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Pictured above are Mrs. LaVern Miley, Memphis, Tenn. (left) and Mrs. Luther Sanders, Monett, Mo. (right) Mrs. Miley was guest speaker at annual Mother--daughter banquet held by Monett Church Auxiliary of which Mrs. Sanders is president. (See page 13 for picture and details of meeting)

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WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS THE STRANGER?

The Minister is cordial and friendly enough. His words of welcome to the visitors each Sunday morning are like these; "We are happy for you to be here today. Please write your name and address on the card nearby. Tomorrow we shall mail to you a picture postal card of our church."

And yet, one day he received a letter, which read:

"We were surprised that no one in the congregation spoke to us—neither as we entered, nor as we made our departure. However, while driving away, one lady noticing our license plate, remarked that she had a daughter who at one time had lived there.

"It is astonishing that the Southern hospitality we had hoped to find in your church was not there.

"Rather—we found it in the motels and restaurants of your little towns and villages!"

Are many of us accepting no responsibility for the visitors in our churches? Could it be that you and I are leaving this ministry to the pastor alone?

Here is an opportunity for service within the reach of every one.

—Mrs. Gaines H. Mason

A colonel was speaking at a dinner given in his honor before embarking for Africa.

"I thank you," he concluded, "for your kind wishes regarding my welfare, and I want you to know that when I am far away, surrounded by ugly, grinning savages, I shall always think of you."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Fredericktown	163					
Mt. Pisgah	56	50	54	63	54	
Coppermines	105	100				
Fellowship, Flat River	207	180	181	191	200	
Leadington	123	95	111	127	118	
Desloge						
Farmington	70	49	59	77	73	
Fourth, St. Louis	50		46			
Old Bethel						
Berkeley City	192	154				
Richwoods	54	48	58			
Neosho	44	47				
Mountain Grove	271					
Joplin	86	67	66	89		
Kirksville	100	90	117			
Grant Avenue, Springfield	68	59	64	71		
Hazel Creek			47	40		
Cuba						
Bethel, West Plains						
Twin Oak	55	42	68	65	54	55
South Side Church	150	137	162	187	155	
New Hope, Kansas City	39	35	37	35	40	
Springfield First				175	160	
Mine La Motte	44	38	37	45	43	37
Mill Creek	57	47	49	60	53	
First Church, Kansas City	75	65	75	75		
Myrtle	60	51	51	53	56	

The Growth Of The English Bible

Rev. R. Luther Sanders

Pastor of Monett 1st F. W. B. Church
Monett, Missouri

Our Bible is a very interesting, as well as an inspiring, Book. The Old Testament with the exception of a few passages was written in Hebrew. The New Testament was written in Greek, called Judæo-Greek, or Hellenistic—a dialect aptly described as "Hebrew thought in Greek clothing."

God did not write the Bible personally, but it pleased Him that His messages be communicated to man through His servants by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Bible was written by about forty persons over a period of sixteen hundred years, from about 1500 B. C. to 97 A. D. The word "Bible" is derived from the Greek "biblia" and means "The Books." "Scriptures" is derived from Latin and means "The Writings."

The Bible came to us from an Oriental people whose modes of life and manner of thought were determined largely by their race and environment and differs from those of the Western world. The characteristics of Hebrew poetry is its out-of-doors setting. It gives us pictures in almost every line of something in natural features of Palestine as the work of God who created all things.

About 277 B. C., a little over one hundred years after the close of the Old Testament Canon, a Greek translation of the Old Testament Scriptures was made, or, in any case, was commenced about that time, Greek being the language then generally spoken throughout the Roman world. This translation is known as the Septuagint, Septuagint being a Latin word meaning "seventy." It was said to have been the work of seventy scholars at Alexandria; hence its title. The originals are lost, but it is an interesting fact that the three oldest and best copies of this version are owned by the three leading churches. "The Alexandrian manuscript" (known as Codex A) is in the British Museum, London, England. It is owned by the Protestants. "The Vatican Manuscript" (known as Codex B) is the valued treasure of the Roman Catholic Church and is in the Vatican Library at Rome. "The Sinaitic manuscript" (known as Codex Aleph) is in the library at St. Petersburg, and is owned by the Greek Church.

In the second century of the Christian era Latin superseded Greek, and remained for many years the dipli-

matic language of Europe. At this time a Latin translation was made in North Africa from the Septuagint version of the Old Testament and the original Greek of the New, so that all Latin-speaking people might be able to read the Word of God. It is known as the "Vulgate", which itself is a Latin word, meaning "to make common or public". This Latin version appears to have been England's first Bible.

In the fourth century this Vulgate version was revised by the saintly scholar Jerome, who had access to ancient Hebrew manuscripts; and so important was this revision of Jerome's that, like the Septuagint, it has influenced all future translations.

In A. D. 450 the Teutonic invaders introduced the Anglo-Saxon language into England. Meantime, this Latin translation remained the only Bible in the country for centuries; and as that was only in handwriting, it will be readily seen that the Word of God, without which no man can really live, was only available to the very few, the learned and the rich.

No one should despise the days of small beginnings. The early Egyptians, while making their lowly graves, learned the principles of the construction of the Pyramid of Cheops, the great wonder of the world. It was a long step from the cave dwellers to modern civilization, and when our forefathers landed at Plymouth Rock, things looked altogether different from the modern America that we know. The growth of the English Bible translation is no less remarkable. The story of its beginning shows that it began in very lowly circumstance.

As the Lord of life began His earthly career from the manger, so the earliest form of Biblical literature in our mother tongue (Anglo-Saxon) had its origin in what might have been a stable. As the story goes, a Saxon shepherd, Caedmon, was embarrassed by a group of singers in a banquet hall, because they could sing much better than he. One night when the harp was passed around for each to sing in turn, Caedmon left the cheerful company and went to the stable where he fell asleep and had a wonderful dream in which he received the ability to sing paraphrases of parts of the Bible, (Genesis, Exodus, and Daniel). Caedmon's work is not to be considered as a translation, though it is certainly the first step in putting the Scriptures into our mother tongue.

Sixty-five years after Caedmon, (about 735 A. D.) a monk named

Bede translated the Lord's prayer and the Gospel of John. He also began a translation of the Psalms, but he died before the work was completed. This work is the first translation of any of the New Testament; however the Psalms were translated into English by Aldhelm, (born 640 A. D.) a few years before.³

More than one hundred years after Bede's death the good king, Alfred the Great, expressed the wish that all the free-born youths of the kingdom should employ themselves on nothing until they could first read the English Scripture. In order to make it easy for those who would do as he wished, he ordered a translation of the whole Bible to be made in Anglo-Saxon, but died before the work was finished.⁴

For the next five hundred years very little was done toward translating the Bible. During these years the Norman Conquest took place under William the Conqueror in 1066, after which the Anglo-Saxon language gave place to English.⁵

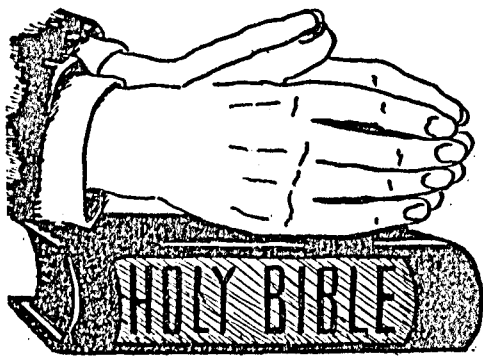
Before 1250 A. D. no copies of the Scripture contained any division of the books into chapters or verses, but about this time Cardinal Hugo divided the books into chapters.⁶

John Wycliffe, the great reformer, was born about 1320 A. D. He was educated at Oxford University. Realizing fully the importance of the Scripture and believing that the Oracles of God should be accessible to the people in their own tongue, Wycliffe set himself to the task of translating the Bible into English. It is uncertain at what time he began his work of translation. The New Testament, however, was completed about 1380 A. D. and the entire Bible about two years later. Wycliffe's Bible was divided into chapters according to Cardinal Hugo's arrangement, and although only in handwriting, several copies were made, some of which exist today. The Word of God was so precious in those days that a load of hay was sometimes given for a few pages of it. Wycliffe's translation was not based upon the original Hebrew and Greek, but upon a corrupted Latin text; nevertheless, it contained some of the essentials of the Holy Scripture.⁷

The man who more than any other laid the foundation of the English Bible was William Tyndale, whose translation of the New Testament was published at Worms in Germany in 1525. This was the first English New Testament to be put in print. Mr. Tyndale worked under great difficulties,

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The Family Altar



HOME MISSIONS PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for the Lee Whaley's as they are now in Alaska and are establishing their work.

The Postlewaite's are doing a great work in Washington State. They have constructed a new church on which they owe near \$3,500.00. Pray that the Lord will bless them and supply their needs.

Pray for Miss Bessie Yeley as she is working in Nogales Academy in Nogales, Arizona.

Pray for the Free Will Baptist Mission work at Laredo, Texas, conducted by Rev. J. E. Timmons. There is a great need for property for a church and a place for the missionaries to live.

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Nelitino Martinez as they work among the 100,000 Spanish speaking people in Miami, Florida.

There is a great need in our denomination for Christian workers among the Jews and Negroes of our country. Pray that the Lord will send forth Labourers.

Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Juan Lopez as they are working among their own people in Mexico.

—Missionary Prayer Band

EVANGELIST AVAILABLE

Rev. James McCulley, better known as Bro. Jimmy McCully, 1003 Frisco, Monett, Missouri, and telephone number BE 5-3852, is available for revivals in your church. He also equipment for a tent meeting.

POTTER AND PRODUCT

The making of pottery has held the attention and fascination of many people. The clever and skillful movements of the potter holds a person at rapt attention. Let us follow along to the potter's house with the Prophet Jeremiah. Notice carefully the words of the Prophet, as he writes by the inspiration of God, in Jeremiah 18:1-3.

