rom. 1:25: "Who changed the truth of God into a lie." That is what they have done.

In Isaiah 7:14 the prophet says, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son." The word *virgin* is omitted in the new version and the words *young woman* are substituted. According to that, no one would know if the mother of Christ was a pure virgin girl, or some wild woman, as many are today. The new translation robs the virgin Mary of her purity. They have created more errors than they claim to have corrected.

In II Tim. 3:16, 17 we read: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Also in II Peter 2:20, 21 we read: "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Thank God, the King James Bible of 1611 is all-sufficient for all things and everything. Young Christians, as babes, need the pure Word. The new translation is misleading young people. Christians will always have the pure Word of God, for in Matt. 24:35 Christ says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

The makers of the new translation have forfeited heaven. In Rev. 22:18, 19 we read, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the

things which are written in this book." This is what they have done. If the King James Bible will not lead to heaven, no other Bible on earth will.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST WORK IN CUBA AS OTHERS SEE IT

Mr. Wolfe Hansen, teacher of Bible at the "Cuba Bible Institute" operated by the West Indies Mission, at Placetas, Cuba, expressed the following about the work of Rev. Thomas Willey.

"We have the highest regard for the work and the Bible Institute of Mr. Willey. We are of the opinion that Mr. Willey is following the best and most practical and biblical method of evangelization, namely that of training the Cubans themselves for the great task of evangelizing their own people. This method will bring real and permanent results in a strong national church, which will be able to support itself and in time to govern itself and produce its own leaders. The West Indies Mission has used this same method for over 25 years and has proven it to be effective to which its 100 native churches pastored by graduates of its Cuba Bible Institute can testify. The W.I.M. is using this method also in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and other islands with equally good results."

Mr. Hansen also expressed his personal regard for Mr. and Mrs. Willey: "They are," said he, "peculiarly gifted and adapted for this work which requires so much tact and love on the part of those who lead the work."

Mr. Hansen said that he feels that the Free Will Baptists have a very splendid opportunity to become a real factor in the evangelization of Cuba, especially since they have chosen the neediest provinces as their fields, and he feels that the Board should press this project to the full limits of its capacity. The very tangible results of the first 10 years of work is solid foundation for greater and more extensive work.

Mr. Hansen has 15 years of Missionary experience in the West Indies and is superintendent pro-tem of the Cuba Bible Institute.

## TATTLER'S WAGON

Once I had a tattler's wagon which around with me I'd  
pull,  
As fast as I could empty it, someone would fill it full.  
By and by I got so busy, I had little else to do,  
But still I'd meet the saints of God and sing "I'm Going  
through—"

I was surely going through and tattling as I went,  
But say, do you think going through like that is worth  
a cent?

I would talk about my neighbor, and he would backbite  
too,

But still we would meet at church and sing, "'Tis the  
Old Time Religion—"

I would tattle everything I heard and spread it far and  
wide,

And when my wagon emptied out, I'd put some more  
inside.

I'd talk about my Christian friends and they would back  
tattle too,

Then we would meet at church and sing, "Oh, I Want to  
See Him—"

When we sang, "I want to see Him," I think somehow  
we lied,

For we would load our wagon with tattler's junk inside;  
And we would tattle everywhere, at home, over back  
fences too,

But still we would have the nerve to sing, "I believe  
Jesus saves—"

And so we'd back our wagon up, and get another load,  
And as soon as we could go, we'd start on tattler's road.  
And if we met a passer-by, we'd fret and fume and stew,  
And dump some poison out and sing, "Makes me love  
everybody—"

You see the good church people don't tattle only when  
They talk about the women folks, or else about the men.  
Some have filled their wagons up, to unload on me and you,  
And shake our hands in church and sing, "In the sweet  
by and by—"

Someone testifies in church, then some good sister doubts,  
Another has no confidence when a certain fellow shouts.  
Then someone hears an awful lie by some real devil told,  
He loads his wagon up and sings, "This is like heaven  
to me—"

Folks, I'll tell you what let's do, let's smash those wagons  
now;

Let each one bridle his own tongue, and stop this thing  
somehow. •

Let's quit this awful tattling, let's bring it to an end.  
Then we can come out here to church and sing, "I am  
determined to hold out to the end—"