"The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear My words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels."

As we consider this work wrought on wheels let us note some interesting facts concerning medieval making of pottery. The primitive races took clay and spread it out on a stone slab, picking out the rocky fragments, then beating it with their hands, or even treading it with their feet, fashioned it into such shapes as need or fancy dictated. For ages tools and methods remained of the simplest—until someone discovered that by starting to build up the pottery on the flattened side of a moulder he could turn his support and thus bring every part in succession under his hand, and thus the potter's wheel was invented.

One important factor in making pottery is the necessity of pure clay. Much care is taken that all stones are removed. Let us consider our lives as clay in the Potter's hands. As pure clay is an essential part of making pottery, so is a pure life an essential part of Christian living. Is your life as pure clay in the Potter's hands?

As we continue to follow along with the Prophet Jeremiah in the potter's house we note these striking words, "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it" As the potter is dissatisfied with a marred vessel so is God grieved with lives marred by sin. We do not need to be as a vessel marred by sin when God, the Potter, can make us over anew. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17). Why continue to be a marred vessel when salvation from sin is a free gift from God?

—Contributed by Mrs. Menge

THE GROWTH OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE

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partly at Cologne and partly at Worms, in exile, poverty, and distress; as he found it impossible to carry out this work in England, because of Romish opposition. At least fifteen thousand copies were issued, which were secretly imparted into England in bales of cloth, sacks of flour and almost any other means available.

The Roman Catholics made every effort to prevent this Testament from

getting into the hands of the people; and with this object in view, all who were found with the New Testament in their possessions were seized and burned at the stake. In 1535 Tyndale issued a revised version of the New Testament from the original Greek. Tyndale also translated about half of the Old Testament, From Genesis through II Chronicles, and would have translated the whole Bible had he lived. On October 6, 1563, he was first strangled and then burned at the stake near Brussels by the Roman Catholic authorities.⁸

1 Charles Leach, *Our Bible—How We Got It*, page 19.

2 J. McKee Adams, *Our Bible* pp. 95-96.

3 Sidney Collett, *The Scripture of Truth*, pp. 17-18.

4 *Ibid.*

5 Sidney Collett, *All About the Bible*, pp. 29-30.

6 *Ibid.*

7 J. A. Huffman, *A Guide to the Study of the Old and New Testament*, p. 19.

8 Collett, *op. cit.*

(To Be Continued)

God impotent? Listen to Mr. Einstein talk about matter. E equals MC². In a cup of water there is enough restrained power to propel a ship across the Atlantic. In a day when God has opened up a little crack in the universe to give us a peek into unimaginable power, who would say that God is impotent? He is patient, that's all, beyond all our ideas of patience. And part of omnipotence is power to withhold power.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise..." said Peter. He has not let the world get out of hand. He has not abdicated to the Kremlin, or even to Washington. He is patient, long-suffering, slow to anger, plentiful in mercy; and the majesty of His power is its mercy.

J. Wallace Hamilton,

WHO GOES THERE?

(The Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Trying to sell a housewife a home freezer, a salesman pointed out, "You can save enough on your food bills to pay for it."

"Yes, I know," the woman agreed, "but you see we're paying for our car on the carfare we save. Then, we're paying for our washing machine on the laundry bills we save, and we're paying for the house on the rent we're saving. We just can't afford to save any more right now."

Attend Church Next Sunday

PROGRAM

of the
Forty Fifth Annual Session
of Missouri State Association
of Free Will Baptists
to be held at

Youth Camp Grounds
(near Niangua, Mo.)
August 18-21, 1958

Also the Annual Session of the
Sunday School Convention and the
League Convention.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

Monday Evening—8:00 P. M.

August 18, 1958

Evangelistic Rally—Rev. Luther
Sanders, pastor of Monett Church.

Tuesday, August 19, 1958

9:30 Devotional—Rev. Ben Scott,
pastor of Fredricktown Church.

9:45 Sunday School Workshop—
Rev. Don Hill, Editor of National
Sunday School Literature.

10:45 Recess.

11:00 Message—Rev. Don Hill

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 Singspiration.

1:45 League Workshop—Mr. Ray
Turnage, Promotional Secretary of
National League Board.

3:00 Sword Drill—Mrs. Luther San-
ders, Youth Chairman of W.N.A.C.

3:15-4:00 Open Forum on League.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Tuesday Evening—7:30

August 19, 1958

7:30 Devotional—Rev. Henry Long,
pastor of Springfield First Church.

Convening the Session—Rev.
Albert Halbrook, Clerk.

Welcome—Rev. Wm. Reeves,
Youth Camp Caretaker.

Response—Rev. Woodrow Mat-
thews, pastor of Kirksville Church.

Moderator's Message—Rev. O. T.
Allred.

Introductory Message—Rev. Dale
Jones, pastor of Lebanon Church.

Alternate Minister—Rev. James
Davis, pastor of Leadington Church.

Wednesday Morning—August 20

9:00—Scripture and Prayer.

9:10—Receive letters and seat dele-
gates.

Receive letters from corresponding
religious bodies.

Seat corresponding messengers in
conference.

Reading of By-Laws.

10:00—Election of officers.

11:00—Worship Hour (Woman's
Auxiliary)

Wednesday Afternoon

Woman's Auxiliary Program
Associational business as time per-
mits.

Wednesday Evening

Devotions, prayer, singing, specials.
Message—Speaker to be selected.

Thursday Morning—August 21

9:00 Devotions, Congregational
singing, prayer.

9:15—Business.

11:00—Devotions.

Message—Speaker to be selected.

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions, singing and pray-
er.

Completion of Business.

Thursday Evening

7:30—Devotions, Singing Prayer,
Specials.

Message—Speaker to be selected.

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Youth Chairman of W. N. A. C.

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City, Mo., Secretary of the State
League and Sunday School Boards.

Rev. Ray Turnage, Nashville,
Tenn., Promotional Secretary of
National League Board.

I can't understand why goods sent
by ship is called cargo, while goods
sent in a car is a shipment.

Schools and Sunday Schools

Once there were two men who
were riding home on the city bus
after a long day's work. One was
seated near the middle of the bus as
the other man entered and worked
his way through the people standing
in the aisle to get to the less crowded
portion of the bus. The sound of the
bell, signaling that a passenger want-
ed off, was heard and the seat beside
our first man was left vacant. The
man who had just gotten on sat down
with a sigh, glad to be off his feet.
In a few minutes these two were talk-
ing busily. After some complaints
about the smog and a hard day of
work, the conversation took a differ-
ent tone. "My name is A. One Edu-
cator" said the first man, and I teach
out at Burro Hills School." "And
my name is Mr. Average Q. Church-
member. Ha, you might say that I
was a sort of teacher, too. I'm a
superintendent in our Sunday School.
It's quite a job too. I think our big-
gest problem is getting people to
come on Sunday. However, the
weather has been bad, lately."

"Well, that's one problem we
don't face. These kids' parents just
wouldn't think of letting them miss
a day, rain or shine! After all we
have such a short time with them
anyway. You know there's talk of
having school all year round in order
to better educate our children? Nine
months, five days a week just isn't
enough time."

"Of course, we only have an hour
on Sunday morning, but that seems
to be good enough. Somehow our
people are able to learn a whole lot
in that time. I guess that's the differ-
ence in a Christian education and
public school, people just learn re-
ligious ideas quicker."

"Sometimes just going to school
becomes an end in itself, however,
and this bothers me. Some parents
think that this is their part of John-
ny's education, the rest is up to the
teacher. What I would like to see is
that the kids I teach not only want
to come but that they learn some-
thing which they give evidence of by
being a capable, thinking citizen in
their everyday life. This just getting
our proverbial Johnny to go to school
is not the commendable thing, but
in helping him to use what he has
learned is the goal."

"That's good. You may have
something there that we could use
in the church. Going to church and
Sunday School sometimes seem to be
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From the Editor's Desk

MEETIN' TIME IN THE OZARKS

We are happy to inform our Gem readers that one of our Missouri ministers, Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Mo., pastor of Mtn. Grove Free Will Baptist Church has compiled some of his inspiring sermons in book form. This book was published by the Greenwich Book Publisher, 489 Fifth Ave., New York, New York.

We give you the review from the publishers on the chapters of the book.

"God's Champion" tells us that if we really want to work and live for Christ, we must first surrender our lives to Him. "Unclean Tables, Short Beds, and Narrow Covers" takes to task those preachers who are misleading people because they declare that a man does not have to repent of his sins.

"Revival in Our Day" calls for a resurgence of true Christian dedication and salvation in our time. "Determined Men" tells why we must all determine to serve God, and gives wonderful examples from the lives of Elijah, Moses and Paul. "The Broken Law of God" is a scripture lesson on the Ten Commandments and the absolute need to keep, not break, them. "A Search for Security" explains the God-given advantages of spiritual security and spells out the insufficiencies of mere material security. "Uncovered Torches" asks that the fires of spiritual belief and faith burn brighter in the hearts of all Americans, and tells us of marvelous events in the life of Gideon. "Lengthen Thy Cords and Strengthen Thy Stakes" asks our people to stand up as a power for God, and to drive the stakes of our faith deeper. "Except Ye Be Born Again" tell of the all-important matter of a Man's spiritual regeneration as does "Eternal Redemption."

"A Crown of Thorns" exalt Jesus Christ and relives some of his final Easter agony, as He died for our sake. "A Rock on a Weary Land" shows how a sure religious faith is a powerful refuge in a world of unrest and distrust, and tells us of Peter and the other disciples, at sea in the boat. "Undecided" is a fitting conclusion, an eloquent prayer for all those distressed souls who have not yet made up their minds for Christ.

Here is a book that belongs in every Christian home in our land.

In addition to the above quotation, we give you the following information as is written concerning the author:

Mr. Dixon founded and conducted the radio broadcast "Meetin' Time", which has been heard throughout the Southwest, on numerous stations. At the present time he is pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church in his Missouri community, where many souls are being saved and added to the church. It works with the National Association, supporting the co-operative plan for a world-wide outreaching for souls."

(Editor's Note: The price of this book is \$2.50. You may send orders to Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo.)

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YOUTH CAMP

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Missouri State Youth Camp proved a success. Over two-hundred and seventy during the week registered. Many souls were saved and many dedicated their lives for special services. Only eternity will be able to reveal the good that was done.

It was a privilege to have Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hill and their children, Sherry and Terry, with us. Rev. Hill served as the youth evangelist and did a splendid job.

The supervisors and teachers also are to be commended for their valuable contribution and their willingness to give of their time in instruction of the youth.

The Youth Camp is here to stay, and more and more it is becoming a center for our people. Let us get behind it with our prayers and offering. A "Dollar A Month Plan" has been arranged for your convenience whereby you may give a dollar per month. If you do not prefer to give this way, your offerings as you see best will be appreciated. You may send money or write for further information to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo., who is treasurer for the Youth Camp, or to Rev. Harvey E. Hill, 8914 Springdale Ave., Berkeley City, Missouri, the promotional secretary of the Youth Camp Board.

While speaking of the Youth Camp, let me remind you that our Missouri State Association will be held August 18-21, at the Youth Camp. Please read our moderator's article on this page concerning the funds for this association. Help will be needed fin-

ancially from each church. Please give as liberally as possible.



Rev O. T. Allred
Moderator of Missouri State
Association

FUNDS FOR YOUTH CAMP

During the Youth Encampment the State Executive Board and the Youth Camp Board met in joint session and began laying plans for the entertainment of the State Association, State Sunday School, and League Convention, which will convene at the Youth Camp, Monday evening, Aug. 18th, and the State Association convening Wednesday evening, August 20.

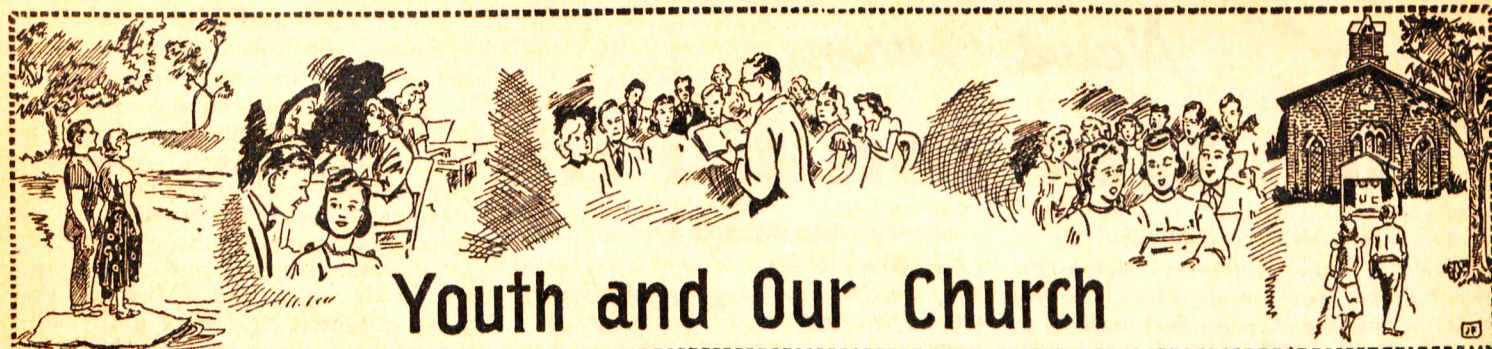
As we are meeting at the Youth Camp grounds, help in cooking, serving and etc., will have to be hired so each church in the State is especially requested to send a liberal offering to the State Clerk, Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo., designate as **State Entertainment Fund**.

Also, we would like for all who reads this announcement to pray with us that God's will may be done in all the arrangements for the entertainment and through the entire setting of the association.

Humbly Submitted,
Rev. O. T. Allred, State Mod.

The average American is so busy doing nothing that he finds the days are too short and the nights are not long enough for him to ever get it finished.

Each life has a throne; each throne has an occupant; and there's room for only one. With you which is it—God or self?



Youth and Our Church

THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE LEAGUE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARDS MAKE SPECIAL CALL

Rev. Russel B. Spurgeon, Secretary of the State League and Sunday School Boards, announce that two outstanding speakers will be used in the Convention this year which is scheduled for August 19 and 20.

He urges all the Secretaries and Superintendents to make special effort to get a good representative to attend the session which looks to be one of the most outstanding held in several years. The letters which are being forwarded out requesting information concerning the Sunday School and League attendance, etc., is to be forwarded back to him at an early date with other specified information and offerings.

Mr. Ray Turnage, National League Secretary, will be speaking on Tuesday afternoon, and you will miss a great opportunity if you fail to hear him. He is one of our denomination's outstanding leaders.

Rev. Don Hill, editor of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature, has proved himself to be one of the chosen men to help develop our denominational Sunday School program. We are certainly happy and honored to have Rev. Hill as one of the speakers. You will be privileged of hearing him on Tuesday morning.

Due to the fact that our sword drill contestant winner of last year was unable to attend the National League Convention which was called off and will not be held until 1959, we find it necessary to pick another contestant this year. . . . You are Invited to Make An Application.

Each Local League is urged to choose a Youth who is able to qualify for the State Sword Drill.

I. Its Purpose: The drill is given in order to create a greater interest in Bible study among our young people.

II. Its Rules:

1. Age limit. The Intermediate boys and girls must be 13-16 inclusive on June 1, 1959.

2. Bibles. The drillers will use

Bibles, all alike, furnished by the State League Board.

3. Entrance dead-line is not later than August 14, 1958.

III. Awards. Appropriate and useful awards will be given each year to the first and second place winners.

IV. Send name of contestant and request for future information to Mrs. Luther Sanders, Monett, Mo.

Again we remind everyone to make this scheduled convention a Red Letter Date on your calendar and come to the opening service Monday evening, when an Evangelistic Rally will be held with Rev. Luther Sanders, Monett, Mo., as speaker.

See You at the Convention!

SUGGESTED SWORD DRILL

I. Scripture Searching (Read point 1. under Types of Drills on pamphlet)

Isaiah 53:6, Acts 16:31, Ezekiel 18:20, Luke 17:50, Matt. 7:7, Acts 14:9, Romans 9:17, I Chron. 9:11, I John 5:4, Psalm 98:1.

(Other references in addition to these listed may be used)

II. Unfinished Quotation Drill

A. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God. . . ." (Matt. 6:33)

B. "Come unto me all ye that labor. . . ." (Matt. 11:28)

C. "Go ye into all the world and preach. . . ." (Mark 16:20)

D. "The Lord watch between. . . ." (Gen. 31:49)

E. "Study to shew thyself approved. . . ." (11 Tim. 2:15)

III. Character Drill (Other important characters also may be used)

Jacob—(Gen. 31:54) David—(II Sam. 5:19) Paul—(Acts 15:35) Apollos—(Acts 18:24) Agrippa—(Acts 26:1) Onesimus—(Philemon 10) Moses—(Ex. 24:1) Boaz—(Ruth 4:1).

IV. Book Drill (Must know what book comes before and after ones below)

Deuteronomy, Nehemiah, Psalms, Lamentations, Philemon, Ephesians, Zechariah, Hebrews, Jonah, Haggai.

(Any book in the Bible may be selected)

V Topical (Find a verse containing words listed below)

Faith, Love, Prayer, Resurrection, Repentance, Power, Victory, Baptism.

VI. Doctrinal Drill (Find a verse that shows:)

A. That Jesus saves—John 6:47.

B. That God answers prayer—I John 5:14.

C. That all have sinned—Romans 3:23.

D. That we may know we have been saved—I John 5:13.

E. That Jesus is eternal—Revelation 1:18.

SCHOOLS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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the height of Christian effort, when really it is only the starting point. Otherwise what good do we do. Is the chief purpose of our religious faith just to attend Church and Sunday School, and in our achieving this we are doing our Christian duty? Hm-m, maybe we could learn something from you educators in improving our Sunday School! Oops, I'm about to miss my street. Glad to have met you!"

—From Brookhaven Bulletin, Nashville

A youthful giant slouched into an Illinois schoolroom one day after school. The teacher, Mentor Graham, looked up and recognized the young husky standing there awkwardly as the new young buck who had recently moved to town and who had whipped the daylights out of all the local toughs. Graham looked up and down the six-foot-four-inches of muscle and ignorance before him and offered to help him read and to lend him a few books. No one remembers Mentor Graham nowadays. He was one of the quiet men, but his pupil will be remembered for a long time. His name was Abraham Lincoln.

William P. Barker,

TWELVE WHO WERE CHOSEN
(The Fleming H. Revell Co.)

You can't trust God and worry at the same time. Ever try it? Ps. 23:1

News From The Mission Field

SPEAKING DATES

The following itinerary has been arranged for Rev. and Mrs. Carlyle Hanna, missionaries on furlough from India. A free will offering for missions will be expected at each service.

Sunday A. M. July 13—Salem.

Sunday P. M. July 13—West Plains.

Monday July 13—Thayer (To be confirmed).

Tuesday July 14—Myrtle (To be confirmed).

Wednesday July 16 through July 25—Arkansas (services to be arranged by Rev. Elro Driggers)

Sunday A. M. July 27—Mt. Grove.

Sunday P. M. July 27—Mt. Grove.

Monday, July 28—Mt. Pisgah.