—Contributed

# The- Quack Doctor



by Rev. Paul Woolsey

The "Quack Doctor" is a booklet of 80 pages recently published by the National Board of Publication and Literature. Written by Rev. Paul Woolsey, returned missionary from India, it sets forth the dual life of Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey as they were pressed into the field of serving the physical as well as the spiritual. This is not a book of statistics, but a graphic account of life on the mission field. It will hold your interest from the first paragraph to the last. You may laugh; you will cry; and you will know much more about your missionaries and their work. Every Free Will Baptist should read this. Other denominations are also finding it helpful. Order from the Free Will Baptist Gem. Single copy, 40¢; three (to same address), \$1.00; postpaid. Order now.

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Only in the dictionary will you find success coming before work.—*Selected*

Glasses affect vision, particularly when they have been emptied several times.—*Selected*



**BOWMAN - WILLIFORD**

Miss Lorene Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowman, became the bride of Mr. Conrad Williford, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Williford of Durham, North Carolina at 8:00 o'clock Saturday night, August 15, at the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church (in northwest Barton County, Missouri). Rev. Lowell Martin read the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with gladiolus, palms, and burning tapers. Mrs. Jean Williams played the wedding music and accompanied Miss Lena Marie Reed who sang, "Because," "God Gave Me You," and "Take My Life."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin designed with a fitted lace bodice and long tapered sleeves. The full skirt swept into an aisle-wide train. Her fingertip veil fell from a braided band of satin and tulle and she carried a white Bible topped with red roses.

For the bride ascended the aisle, her father sang "Always."

Lois Davis was maid of honor. Mrs. Arlene Palmer and Mrs. Iona Mae Phillips lighted the candles. Little Miss Carolyn Smith was flower girl, and Master Jimmie Williams was the ringbearer. Mr. J. E. Williams was best man for Mr. Williford, and Mr. Jack Palmer and Mr. Harold Smith were ushers.

A reception was held in the church with Mrs. Jaunita Smith, Mrs. Esther Rhoden and Mrs. Margaret Smith assisting. Mrs. Ella Mae McKee was in charge of the guest book. Misses LaRue Thomas and Alberta Hoover had charge of the gifts. The bride's table was centered with the four-tiered cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom, made by Mrs. Carl Truskett.

Mr. and Mrs. Williford left for a honeymoon in southern Missouri.

Mrs. Williford is a former employee of the Free Will Baptist Gem, and recently has been enrolled at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee to further her education and better prepare herself for the ministry. Mr. Williford is also a minister and has also been engaged in further study at the same college. The Willifords will have charge of the pastoral duties at Hannon and at Hickory Grove in Central Western Missouri Association during the coming year.

**SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS ON YEARLY MEETING**

Lemay (St. Louis), Mo.  
August 24, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting convened with the South Side Free Will Baptist Church, 3124 Mt. Pleasant Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, Thursday, August 20, 1953 at 7:45 p.m. until Saturday, August 22, 1953 at 3:30 p.m. A glorious time was had by all who attended. Different ones said it was the best meeting they had attended in 15 years. I'm sure all that were here received a blessing. There was shouting and praising God all over the place. The Spirit of the Lord certainly prevailed here in these services.

Bountiful meals were served by the South Side and Third Free Will Baptist Churches.

Pray for us that we may always be in the Lord's will.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. James Franklin, pastor  
Olive M. Reeds, cor. sec'y.

**FOREIGN MISSION BOARD INTO NEW HEADQUARTERS**

Well, here we are in Headquarters Building located at 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

At the moment we are surrounded by gray walls with several cobwebs in the corners and the place smelling a little musty. We hope, however, before too long to change the appearance of things. This, of course, will take time and also finance.

The Foreign Mission department is the first to occupy the building and we must confess we are anxious for the other departments to move in. There is just something about a big house that calls for company. We understand that the other departments expect to move in around September first.

The Foreign Mission office furniture arrived on Wednesday, August 6, and Mrs. Hubert Sloan, office secretary, began work immediately.