Tuesday, July 29—Mtn. Valley.

Wednesday, July 30—Willow Springs.

Friday, August 1—Lone Star.

Saturday, Aug. 2—Macedonia (To be confirmed).

Sunday, Aug. 3—Monett.

Sunday P. M. Aug. 3—Joplin, (Neosho and Cartersville at Joplin).

Monday, Aug. 4—Verdella.

Tuesday, Aug. 5—Waggoner and Independence at Waggoner.

Wednesday, Aug. 6—First Church, Springfield (To be confirmed).

Thursday, Aug. 7—Indian Creek Association at Aurora.

Saturday, Aug. 9—Cooper Mines (To be confirmed)

Sunday, A. M. Aug. 10—Fredricktown.

Sunday, P.M. Aug. 10, Farmington.

Monday, Aug. 11—Mine La Motte.

Tuesday, Aug. 12—Twin Oak (To be confirmed).

Wednesday, Aug. 13—Leadington.

Thursday, Aug. 14—Fellowship.

Friday, Aug. 15—Desloge.

Saturday, Aug. 16—Hurryville.

Sunday, A. M. Aug. 17—First Church, Flat River.

Sunday, P. M. Aug. 17—Alsbury Chapel.

August 18 through August 21—Missouri State Association.

August 22 through 24—Northeast Missouri Association. Services to be arranged by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

August 25 through 28—St. Louis area.

Saturday, August 30—Kansas City Quarterly meeting—all day.

Sunday, Aug. 31—Northwest Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting.

FROM JAPAN

Dear Bro. Riggs:

We certainly praise the Lord for His many blessings and for being with us during the past few weeks. After a 36 hour trip from Tokyo the four of us send our "Greetings" from the cool northland of Japan. We arrived in Abashira yesterday morning a little tired but thankful for the safe trip here. We will be staying here until our household goods arrive from Tokyo which should be in a day or so.

The last weeks in Tokyo were busy ones and the week before we were to leave Tokyo, Philip and Samuel were sick. Philip had an upset stomach for almost a week—he just couldn't keep anything down. Samuel also was upset, but after we moved into TEAM Center for a few days they seemed to settle down. By the time we were to get on the train Monday night, they both were feeling and acting real good. We know that prayer had been answered in their behalf.

Group from the Tokyo Church were at the station to see us off. When we arrived in Bihoro I stepped outside to see if I would recognize anyone from the Bihoro Church. A lady introduced herself and said she was from the Bihoro Church. She welcomed us to Hokkaido and Bihoro and told us that some of the people were anxiously waiting for us to come and live there in their town. How thankful we are for the privilege of being in Japan where the doors are still wide open to the preaching of the Gospel Message. We have no idea how long it will be easy for a missionary to enter Japan.

We have a request to make concerning our account in Nashville. We would like for all our salary to be deposited in our Nashville account each month. Also we would appreciate it if you would send us another checkbook from the Nashville Bank.

We are praying that the Lord will continue to use and bless you in everything that you do. Please pray for us that we might have wisdom as we live in Bihoro and work in that area.

Yours in Christ,
Fred and Evelyn Hersey

JAPAN

Roman Catholic missions entered Japan under the leadership of Xavier in the sixteenth century. By 1614, however, Christianity had been prohibited by law, and Japan again quarantined itself from contact with foreigners. With the treaty of 1858, American naval power persuaded Japan that traders and missionaries should be admitted. Vigorous pioneers of Dutch Reformed and Presbyterian missions made the beginning. Considerable response appeared, but a revival of Buddhist influences turned the Japanese strongly against Christianity by the beginning of the twentieth century. Large investments of men and money have made the cities of Japan aware of Christianity. Great rural areas are still largely unevangelized.

Under state Shintoism with its emperor worship, the government attempted to unify and strengthen Japan preceding and during World War II. Christian churches were compelled to unite into one organization, and to join in worship at the national shrine. As in Korea, the issue was not clarified by the leadership of the churches, and many of them submitted.

When the emperor absolved himself of any claim to worship, under prompting of the American military government, Shinto worship declined and the Christian churches were stimulated with new life. General McArthur joined in a call for a thousand missionaries for Japan. Since the war many missions, old and new, have bestirred themselves to recruit these thousand missionaries, a considerable number of whom are being directed to the neglected interior towns. In addition to the wide cleavage between Roman Catholic, modernistic, and evangelical missionaries, the American tendency to divide into smaller evangelical factions is becoming apparent.

STATISTICS ON JAPAN

Most of these statistics were taken from the Japan Christian Year Book, 4/5/54, the most recent publication on statistics of the Christian Church in Japan. This book includes all churches, both Protestant and Catholic. The Evangelical Missionary Alliance also issues a book from which we gleaned the statistics of the evangelical Christian work in Japan. (EMAJ Year Book)

I—Missionaries and Boards

A. 133 Boards and societies—
Japan Christian Year Book 2017
missionaries (Of this number

1637 are Americans)

* B. 93 boards, 1331 missionaries
—EMAJ Year Book.

II—Organized Churches

3,381. Of this number 1,152 are Nippon Kuristo Kyodan (Japan Church of Christ) which is a liberal group of churches of 33 denominations organized during the war. 491 are Catholic, 219 are Episcopal.

Of course many more of these churches are liberal in their teaching which leaves very few evangelical churches in Japan.

III—Religions

Shintoism	77,780,325	89.9%
Buddism	47,714,876	55.1%
Christianity	485,399	0.56%
Others	3,419,671	3.9%

It must be remembered that many of the people are both Shintoist and Buddhist. Thus the total of these figures exceed the total population of 86,500,000.

* B. is the number of Boards and Missionaries which are considered evangelical. They are included in A.

AMSTERDAM CHURCH SENDS OFFERING

Rev. Johaan Visser
De Peerlesfrant 23
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Holland

Dear Bro. Visser:

Please enclosed receipt of \$33.00 amount received from your church in Amsterdam designated for the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission work in Africa. We are certainly delighted to receive this gift, not just for the money's sake, but it is a token of our fellowship in grace across the sea. I am sure that our people everywhere will be happy to know that you are interested in supporting our Foreign Mission work.

We are looking forward to having fellowship with you during the National Association and perhaps attending some of the services being arranged for you here in the States. Also, we hope to visit your congregation and people enroute to Africa, if it can be arranged.

Very sincerely yours,
Raymond Riggs
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.

APPROVED FOR BRAZIL!

The latest appointment of new missionaries goes to Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Eagleton. "Ken and Marvis" are both from the state of Texas. However, for the last few years they have been associated with the Free Will Baptist College at Nashville,

Tennessee. Mrs. Eagleton served the college very efficiently as Bookkeeper, while Bro. Eagleton has served as head of the Practical Work Department.

They hope to enroll in language school in Brazil as soon as possible. You may help to make it possible by your prayers and gifts to their account.

MINISTER'S STATION IN AFRICA

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of fifty (\$50.00) dollars. This is the final installment of my pledge of \$100.00 on the Ministers Mission Station for Africa. I had hoped that other ministers of our beloved denomination would follow suit and send in the \$10,000 needed to build a Mission Station in Africa.

I am sure that there are at least 99 other ministers whom God has blessed to the degree that they could give a like amount for this urgent cause if they only would. I have pledged and paid this amount because God has been very gracious to me, and I want to help someone else have the opportunity to hear the blessed Word of Life. When the pledge was made I was making it in faith. I did not have the money, and knew that God would supply my needs if I would only trust Him. This is not part of my tithe as I give that to my local church, but this is a Faith Offering over and above my tithe.

May God richly bless you as you direct the work of our Foreign Missions Department.

Your Brother in Christ,
Robert L. Edwards

NEVADA

Sirs:

I am indeed grateful for the literature forwarded to me by your organization. After reading the various articles, I am more convinced and willing to become a missionary preacher.

I am requesting all the information concerning your educational institutions, and also your missionary manual.

Should there be any information or instructions you deem necessary for me, I pray you will feel free to send them any time.

Hoping that I, too, will be able to be of some service in this great struggle of winning men's souls to Christ.

Thanking you kindly, Sirs, I remain,

Leo A. Johnson
Las Vegas, Nevada

SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$57.36 which is to be applied to the Hanna Fund for Foreign Missions. From the Woman's Auxiliary State Convention of South Carolina. It is the offering from 3 churches in their pre-Easter week of prayer. We pray it will help to carry on the Lord's work.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. G. D. Jones
Pamplico, S. C.

IDAHO

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Greetings from the F. W. B. Church in Buhl, Idaho. Bro. Virgil Florence is our pastor. He organized the church six years ago and has been our pastor. We have our church built and don't owe much on it. We feel God has blessed us and is still blessing. The church here at Buhl is the only Free Will Baptist in the state. While the church is still in its infancy and small we wanted to help the mission work, so we voted to take an offering Easter for Foreign Missions. The offering was \$47.70. You will find enclosed a check for said amount. May God bless you highly in His service.

Martha Bennett, Clerk
Buhl, Idaho

ALABAMA

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Again I say, I really enjoyed the fellowship with you as we went to the Patmos Church in Georgia to the missionary meeting. I trust that God is still blessing you.

We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School with 119 enrolled and an average attendance of 107. God blessed us with the salvation of 12 juniors and rededication of 2 intermediates. We humbly thank God for His working in the hearts of the children. The offerings of the school were \$14.12 which are being sent to the North India Missions. If the need is greater somewhere else just use it to do the most.

Sunday before last we were thrilled because we had a record breaker in attendance of 177 in Sunday School. God did it and we thank Him.

May God bless you, your family and the mission work.

Your Bro. in Christ,
Bob L. Jones
Dothan, Alabama

"When we give others a piece of our mind, we have no peace of mind left."

MOULTON JOINS FOREIGN MISSION STAFF

As of May 1, Rev. Louis H. Moulton of Savannah, Georgia became an employee of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board in the capacity of Promotional Secretary. His primary duties will be to do promotional work in the interest of Foreign Missions through the medium of Missionary Revivals, Missionary Conferences, Itinerate Services, Youth and Missionary Rallies as the Lord provides opportunities.

Bro. Moulton is a man of experience, and has proven himself as a successful pastor in several of our Free Will Baptist churches. Before entering the ministry he was a radio announcer for five years in Norfolk, Va. He has served the following churches as pastor during his ministry: Glennville and Ebenezer Churches, Glennville, Ga., Satilla Church, Hazlehurst, Ga., First F. W. B. Church, Richmond, Va., and for the last five years, the First F. W. B. Church of Savannah, Georgia.

Also, he has been much in demand as an evangelist, having conducted revivals in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, Michigan, Missouri and Tennessee.

With the growth and expansion of our Foreign Mission Department, we believe that Bro. Moulton will be a real asset to our work and will be able to help our churches, and State Mission Boards to reach their quota for Foreign Missions. Already, his dates are filled until this fall, but if you can use this "God called" man in your church, please write to the Foreign Mission Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee. Rev. and Mrs. Moulton have a married son and Mrs. Moulton will be travelling with her husband most of the time. This will be a blessing as every travelling preacher knows. Please pray for them.

—Raymond Riggs

"WHAT DO YOU DO?"

Are you winning souls for God or misleading them for the Devil? I am asking this question of every so-called Christian person, both pastors and laymen. I say so-called because I am sure no really born again person, who has experienced God's salvation, could think of misleading souls for the Devil.

If you, as a church worker or pastor, are guilty of such a thing, God have pity on your soul, for you are sure going to need it when you stand before your maker.

When a sinner comes to you seeking the way of salvation, what do you tell him? Do you tell him Christ died for his sins and that through old time Holy Spirit conviction and true repentance toward God he can find rest for his troubled soul? Do you tell him to come join your church and be baptized and he will be alright? "Now just what do you do?"

I am asking you, are you striving for more additions to your church or do you want to see souls born again into the Kingdom of God, regardless of who they are or where they are? Do you really have a real burden to see people saved, really saved?

I have seen people come down the aisles in some of your churches tears streaming down their faces seeking a place to pray, really wanting to find God and peace from their troubled hearts. What did you do? You never gave them the chance to pray. You only said a little prayer and told them they were alright and asked them to join your church and told them you would baptize them later.

Now I am asking you, who profited in this deal? I am sure it wasn't the poor sinner for he didn't. He never had a chance to pray. You had just misled a soul for the Devil. He was looking for an altar, which through formality and pride you have removed from your churches, where he could pour out his heart to God and really be born again. All he got in his talk with you was consolation, not salvation, for which his heart was longing. He got into your church a baptized sinner, and you are to blame.

He is too proud to tell anyone he has been deceived, although he still has that same empty feeling down inside, his soul crying out for God. He goes ahead in your church taking an active part maybe trying to teach others, paying his tithes, living a good moral life, being good to others, standing by and seeing many other souls misled in the same way he was, and all the time knowing it is wrong, but still too proud to come out in the open and say he has been deceived by a so-called Christian.

By and by he comes down to death, goes out to meet God a lost man. Now I ask you, who is to blame? Did you win that soul for God or did you mislead him for the Devil?

This is just one soul among millions who are in the same shape. When a penitent sinner comes to you, he trusts you as a preacher or Christian worker to tell him the truth. He is really in earnest and wants to find God. He is as a little child coming to

his parent asking about something he knows nothing about, which they should be able to tell him. Now as a Christian worker, do you feel your ability to really instruct this man in the right way? Do you just tell him what you are trained to tell him, or do you tell him the truth? If you have never been born again and don't really know God, you can't tell him anything for you don't know. It would be as the Bible tells us: "The blind leading the blind both fall into the ditch together".

We must have the light ourselves in order to lead others in the right way. Jesus tells us that "No man comes to me except my Father draw him by the Holy Spirit through old time conviction and repentance". We become sons of God and then and only then are we able to help others who are lost.

No one has the ability to help any one beyond what knowledge they possess. No Christian worker is able to instruct any one farther than they themselves have gone.

So if you as a so called Christian and in a modern church are guilty of this thing of misleading souls, get out. Pray God to save your poor soul and give you a real experience in your life that you may have the right story to tell when the sinner comes to you, and for the sake of the souls of the men as well as your own, don't be guilty of misleading souls for the Devil. But let us, as God's saved people, go forward winning souls for Him.

Mrs. Zelda Burton
1013 South Lea
Roswell, New Mexico.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

The Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas Association will convene with the Freeman Chapel Church (Third Fork) on Thursday evening before the second Sunday in August. Mary Wellbaum, Cor.

It is not easy to stand up for Jesus—or to stand up for strangers. We need some Andrews who remember that outsiders are people, too. Because they are human beings, they are God's people. To God, the color of man's skin, or the place of his birth, or the sound of his name, or the accent of his speech mean absolutely nothing.

William P. Barker,
TWELVE WHO WERE CHOSEN
(The Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Holiness is the natural fruit of a spiritual life.

PRINCIPAL OF TEACHING REPORTS ON STATE YOUTH CAMP

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Missouri State Youth Camp was a successful event with almost three hundred people participating. The principal of teaching reports that the following named students satisfactorily completed their studies and are honorably mentioned as having done outstanding work. The supervisory staff and teachers are also listed as having done an outstanding job of leading these young men and women of our churches through these Bible courses.

Teaching under the general theme Evangelism, were Rev. Rolla Smith, Rev. James Davis, Rev. Luther Sanders, Mrs. Luther Sanders, Rev. Chesley Ray Hill, and Rev. Russel B. Spurgeon, which covers the senior department. In the primary department under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Roger Reeds, some thirty students satisfactorily completed their courses. Teaching in this department were also Mrs. Margaret Wantland.

The supervisory staff for the entire youth encampment were as follows:

General Superintendent, Rev. O. T. Allred.

Principal of Teaching, Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Registrars, Mrs. La Rue Horn and Jeanne Barton.

Music Director, Mrs. Margaret Dixon.

Pianist, Norma Sinko.

Camp Chaplain, Rev. James Davis.

Sabin Sponsors, Rev. and Mrs. James McCully.

Swimming Pool Supervisor, Rev. Paul Williams.

Playground Recreational Activities, Mrs. Freda Sells, Mrs. Stella Walton.

Supervisor of Dish Washing, Mrs. Doris Thompson.

Students are shown below and listed with their respective association, along with others who registered:

Central Western Association

Beverli Barton, Stockton, Mo.; Jeanne Barton, Stockton, Mo.; Lorene Beason, Stockton, Mo.; Sandra Bowman, Kansas City, Mo.; Rosy Canning, Kansas City, Mo.; Joe Bill Davis, Kansas City, Mo.; Joyce Davis, Iantha, Mo.; Kenneth Davis, Kansas City, Mo.; Patsy Davis, Kansas City, Mo.; Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.; Judy Kay Dickey, Arcadia, Kansas; Mary Johanna Eccher, Iantha, Mo.; Jewel Marie Foger, Iantha, Mo.; Deanna Hensley, Kansas City, Mo.; La Rue Horn, Raytown, Mo.; Mary

Lou Howard, Muncie, Kans.; Kenneth Knapp, Raytown, Mo.; Jack McAllister, Holden, Mo.; Denzil McCaslin, Irwin, Mo.; Ida Mae McCoy, Kansas City, Mo.; Doyle Lee Moser, Overland Park, Kans.; Brenda Smith, Raytown, Mo.; Donald Smith, Raytown, Mo.; Lita Smith, Liberal, Mo.; Rita Smith, Liberal, Mo.; Elaine Spurgeon, Kansas City, Mo.; Jean Ann Spurgeon, Kansas City, Mo.; Russel B. Spurgeon, Kansas City, Mo.; Deanna Whistance, Stockton, Mo.; Gerald Whistance, Stockton, Mo.; Elaine Whitson, Iantha, Mo.; Jimmy Williams, Raytown, Mo.; Billy Wilson, Kansas City, Mo.; Dale Young, Lenexa, Kansas.

Cave Springs

Ernestine Adkinson, West Plains, Mo.; Evelee Combs, Couch, Mo.; Francella Brown, Myrtle, Mo.; Janice Haden, West Plains, Mo.; Chesley Hill, Thayer, Mo.; Ruby Sanders, West Plains, Mo.; Betty Wetzol, West Plains, Mo.; Lucy Wetzol, West Plains, Mo.; Donna Wischart, Myrtle, Mo.; Eleanor Wischart, Myrtle, Mo.

Indian Creek

Donna Alderman, Joplin, Mo.; O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.; Butchy Carlin, Monett, Mo.; Sharron Carlson, Monett, Mo.; Cheryl Paula Comstock, Joplin, Mo.; James Johnson, Monett, Mo.; Nancy Largent, Joplin, Mo.; Reginald Largent, Joplin, Mo.; Linda LeMasters, Joplin, Mo.; Stanley Leonard, Purdy, Mo.; Eddie Mackey, Monett, Mo.; Linda Mackey, Monett, Mo.; Wanda Mackey, Monett, Mo.; Dickey McClure, Cassville, Mo.; James McCully, Monett, Mo.; Jimmy McCully, Monett, Mo.; Louise McCully, Monett, Mo.; Rickey McCully, Monett, Mo.; Rosallee McCully, Monett, Mo.; Rodney McCully, Monett, Mo.; Allen Mondy, Cassville, Mo.; Frankie Ann Newton, Granby, Mo.; Robert Nutting, Joplin, Mo.; Carolyn Phillips, Monett, Mo.; J. L. Phillips, Monett, Mo.; Janice Roller, Monett, Mo.; Larry Roller, Monett, Mo.; Brenda Sanders Monett, Mo.; Mrs. Luther Sanders, Monett, Mo.; Rev. Luther Sanders, Monett, Mo.; Ruby Spar, Granby, Mo.; Gary Terrell, Monett, Mo.; James Williams, Joplin, Mo.; Opal Williams, Joplin, Mo.; Paul Williams, Joplin, Mo.; Paula Williams, Joplin, Mo.; Martha Wren, Joplin, Mo.; Mary Wren, Joplin, Mo.; Matilda Wren, Joplin, Mo.; David Wright, Joplin, Mo.