Registered mail from the Detroit office has been sent down by Bro. Van Paschall, also some few have begun to address their mail to the present address. We hope others will do likewise and keep us busy writing receipts,

sending out books and literature, and answering your letters.

Mrs. Sloan is taking dictation on what could be a soap box and the present environment gives the appearance of missionary work proper.

We are only too glad to do the best we can with what we have and in comparison with the work of our missionaries on the field we certainly have no complaints.

As of this date less than \$2,000.00 has come in for the month of August and we want to remind our people that it will take at least \$6,000.00 per month to keep us operating in the black.

New applications for mission service are being processed. The challenge is great. We need your prayers and trust the Lord will supply every need.

It is necessary that we buy another office desk and chair, addressing machine, wrapping table and other items. Those desiring to contribute toward this expense may do so and it will certainly be appreciated.

Address all correspondence to: Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board  
3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5 Tenn.

Rev. Raymond R. G3s,  
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.

**FREDERICKTOWN CHURCH HAS NEW PASTOR**

Fredericktown, Mo.  
August 24, 1953

Dear Gem Readers:

I would just like to write you a few lines from our church.

As most of you know, Bro. and Sis. Beatty were called to Drumright, Oklahoma. We pray God will bless them in their work there.

We called Bro. W. T. Newsome from Michigan as our new pastor. We are glad God has sent Bro. and Sis. Newsome and their two fine daughters to us.

There was one precious soul saved last Sunday night for which we thank God.

Our Sunday School is growing.

We desire the prayers of the Christian people that God will bless our new pastor and our church that many precious souls will be saved.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. Paul Graham, clerk



## THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI DISTRICT CONVENTION

Southeast Missouri District Auxiliary officers recently elected were:

Mrs. Helen Gamblin, president; Mrs. Virginia Stone, Mrs. Elizabeth Hesselmeier, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mrs. Lee DeWitt, Mrs. Christine Pinkley.

Report of the Business Committee: Item 1. In co-operation with the National Convention program we recommend that a quarterly workshop be held during the convention year using the word 'Know' for the yearly theme. Quarterly themes suggested are as follows:

first quarter, "Know God's Word." II Tim. 3:16; second quarter,

"Know God's world." Gen. 1:1 & John 3:16; third quarter, "Know God's Work." Mark 16:15; fourth quarter, "Know God's workers." I Cor. 3:9.

Using the suggestions that will appear in W.N.A.C. newssheet each preceding quarter, we suggest as the first date, Thursday, November 12, 1953.

(Later dates will be set then.) We recommend that the first workshop be held at Leadington. Following workshops will be held at Southside, Fellowship and Fredericktown.

Item 2. That we observe three annual seasons of prayer as recommended by

the W.N.A.C.

(1) The Thanksgiving offering to be specified for State Home Missions and named the Alice Lupton offering honoring the first National President of the Woman's Auxiliary.

(2) The Christmas offering be specified for National Home Missions and named the Lizzie McAdams offering honoring our pioneers home missionary worker.

(3) The Easter offering be specified for Foreign Missions and named the Laura Belle Barnard offering honoring the first F.W.B. foreign missionary. All offerings to be sent to the W.N.A.C. treasurer.

Item 3. We recommend the book, "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends," by Damon Dodd, for a study course to be studied during the year.

Item 4. That we avail ourselves of the "Stewardship Packet" that sells for 15 cents. Order from W.N.A.C. treasurer.

Item 5. We recommend that each Auxiliary more fully support the Co-Laborer Fund.

Item 6. That a standing vote of thanks be given to: Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Genelle Scott, and Mrs. Georgia Hill for their work in our Auxiliary Convention. (These ladies have moved out of the state.)

Item 7. That a special offering be taken at our District Convention: one-third to be sent to State Entertainment Fund; the remaining two-thirds to be sent to the Co-Laborer Fund.

Signed by the Business Committee  
Miss Anette Cox, Fredericktown, Missouri, was the winner in the Declamation contest.