Lacede

Billy Dean Adkins, Lebanon, Mo.; Derrel Cook, Lebanon, Mo.; Larry

Heafley, Lebanon, Mo.; James Inman, Lebanon, Mo.

Liberty

Debora Alexander, Niangua, Mo.; Ruth Alene Dodson, Niangua, Mo.; Dale Highfill, Springfield, Mo.; Vada Reeves, Niangua, Mo.; Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo.; Dwaine Sell, Niangua, Mo.; Freda Sell, Niangua, Mo.; Sandra Sell, Niangua, Mo.; Veroica Sell, Niangua, Mo.; Jean Steele, Seymour, Mo.; Jeffrey Steele, Seymour, Mo.; Jo Ellen Steele, Seymour, Mo.; Jonathan Steele, Seymour, Mo.; Bill Thompson, Niangua, Mo.; Doris Thompson, Niangua, Mo.; Joyce Thompson, Niangua, Mo.; Margaret Wantland, Niangua, Mo.; Stella Walton, Niangua, Mo.; Jacquelin Wantland, Niangua, Mo.; James Edward Wantland, Niangua, Mo.

Mission

Gary Carpenter, Seymour, Mo.; Janie Carpenter, Seymour, Mo.; Lowell Carpenter, Seymour, Mo.; Marilyn Carpenter, Seymour, Mo.; Judy Cooper, Willow Springs, Mo.; Shirley Cooper, Willow Springs, Mo.; Linda Dixon, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Lou Ann Edwards, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Ann Elliott, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Kay Elliott, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Mary Elliott, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Euel Haliber, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Ann Smith, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Biddie Jean Smith, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Edna Mae Smith, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Tommy Spurgeou, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Bonnie Rae Summers, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Donna Sue Wade, Mt. Grove, Mo.; O. T. Dixon, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Margaret Dixon, Mt. Grove, Mo.

Northeast Association

Patricia Dabney, Kirksville, Mo.; Jolene Drennan, Kirksville, Mo.; Nancy Drennan, Kirksville, Mo.; Patty Drennan, Kirksville, Mo.; McElhinney, Kirksville, Mo.; Marvin Mills, Kirksville, Mo.

Northwest Association

Sheryl Adams, St. Joseph, Mo.; Ava Coffey, Easton, Mo.; Gary Shoemaker, Easton, Mo.; Sally Slone, Plattsburg, Mo.; Glenna Spencer, Hemple, Mo.; Norman Thomas, Stewartsville, Mo.; Janette Tyer, Gower, Mo.; Joyce Whitley, Hemple, Mo.

Southeast Association

Karen Sue Adams, Desloge, Mo.; Rev. Floyd M. Arnold, Richwood, Mo.; Ronnie Asher, St. Louis, Mo.; Ruth Ann Barker, Flat River, Mo.; Geneva Barks, St. Louis, Mo.; Darrel Beasley, Flat River, Mo.; Temmy Joe Beasley, Flat River, Mo.; Arnold

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Woman's Auxiliary

KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY

The Kirksville Woman's Auxiliary met June 5, with eight members, three visitors, and seven children present. The meeting was opened with singing "Send the Light". Sister Stella Gates read the scripture from Acts 1:8; Romans 3:9-19; and John 3:18. While heads were bowed, "I Surrender All" was played by the pianist. Prayers were offered by Velma, Elsie Dare, and Blanche Matthews. The Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison followed by the singing of the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be." The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and a short business meeting conducted. New officers were elected for the following year. One hundred and seventy-two Bible chapters were reported read, thirteen cards sent and thirty-eight calls made. The lesson was given from the theme; "Go Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth in India". Velma Welman gave the introduction. Topics were given by Bernice Thomas, Blanche Matthews, and Stella Gates. Following the hymn: "Have Thine Own Way Lord", Rev. Woodrow Matthews pronounced the benediction.

—Bernice Thomas, Cor.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary met June 3rd at 7:30 P. M. The meeting opened with singing, "Send The Light" and "I Surrender All". Prayer was offered by Ruth Corduy. Georgia Glenn read for the scripture lesson, Acts 1:8, Romans 3:9-19 and John 3:18.

The Study Course Chairman, Audrey Reaves, read the introduction and topics were read by the following ladies: Anna Shields, Blossom Agee, and Kathleen Kruger. Poem by Jessie Crowder.

After the lesson, a business meeting was conducted. Offering received by Hazel Lowry. Roll call answered with scripture verses with seventeen members present. Minutes of the last meeting read by Lois Chance.

The meeting was closed by singing "Have Thine Own Way" and all gathered around the altar for prayer led by Bertha Wolf.

A week of Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted with an average attendance of 109.

A rummage sale was held Satur-

day, June 14th and a profit of \$109.00 was realized to go in our building fund. We also made a profit of \$50.00 from the candy sale.

Our annual business meeting and church election was held June 12th with a few changes made, but Rev. Long was re-elected as pastor.

Two souls were saved in the past two weeks, and we are having a baptismal service in the near future.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

NEW HOPE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Our auxiliary met May 18, at the church with seven members present. After singing, "We're Marching to Zion", Mrs. Mae Vest led in prayer. Edith Blair, vice-president, presided over the business session in the absence of our president, Zola Greenlee.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful lesson. Topics were given by Gladys Howard, Helen McAllister, Mae Vest and Jean Watkins.

—Lillian Bailey, Cor.

NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Neosho Church met Wednesday night, June 25, at the church before prayer meeting. The program was as follows:

Opening hymn—"Lord Send Me".

Prayer—Mrs. Dorothy Childress.

Theme: "Go Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth in India".

Scripture reading: Acts 1:8; Romans 3:9, 19, 23; John 3:18 read by Mrs. Dorothy Childress.

Topic I—"What Say the Scripture about Missions?" by Miss Mary Pogue.

Topic II—"The Why of Missions in India", by Mrs. Virginia Pogue.

Topic III—"The How of Missions in India", by Mrs. Betty Pruitt.

Business was conducted by our president, Mrs. Wilma Pogue.

Benediction by Mrs. Lorene Kneec.
—Mrs. W. F. Childress, Cor.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Amen."

This is the song that should be in every woman's heart these days.

Moreover, "He hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Truly, the Lord has showered His blessings upon us this convention year.

There must be a reason or reasons for it. May I suggest some that have occurred to me?

First, because the Lord is good and always gives good measure when rewarding His servants for even "a cup of cold water." And, when there is even a suggestion of sacrifice on the part of the servant, He literally opens the windows of Heaven and pours out blessings.

Secondly, because more of our women are putting the emphasis where it belongs: the Auxiliary aim and purpose. And—the aim and purpose of the Auxiliary is to help our churches teach and support missions and to impart missionary education to our youth.

Thirdly, because of deepened study classes. As our classes grow and the study of God's Word and world deepens, we can expect an even greater measure of blessing. When women know, they care; when they care, they share.

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Bohannon, St. Louis, Mo.; Fred Bowen, Jr., Leadington, Mo.; Gary Bowen, Leadington, Mo.; Ruby Bowen, Leadington, Mo.; Butch Bowen, Desloge, Mo.; Helen Boyer, Union, Mo.; Loren; Brakefield, St. Louis, Mo. Glen Brewer, St. Louis, Mo.; Sylvia Brooks, Flat River, Mo.; Franky Burcham, Esther, Mo.; Floyd Cantrell, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.; Sandra Cantrell, St. Louis, Mo.; Allen Carver, St. Louis, Mo.; Rickey Chronister, St. Louis, Mo.; Janet L. Clark, Flat River, Mo.; Patricia Ann Clark, St. Ann, Mo.; Peggy Lynn Clark, St. Ann, Mo.; Theresa Clark, St. Louis, Mo.; Ralph Cook, St. Louis, Mo.; Joyce Ann Cruse, St. Louis, Mo.; Harold Curtis, St. Louis, Mo.; Bonnie Deatherage, Berkeley, Mo.; Danny Deatherage, Berkeley, Mo.; Edward Delaney, St. Louis, Mo.; James T. Davis, Leadington, Mo.; Peggy Davis, Leadington, Mo.; Linda Delaney, St. Louis, Mo.; Alice Dodson, St. Louis, Mo.; Robert Fingers, Leadington, Mo.; Terry Fingers, Leadington, Mo.; Danny French, Pine Lawn, Mo.; Deborah

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Group at Mother-daughter banquet held by Monett Church Auxiliary.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

On Monday evening, May 5, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Monett Free Will Baptist Church held their annual mother-daughter banquet. The banquet was attended by sixty-seven women.

After the dinner of baked ham, candied yams, buttered corn, green salad, and peach sort-cake, we enjoyed a very interesting program.

The program began with a song "My Mother's Prayer" by Miss Mary Johnson. A humorous reading by Miss Gloria Huttgren was given. Scripture reading from Proverbs 31:10-31 was read by Mrs. Ed Jones. A trio number, "A Mother's Love" was sung by Miss Mary Johnson, Mrs. Burl Thomas, Jr., and Miss Rosalee McCully. Mrs. Wayne Terrell gave a reading entitled "A Mother's Pledge." Mrs. R. Luther Sanders, president of the Monett F. W. B. Auxiliary introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. LaVerne Miley, National F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary President of Memphis, Tennessee. Mrs. Miley spoke on the topic "Three Things I Want to Teach My Daughter," and stressed three points; namely, 1. To know and love her Bible. 2. To realize the value of prayer. 3. To be thankful.