### P R O G R A M

of the

Missouri State

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Theme: "His Command, My Task"

#### Wednesday Morning, September 16

- 9:00 Registration
- 11:00 Hymn, "Co-Laborers" (National hymn)
- Devotional Scripture ..... Anna Mae McFarland
- Prayer
- 11:10 Welcome ..... Mrs. Alta Mikel
- Response ..... Mrs. Dorcas Weisman
- 11:15 President in charge
- Seating of delegates — — — — — Appoint committees
- President's remarks
- 11:30 Hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be"
- Message ..... Rev. James Franklin
- Lunch

#### Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30 Hymn
- Devotional, "Challenge of Christian Stewardship," Mrs. Eunice Edwards
- Prayer
- Discovering who's who
- Highlights of combined reports ..... Secretary
- Report of National Convention
- Committee reports: Registration — Finance — Business
- Nominating — Appreciation
- Miscellaneous business — National delegates, etc.
- Installation service
- Benediction

### POCAHONTAS, ARKANSAS AUXILIARY MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary of Pocahontas, Arkansas Free Will Baptist Church met Monday night, August 10, at the home of Mrs. Harold Benett, with Mrs. Robert Counts serving as co-hostess. Thirty three members and one visitor were present.

The president, Mrs. Opal Phillips,



opened the meeting with singing the theme song, "The Haven of Rest." Mrs. Earl Smith gave the Scripture reading and followed with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called; the dues for the month was \$8.75, and an offering was sent to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and to the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Each chairman present gave a report of work done.

The Program Chairman took charge and gave the introduction to the regular monthly program, "The Light of Truth Shines on Consecrated Youth." The topics were discussed by Mrs. Anna Miller, Mrs. Gladys Helms, Mrs. Loraine Jones, and Mrs. Pauline Starr. We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Hamil Million.

The hostess and co-hostess served delicious refreshments at the social hour.

Alta Lee Miller, publicity chairman

## HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The August meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church was held at the home of Jaunita Newcomer on Wednesday, August 5. There were 10 members, four visitors and eight children present. A comforter was tacked and bound, and more quilt blocks made.

The president led the devotional period with all singing "The Haven of Rest." The Scripture reading was Psalm 119:30 and John 8:32. Prayer was by Minnie Thompson. The lesson, "The Light of Truth Shines on Consecrated Youth," was introduced by Emma Van Laningham, and topics were given by Mary Filkins, Jeanetta Van Laningham, Leona Thompson and Jaunita Newcomer. Dismissal prayer by Maizie Sevits.

Five hundred sixty Bible chapters read, 36 sick calls made and 13 cards sent out were reported. Co-Laborer Fund received was \$1.07.

were these people? They were people who did not *abstain from all appearances of evil*.

When the devil gets people under the influence of intoxicating liquor, he can get them to commit many kinds of sins.

Most folk that are addicted to the liquor habit commenced by drinking beer. We hear thoughtless boys and girls say a glass of beer won't hurt anyone. That is absolutely false. It is the beginning of a dangerous habit. In time beer does not satisfy and they crave liquor with a higher alcoholic content. Then these people become dangerous to themselves and others.

A veteran of World War II told me of helping to capture some Japanese beer. One of the American soldiers got drunk on this liquor and when he went on guard he let the enemy come through the American lines and some of the American intelligence officers were killed.

The liquor dealers present pictures in newspapers that people that drink are very happy. These are deceiving, as those who have delirium tremens are far from happy. As a usual thing they and their relatives are often unhappy.

If we are Christians we want to be good examples for young people.

The Christian will not drink intoxicating liquors; neither will he buy anything from a merchant that sells liquor.

J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Mo.

## AUXILIARY ELECTS

Fredericktown, Mo.  
August 24, 1953

The Woman's Auxiliary of Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church, in a meeting at the church on August 4, elected officers for the next year as follows:

Mrs. Helen Gamblin, president; Mrs. Hallie Dettmer, first vice; Mrs. Marie Tripp, second vice; Mrs. Alene Lewis, third vice; Mrs. Reba Matthew, fourth vice; Mrs. Blanche Pogue, fifth vice; Mrs. Bessie Baldwin, secretary, and Mrs. Pauline Hale, treasurer.

On August 13, at our day meeting, we had very good services. The hostesses for the day were Sis. Marie Tripp and Sis. Bessie Baldwin.

We opened the meeting by singing several choruses, and were led in prayer by Sis. Sharp. Special song by Sis. Dettmer and Sis. Graham. Sis. Denton led us in a testimony service. Talk by Rev. Newsome on True Evangelization.

We had 19 members and one visitor present. We do enjoy our Auxiliary work very much.

Rev. Bill Newsome is our new pastor. Our former pastor, Rev. Harry Beatty, was called to a church in Drumright, Oklahoma.

Bessie Baldwin, sec.

## AUXILIARY ORGANIZED IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Tulsa, Oklahoma  
August 24, 1953

Dear Sirs:

The Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Temple Free Will Baptist Church was organized Tuesday, August 18, with 16 charter members. Mrs. Ed Mayfield was elected president. All present enjoyed the good meeting, and earnestly request your prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Paul Inbody, cor. sec'y.

## ABSTAINING FROM EVIL

The Apostle Paul has left us many admonitions or warnings against evil. One of the best of these admonitions is found in I Thess. 5:22 which admonishes us to "abstain from all appearance of evil."

There is so much evil, and it is presented to us in so many ways. But in this verse Paul warns us against all appearances of evil.

One of the greatest sources of evil is alcoholic liquor. Recently I read that over three million people had become alcoholics in the last year. *Think of it.* Three-fourths as many people as there are in the state of Missouri. Who

## CAN USE SOME HELP

Duncan, Arizona  
Box 634

Just a few lines to let you know about this part of the country. We need a work here very badly, and so far as I know, I am the only Free Will Baptist preacher in Eastern Arizona. I have had the privilege of preaching two sermons this past year, with one conversion.

We spent eight years here from 1941 to 1949, then moved back to Arkansas, and have only been back here a little over a year. We have many friends here. I am doing what missionary work I can, but if our Association would help to equip, seat and pay rent on a building for a few months, it would help a lot.

R. L. Daniel

## TO ORGANIZE NEW CHURCH

Dear Brother in Christ:

We are writing this in hope that you have readers in San Diego, or perhaps someone who has friends or relatives here.

We have a new work here and will appreciate any information we can get on Free Will Baptists or prospects for Free Will Baptists.

We need all the Christian people to pray for us and for the work here.

We plan to go into a revival soon and then organize if it is the Lord's will.

Pray that there will be souls won to Christ in this meeting.

Yours in the Lord's service,

Rev. and Mrs. Finney Berry  
2621 "D" Avenue  
National City, California

### The POWER of the Gospel (from p 5)

it. This pastor, Howard Brumme, had been watching my life and had found that I hadn't been living a very good Christian life and when we asked him to marry us, he gave us a portion of Scripture which says, 'Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness.' I couldn't see at that time what he meant, but I can sure see now. He did agree to marry us after I assured him I was saved, though I wasn't. I married this girl on June 11, 1950.

About a month later, God's Holy Spirit really convicted me that I was a lost condemned sinner. I thought that in order to be saved, I would have to walk down a church aisle. This was too embarrassing. One evening, a tract came through the mail. There was no return address on the envelope. I've inquired many times since but have never been able to find where this tract came from. It was 'God's Simple Plan of Salvation.' I read this tract through and re-read it, and it told me, 'For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.' I noticed that it said, 'whosoever.' Not Mary, John or Henry, but 'whosoever' and that meant anybody, yes it meant me. I read in the same verse that it says, 'shall be saved.' Not 'maybe' or 'can be,' but 'shall be saved.' It also went

on to tell me that I could be saved wherever I was. That night, I got down upon my knees and took the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I told Him that I was a sinner, and that I knew that He was the only One who could save me, and to save me that night. And praise God, He did.

The next day, I found that verse, II Corinthians 5:17, very true. 'Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.' As I told you before, I was quite a liar. I went to lie to one of my fellow-workers the next morning and, always before, I had lied time and time again throughout the day and thought nothing of it. But as I went to lie to one of my fellow-workers that morning, I found something strange had happened. Something that I had never before experienced in my life. There was conviction there. The Holy Spirit of God didn't wait until after I had lied to put conviction upon me, He put the conviction there before I had even told that lie. That was something new to me. The desire for liquor and many other things was gone.