The benediction was offered by Mrs. Lyle Roller.

—Mrs. Burl O. Thomas, Jr.

SHEPHERD STATION

Within a few weeks the WNAC will have raised enough money to build our first Mission Station in Africa. The first station will be called "Co-Laborer Station." We think this is very appropriate and fitting. You will hear more about the Co-Laborer Station later.

Now, for the second station! We are asking the ministers of our denomination to be personally responsible for building the second station in Africa. The minimum cost will be \$10,000.00.

One hundred preachers giving one hundred dollars will do the job! We would like to complete this project by June 30, 1959.

Following is a list of preachers who have already paid the full amount of \$100.00 or who have started. Will you add your name to the list, and either pay in full or as you can until the goal is reached?

Let us hear from you soon! Oh, yes, how does the name "Shepherd Station" sound to you? Maybe you have a better suggestion.

Robert Edwards—\$100.00
J. M. Herrald—\$100.00

Bobby Jackson—\$100.00
L. S. Joyner—\$10.00
L. D. Norman—\$10.00
James Miller—\$10.00

A little girl, playing on the seashore, made a hole in the sand with her little toy shovel, and then with the bright tin pail her mother had bought her for her birthday, she tried to fill the hole with ocean water. As fast as her little legs could carry her, she worked, filling up the pail from the ocean and emptying it in the sand hole, back and forth as fast as she could run, until her mother found her crying, worn out, utterly frustrated with her first experience in a failure familiar to all humankind. Some things cannot be done. We cannot measure the immeasurable; we cannot empty the ocean of illimitable love with or little toy bucket. There is no church, there is no creed, there is no mind created big enough to grasp the length and width and depth of the love of God revealed in Christ. It is a love that passeth knowledge.

J. Wallace Hamilton,
WHO GOES THERE?
(The Fleming H. Revell Co.)

The will of God is not to be found through visions and dreams, but through earnestly studying His Word and Holy living.

YEARLY MEETING

Of Southeast Missouri Free Will Baptists When Convened With Twin Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Fredericktown, Mo., August 7th to 9th, 1958.

Thursday, August 7th

—7:30 P. M.—

Called to Order—The Clerk

Welcome Address—Norman Boland

Response—Rev. Floyd Arnold

Devotional—Rev. O. D. Matthews

Introductory Message—Rev. Glenn Rehkop

Alternate Minister—Rev. Roger Reeds

Friday, August 8th

—9:30 A. M.—

Called to order—The Moderator

Devotional

Reading of letters. Seating of delegates

Corresponding Messengers and visiting Brethren

Election of Officers

Report of Executive Board

Appointment of Committees

—11:00 A. M.—

Devotional

Sermon

Dinner Hour

—1:30 P. M.—

Called to order—The Moderator

Women's Auxiliary Program

Report of Sunday School Convention

Report of League Convention

Report of Denominational Enterprises

Report of Committee of Committees

—7:30 P. M.—

Devotional

Sermon

Saturday, August 9th

—9:30 A. M.—

Devotional

Unfinished Business

Ministers' Reports

Report of Committees

—11:00 A. M.—

Devotional

Sermon

Dinner Hour

—1:30 P. M.—

Devotional

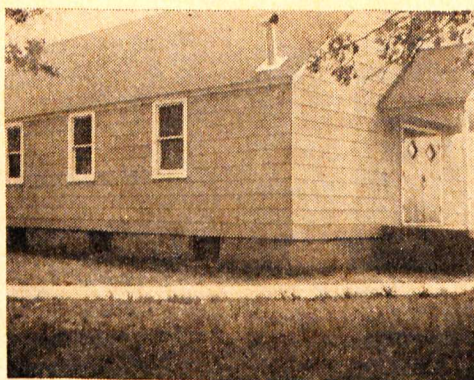
Appointment of Delegates to the State Association, Locate place of next session of Yearly Meeting

Elect Ministers to preach next Meeting's Introductory Sermon

Sermon

Completion of all Unfinished Business

Final Adjournment



Twin Oak Church where Southeast Mo., yearly Association will be held, August 7th-9th.

Personally Speaking

By Roger C. Reeds

Pastor of South Side Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Gideon was leading a small band of Israelites into battle against the Midianites. Some three hundred men were going to battle a great host. The difference was that Gideon had the Lord on his side. It is said that each of these three hundred men were assigned a place and that each man stood "in his place round about the camp." Suppose one fellow had gotten out of place? Do you think Israel would have still been victorious? I don't think so. This same lesson is applicable to the church today. If one member gets out of place it can result in defeat for the church. Let's note our places according to our Constitution and By-Laws.

The Pastor

He is to have charge of the pulpit and moderate all business meetings. According to the teachings of the Scriptures he is to be the overseer of the church. He is not to be a dictator but is to work humbly with the people. He is to be an example in every phase of the Christian life. He has no right to the office of the pastor if he is not.

The Deacons

These men shall be of good faith and character and shall have the cause of the church at heart. They must comply with the duties of a deacon as outlined in the Treatise. The very name deacon is taken from a Greek word "diakonos" which means to minister or to serve. The deacons are not the ruling elders of the church, but they are to work humbly with the people. They ought to be examples in every phase of the church life. Any one who does not rightly fill the office ought to please-

antly resign the office in favor of someone who can. Many churches have failed miserably because of the misuse of this office by some selfish men who have used the office for their own gain.

The Trustees

These men have charge of the physical property of the church. When a church is self-governing as is ours then there must be trustees who have been voted into office by the church and these men must sign all papers in behalf of the church. According to law they are not personally responsible for any note they sign, but they are the legal signers for the church. These men fill an important position in the church and must fill it well if the church is to succeed.

The Treasurer and Clerk

These two men are assigned the responsibilities of keeping the records of the church. Records are of the utmost importance and these jobs are important. They should be filled by Godly men who love the Lord and wish to see His kingdom advance.

The Church Member

This person is the real backbone of the church for no church can rise any higher than its members. We expect our members to attend all the services of our church and to live Godly lives. We expect them to support the work of the Lord Jesus with their tithe. Are you coming up to our expectations?

It is rightly said that "God's man in God's place gets God's work done." It is when we step out of place that the trouble begins and we thwart the work of God. Have you been guilty?

D. V. B. S. AT BERKELEY

Our Daily Vacation Bible School proved to be one of the most successful Bible Schools we have had in many years. Mrs. Glenda Fulcher was our general superintendent and did a most wonderful job. The attendance has been the largest in many years. We wish to thank all of you who have taught and worked in our D. V. B. S., for a job well done. It is co-operation such as this that makes a church grow and prosper.

—Berkeley Bulletin

Boy—I've called about the job for a smart message boy.

Manager—Sorry, my lad, the vacancy was filled yesterday.

Boy—Then it's a smart manager you need, to take the notice out of the window.

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Frenee, Pine Lawn, Mo.; Orie Fritts, St. Louis, Mo.; Diana Hargiss, Leadington, Mo.; Harold Hargiss, Leadington, Mo.; Robert Hesselraeyer, St. Charles, Mo.; Harvey Hill, Berkeley City, Mo.; Larry Hill, Berkeley City, Mo.; Sylvia Hill, Berkeley City, Mo.; Beth Hobaugh, Desloge, Mo.; Dennis Habaugh, Desloge, Mo.; Johnnie Hobaugh, Desloge, Mo.; Bill Je. Holt, St. Louis, Mo.; Kenneth Hughes, St. Louis, Mo.; Patrick Hutchinson, St. Louis, Mo.; Bert Johns, Ferguson, Mo.; Sue Johns, Ferguson, Mo.; Diana Land, St. Louis, Mo.; Kathryn Land, St. Louis, Mo.; Karen Langley, St. Louis, Mo.; Carol Madden, St. Louis, Mo.; James Mason, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.; Dorothy McGrael, Desloge, Mo.; Larry McGreal, Desloge, Mo.; Paula McGreal, Desloge, Mo.; Johnny Miller, Desloge, Mo.; Lillian More, St. Louis, Mo.; Hazel Morris, Desloge, Mo.; Jane Ellen Oglesby, St. Louis, Mo.; Jeannie Parsons, Arnold, Mo.; Kathryn Parsons, Arnold, Mo.; Shirley Pinkley, Flat River, Mo.; Gloria Pollette, Desloge, Mo.; Alvin Pope, St. Louis, Mo.; Danny Posey, St. Louis, Mo.; Michael Posey, St. Louis, Mo.; Robert Reeds, St. Louis, Mo.; Roger Reeds, St. Louis, Mo.; Myrtle Reeds, St. Louis, Mo.; Dorothy Robertson, Winfield, Mo.; Sylvia Robertson, Winfield, Mo.; Betty Robinson, Leadington, Mo.; Sandra Roney, St. Louis, Mo.; Marlene Schickedeeny, St. Louis, Mo.; Morma Sinko, Lemay, Mo.; Diana Smith, Richwoods, Mo.; Linda Smith, Flat River, Mo.; Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo.; Clarence Sahn, Richwoods, Mo.; Mike Sohn, Richwoods, Mo.; Ronald Sohn, Richwoods, Mo.; Robert Sprinkle, Leadington, Mo.; Steve Sprinkle, Leadington, Mo.; Allen Ray Stagner, Jr., Salem, Mo.; Benny Stegal, St. Louis, Mo.; Karen Stephens, St. Louis, Mo.; Meredith Stephens, Flat River, Mo.; Curt Stephens, St. Louis, Mo.; Evan Thebeau, Robertson, Mo.; Ronald Thebeau, Robertson, Mo.; Danny Thompson, Salem, Mo.; Michael Thompson, Salem, Mo.; Ralph Treaster, Farmington, Mo.; Elaine Tucker, St. Louis, Mo.; Patricia Turley, Flat River, Mo.; Gladys Turnbough, St. Louis, Mo.; Jimmy Turnbough, St. Louis, Mo.; Clifton Vollmer, Berkeley, Mo.; Larry Volner, Salem, Mo.; Billy Van Winkle, St. Louis, Mo.; Ronald Whittier, Leadington, Mo.; Steven Whittier, Leadington, Mo.; Ronald Wicker, St. Louis, Mo.; Marion Willhite, St. Louis,

Mo.; Phyllis Willhite, St. Louis, Mo.