My wife and I attended Youth for Christ. I was elected treasurer of Topeka Youth for Christ. I had attended the staff meetings with my wife some time before I was elected. That is a position I still hold. I have handled close to \$8,000 or \$8,500 through that organization. I praise God that there hasn't been a cent mis-spent that I know of. That really means something to be because at one time I was such a thief and such a liar that I would have stolen anything. You could not have trusted me with a nickel, let alone \$8,000. I know, tonight, God has so transformed my life that He has trusted me with His money. I thank Him for it.

God has blessed us in many ways. He gave us a home. Last December 22, He gave us a little boy; a sweet little boy. But I found that I could not live a victorious Christian life. There was something in the way. I knew what was in the way. The bank robbery. I had never made the thing right. It bothered me many times. About two months ago, the conviction of this bank robbery hit me like a ton of lead. I don't believe anybody could have hit me in the head with a ball-bat and have hit me any harder than that did. I was riding along in an auto-

mobile at the time. I tried to shake off in every way that I knew how, but I couldn't. I prayed about it, and God gave me an answer just as clear as I'm standing here talking to you right now; 'Give yourself up; make a clean confession.' He not only gave me the answer when I prayed, He gave me that answer ten, maybe fifteen or twenty times a day. I knew just exactly what should be done. I rejected that answer because there was a still penalty in Kansas against such a crime. At that time I knew nothing about the statute of limitations. I wondered what people would think for many had come to know me since I became a Christian and, naturally, it would floor them. But, as time went on, I realized that I was going to have to do something. There was such conviction upon that my mind was slipping. My eyes were blood-shot. I had terrible headaches twenty-four hours a day. I thought of the thing only fifty or sixty times an hour, I thought I was getting no rest. After about two or three weeks of this, I thought that sending money back to the bank would be making things right. But this wasn't what God told me to do. I did send \$29.00 back which was all I could spare at that time, and there was a little, I might say, a very little relief. I sent it back to the banker with a letter signed, 'Sinner Saved By Grace.' But when the conviction came back, it came back stronger than ever. I knew that something had to be done. I thought of committing suicide; of driving out on some country road, taking a hose and putting it on the exhaust pipe in my car, rolling up the windows and quickly ending things. I had heard of such things being done before. I thought of many other crazy things but knew that wasn't what the Lord wanted me to do.

I finally realized that I had to do what God told me to do. I said, 'Making it right with man is the only thing to do. I'll contact the authorities and see what procedure to take.' That night I got down upon my knees and told the Lord to take over. I told Him I had been trying to do things my way; now I wanted Him to take my life over completely, and I meant completely. I knew what doing things myself had gotten me into. He heard me that night, and He worked things out. There wasn't one thing that He left out. He has blessed every step of the way. I

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**HOME COMING HELD**

Bonne Terre, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Aulsbury Chapel wishes to report a wonderful time in the Lord on July 29, at their home coming where old and new friends gathered for all-day services. A basket dinner was served at noon.

It was a pleasure to have with us two of our former pastors, Rev. and Mrs. James Barker and family from Farmington, Missouri, and Rev. and Mrs. James Miller of North Carolina. We were blessed by having the League Convention at our church on July 28.

We are looking forward to a good service August 8, when we will have the Gosseliers in a service of gospel songs and sermons. These boys are from our Bible College in Nashville. May God richly bless them.

Our revival starts August 9. The evangelist is Rev. LaVerne Miley, of Tennessee. We desire your prayers.

Our Sunday School average is 59 for the last quarter.

We have plans to remodel our church this year, the Lord willing.

At the July business meeting we again called our pastor, Rev. C. B. Dees. I was elected recording secretary.

Mrs. W. L. Patterson

**RE-ELECTS PASTOR**Richwoods, Missouri  
August 19, 1953

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find our subscription for the Gem for another year.

We are sorry that for the past two months we haven't sent in our Sunday School average, but for July it will be over 50. Our reporter moved and is now living in another town, and hasn't come back to church for sometime. But we will try to send in our report regular from now on.

The church here in Richwoods re-elected Bro. Logsdon as their pastor for another year, and Bro. Woodrow Messex is his assistant. Sis. Sophia Ackerson is clerk, and Sis. Elsie Schutte is treasurer.

The church is going forward, for which we thank the Lord.

We are asking for prayer that we

will always be humble and do what God would have us do.

May God richly bless you in your work is our prayers.

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Logsdon  
Richwoods, Missouri**OREGON CHURCH GROWING**Springfield, Oregon  
August 4, 1953

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find \$1.50. Please send us the Gem for one year. We enjoy it very much.

The church here in Oregon has purchased property for our building. We have four lots plus a four room house, and a large building. We are using this building for services now, but we have started a small building program to add five Sunday School rooms until the main church can be constructed. The Lord has truly been blessing our efforts here. There has not been a great increase, but a slow steady growth.

Pray that God will send others to labor with us. Our prayer is for more Free Will Baptist Churches in Oregon that we might form a quarterly, and thus have fellowship with others of our denomination.

The work here is very rewarding. II Chronicles 15:7 tells us: "Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded." How we praise His Holy name for the privilege of working for Him.

Pray for us.

Yours in His service,

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest C. Pearson  
1025 West N. Street  
Springfield, Oregon**WELCOMES NEW PASTOR**1330 Geyer Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Just a small report from the Third Church. Once in awhile we like to let you know we are still in business for our Lord.

It was a great blessing in the morning service to see a precious one come back to God.

It was with sad hearts that we said good-bye to Bro. Ben. Scott and family, but he felt that his work with our

church was finished and he was called to other fields. We hope and pray for their success in Oilton, Oklahoma.

We welcome our new pastor, Rev. James Barker from Farmington. We are looking forward to a good year in our church and we feel that the Lord has sent Rev. Barker our way.

We have closed a deal for a new furnace.

We have a good Men's Brotherhood. Also, a good Woman's Auxiliary.

We are praying for an old-fashioned revival soon. If you are concerned about lost souls, won't you help us pray?

We had a wonderful Yearly Meeting with the Southside Church. Those who did not attend really missed a good spiritual blessing.

Kitty Edmiston

**A SINGLE LEAF**

There was once a caravan crossing to the north of India, and numbering in its company a Godly and devout missionary. As it passed along, a poor old man was overcome by the heat and labors of the journey, and sinking down, was left to perish on the road. The missionary saw him, and, kneeling down at his side when the rest had passed along, whispered into his ear, "Brether, what is your hope?" The dying man raised himself a little to reply, and with a great effort succeeded in answering, "The Blood of Jesus Christ, ...cleanseth us from all sin," and immediately expired with the effort.

The missionary was greatly astonished at the answer, and at the calm and peaceful assurance of the man; he felt assured he had died in Christ. How, or when, he thought, could this man, seemingly a heathen, have obtained the knowledge of this salvation? And as he thought of it, he observed a piece of paper grasped tightly in the hand of the dead man. What do you think was his surprise and delight when he found it was a single leaf of the Bible, containing the first chapter of the First Epistle of John! On that page the man had found the Word of Life!—*Gospel Chimes*

Instead of waiting upon the Lord, some people want the Lord to wait upon them.—*Selected*

The POWER of the Gospel (from p 14) met a Christian business man who has a radio program each Sunday morning. He asked me to make my confession over the radio. I told him, 'If that will help to lead souls to Christ, I will be glad to do it.' Newspapers got hold of the story. There was quite a turmoil in Topeka about the thing. The whole city was upset. Topeka newspapers carried it on the front page. One of the newspapers had five men out looking for me for three days. They could not find me because they were looking for Chuck, the blond-headed boy, who was supposed to be dead. They were looking for a short, blond-headed boy and I sure didn't match that description. (Al has black hair, is 6'4".)

As the pressure got so great before the Sunday I was to make my confession over the radio at the Church, I went up to Holton, the County Seat, on Saturday afternoon and turned myself in to the authorities. I made my confession on Sunday morning. When I went up before the authorities, they took one look at me and didn't know what to think. They were bewildered. I told them that God had told me to do that. They were all upset. They would not believe me. They put me under a lie detector as they also did the old man who planned the robbery. The lie detector indicates your blood pressure and you simply cannot tell a lie and get by with it. I don't care how calm you think you'll be, whenever you tell a lie, it makes your heart act up. That indicator on the machine will flip. I look back at some of the times in the days before I was saved and wonder how my heart ever took it. The lie detector proved that I was telling the truth and that the old man was lying. But still he would not confess.

They took us into a little room and put on the heat. And I mean it was hot! There were two KBI men and a Sheriff there with us. The old man told me what he thought of me and what he thought of the book I was carrying, which was the Bible. That man never believed that there was a God. Never believed in any god of any kind except money. He told me what kind of religion I had and I preached him a little sermon while he preached me one. The authorities didn't think much of our sermons and their main idea was to get the man to confess. After an hour of questioning, he broke

and confessed that he was the leader and the 'brains' of the robbery.

After he made his confession and had also threatened me by saying, 'I will get even with you,' the authorities asked him, 'Will you sign a written confession?' The man said, 'Yes.' You will find that ninety-nine times out of one hundred, or any time that I have ever known, they never fail to ask a man to sign a written confession when he confesses to a crime. As he confessed this, it confirmed my story throughout the country. I knew that God had taken care of this, as well as many other things.

I stopped to see the banker whom I had robbed four years ago. I didn't know whether this man was going to run me out of his home or whether he'd greet me with a hearty handshake. When I walked into his home, I knew that God had been working there, too. The man, that I had stuck a gun in his face at one time and would have killed him if he had made a false move, held out his hand and said, 'Al, I want you to know that you're forgiven.' Strangely enough, he said that. He also said, 'I want you to know that I hold nothing against you.' And strangely enough, this banker had even told my pastor that he wanted to go my bond, but he couldn't, being president of the bank and under bond himself. I knew that God had worked that out. At the Sante Fe shops they have a rule that when a man gets into trouble, they give him two choices. Either quit or be fired. I knew this. I knew that God would work it out and He did. Strangely enough, when my bondsmen conferred with the Sante Fe officials about my job, the man said, 'Tell Al to go back to work.' Now as far as I knew, this had never happened before.

I found that before my trial, I had many critics. People said, 'Well, he's got a drag with the law.' That's untrue because if you knew how the law felt toward me in Topeka before that you would have no doubt in your mind but that they would have jailed me the first chance they got. When I had been in jail twice and had lied out of it, the sheriff in Topeka had made a statement, saying, 'Johnson, I'm gonna get you. If I ever get a chance, I'm going to send you over the road. I'm going to watch your life and I'll get a chance.' I had stolen license plates from one car, put them on another and had stolen a man's car in that county.

That, strangely enough, has been forgotten when that man said, at one time, that he would jail me if he had a chance. Nothing was ever said about the robbery of that car. In many other ways, I found that the Lord had truly blessed. I found that He had left nothing out; in the way of giving me speaking engagements, in the way of sending this message throughout the country, or even the world.

I had hid the bank robbery from the authorities and the people, all except my wife. I had told her before we were married. I had hid it from everybody for four years. But I hadn't hid it from God. You can't hide a thing from God. God knew my heart and He knew what had to be done to make it right. The Holy Spirit put conviction there that it took to make me do it. It is nothing that I have done myself, because if it was left up to me, I never would have made the confession.

The older man was sent to Alabama on a murder charge. This man got 18 months in jail; not in prison, in jail. And they wanted to send me up for stealing a few dollars which I have paid back. This man will probably be out of jail in the next nine or ten months. People have asked me about this man and what he would do to me when he is released. This man came to me about three months after the bank robbery and wanted me to go with him to kill the younger boy. With all sincerity he wanted me to do so. The boy was out of the state at the time and he thought that he would 'squeal' on him. Now I told the whole business. The man told the pastor of my church, 'When I get out, I'll square things up.' There's no doubt in my mind but that he will try it. But I'm not afraid. Not in the least, because I know that God has taken care of everything so marvelously so far and I know that I'm under His Hand; and while I am in His Power and shielded by His Hand there is nothing, whatsoever, that can harm me. I thank Him for it."

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