Out of State

Bob Hill, Nashville, Tenn.; Georgia Hill, Nashville, Tenn.; Sherry Hill, Nashville, Tenn.; Terry Hill, Nashville, Tenn.

Those who registered late were as follows:

Southeast Association

Cora John, Ferguson, Mo.; Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo.; Christina Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo.; Raymond Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo.; Lawrence Thompson, Salem, Mo.; Linda Thompson, Salem, Mo.; Ruth Thompson, Salem, Mo.

Northeast Association

Gary Matthews, Kirksville, Mo.; Woodrow Matthews, Kirksville, Mo.

Cave Springs

Morris Brown, Myrtle, Mo.

Indian Creek

Kenneth Turner, Joplin, Mo.

Many souls were saved and several dedicated their lives to the Lord for special services. This indeed was an outstanding camp session.

—Othel Dixon

MYRTLE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Daily Vacation Bible School proved to be a success which was held June 7th to 18th. Classes were from 8:30 to 11:30 A. M. Record attendance was 58, with average attendance of 55, including teachers and workers.

The staff members were the following:

Director—Rev. Buddy Hill, our pastor

Musician—Francella Brown.

Intermediate teachers—Ora Clark and Dorris Brown.

Junior teachers—Geneva Sorrell and Bernice Caitrell.

Primary teachers—Jessie Dunkin and Nadine Shaffer.

Beginner teachers—Cora James and Mory Sirrell.

Refreshment Committee—Ora Wisheart and Mary Hill.

Commencement services was held Wednesday evening, June 18th, with a large number in attendance.

We request all your prayers that we will do greater things for the Lord.

—Bernice Cantrell, Cor.

If you aim low in life, don't wonder at failure, and think it strange that you come far short of success.

HONOR ROLL

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor
Fellowship	Rev. Rolla Smith
Amity	Rev. Ezra Vestal
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
New Lebanon	Rev. Laverne Jones
Leadington	Rev. James Davis
Coppermines	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Myrtle	Rev. Bud Hill
Kirksville ..	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Wellston	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
First Church, Joplin	Rev. Paul Williams
Farmington	Rev. James Barker
Third Ch., St. Louis	Rev. John Rogers
Verdella	Rev. Archie Bures
Richwoods	Rev. Floyd Arnold
Old Bethel	Rev. Dale Statler
Mt. Zion	Rev. O. T. Allred
Southside	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thayer	Rev. Harry Beatty
Carterville	Rev. Kenneth Turner
Fredricktown	Rev. Ben Scott
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Chas. Black
Old Liberty	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Martinstown Church, Mrs. Alta Mikel	
Mountain View Rev. Leslie Peterman	
Hannon Church ..	Rev. Harry Sterling
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Mine La Motte Rev. Albert Halbrook	
Blue Eye	Rev. Millard Davis
Union Light	Rev. Cecil Sheppard
Bethel Church ..	Rev. Keith Johnson
Twin Oak	Rev. Truman Huffman
Fourth Church, St. Louis	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Neasho	Rev. Lester Nutting
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Ezra Butts
Victory Church	
(K. C.)	Rev. B. Spurgeon
Rock Chapel	
Mill Creek	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Beacon Church	
(K. C.)	Rev. Lester Jones
First Church (K. C.)	Rev. Alice Dickey
Merls Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred
New Hope Church (K. C.)	
.....	Rev. James McAllister
Garfield Church ..	Rev. Davey Combs
Faith Church	Rev. Loy Smith
Greenridge	Rev. Len Gardner
Oskaloosa	Rev. Roena Thomas
Garden Church	Rev. Roy Jones
Jones Chapel—	
Hartville—	

Nimrod chose mud (the tower of Babel) to reach Heaven, God chose blood, (the blood of Christ.) What are YOU choosing today?

You sacrifice not when you give up what you want, but only when you give to others less fortunate that which you actually Need.

Help For Brazil

During the summer months many of our churches will be conducting Vacation Bible Schools. Already reports are coming in of successful schools. Truly, it is a great work to teach the young people of our churches the wonderful love of God and His concern for the lost world.

For a number of years many Vacation Bible Schools include in their curriculum, a study of one of our Foreign Mission Fields, and the Bible School offerings have been given to Foreign Missions. This year at least two churches chose as their Bible School Project, the field of South America and designated their offerings to help pay the passage of Ken and Marvis Eagleton to Brazil. The East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn., covered their entire map of Brazil with money for the Eagletons. Their offerings was almost \$70.00.

Also, the Bible School of the Second F. W. B. Church of Ashland, Kentucky chose the same project and here we see Bro. Ray Turnage pointing to their map that is almost covered with the offerings for Brazil. Bro. Turnage and his wife directed the Bible School in Ashland and truly it was a great success. Their offering for this project was \$61.00. Next year (1959), we hope to have a pack of free material with information, and suggested program of our mission field in Japan. We will be glad to send this material (including large map of Japan) to any Vacation Bible School, and no doubt your young people and boys and girls will have lots of fun covering their map with their offerings, and at the same time they will be helping to send and to maintain our missionaries in the field of Japan.

BOOK CRITIC PRAISES OTHEL DIXON'S BOOK

Our American religious literature is liberally sprinkled with books of sermons. All the well-known preachers from Jonathan Edwards to Billy Graham have left us the heritage of the spoken Gospel. I can easily recall some of the best: Henry Ward Beecher, Dwight L. Moody, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Spurgeon, McConnell, Gypsy Smith, Bud Robinson. The dynamic of inspired preaching has kept alive the altar fires of our Protestant faith.

In his book, "Meetin' Time in the Ozarks," Othel Dixon has nourished this tradition of Gospel preaching on the American frontier. These are no formal essays of doctrine. They are

the warm impassioned appeals of the Prophet of God.

The old fashioned method of preaching from the text has largely been discontinued in our urban churches. In its place has come the essay, the dissertation, the written theme or the dramatics of the professional evangelist. But Dixon sticks to his lost as the preacher in the Meetin' house who stands to speak out the warning of sin and punishment and the Love of the Gospel.

His sermon, "Revival in our Day" is easily his best. But they are all good. They are good to read. They must have been even better to hear. It is not essential whether we agree with him or not. The essential mission of the church is to be the conscience of the community and every man's conscience like his mind will sincerely differ. But the essential message of every preacher of religion remains eternally the same, the challenge to sinful man to reach up to the sources of the Higher Power.

Stanley Roush, Book Critic
Springfield, Mo.

MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Mount Olive—The appointment of Michael Pelt as acting dean of Mount Olive Junior College was announced today by President, W. Burkette Raper.

Pelt, who holds the A. B. degree from State Teachers College, Troy, Alabama, and the B. D. degree from Duke Divinity School, will assume the administrative duties of Daniel W. Fagg, Jr., who has resigned as dean of Mount Olive Junior College, effective June 30, in order to work on his PhD at Emory University. Pelt will also retain his position as head of the Department of Religion.

WHAT DOES YOUR RELIGION MEAN TO YOU?

Religion means different things to different men!

To some it is a matter of Profession. Ask many a man what he is, and he will tell you: "I'm a Catholic," or "I'm a Jew," or "I'm a Protestant," or "I'm a Methodist—or Baptist—or Lutheran. . . ."

He professes to be something, but the question is: How deep does this profession go? Does it reach down into his heart? Is it a real allegiance—or just an external thing, to be worn loosely?

Does it make a difference in his business—on his job—in his home? Is he a better man: a better husband and father and friend and workman because of it?

Does it do anything for him?

To others, religion is a matter of Procession. It is going to this meeting and that—this committee and that. A man gets so busy doing things for God, he has no time with God.

He processes to church Sunday morning—and processes home again afterward. Once or twice or three times a week he follows this pattern. There's choir rehearsal to which he must process. . . . and a meeting of the board once or twice a month. Then there's a church social and so on: back and forth—back and forth.

And to some men it's just a procession twice a year: Christmas and Easter.

But true Christianity is neither profession nor procession. These may be part of it, but if it is this and nothing more, a man has completely missed the mark.

Real Christianity is a matter of Possession! And the possession is a two-way road: The Christian man possesses Christ The Christian man is possessed by Christ.

It's a matter of belonging: Not to an organization, but to a Person! He belongs to Christ. Christ belongs to him! This is the Christian life—the Christian way—the Christian walk.

It's relationship—a personal relationship between the Lord and the man. It's a wonderful friendship—like father and son!

To the true Christian man, Jesus Christ is a living reality—not just a creed to be believed, but a Friend to be loved and followed and served.

Jesus Christ Himself is the heart and soul of Christianity! He loves all men—died for all men—rose from the dead for all men—live for all men. And Jesus Christ will come into the life of any man who will let Him. He will dwell in the life of the man who invites Him to enter.

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (Rev. 3:20).

—Rev. Richard C. Halverson
—American Tract Society

Five boys: one turned to comic books and held up a bank; one turned to business and piled up a fortune; one turned to medicine and patched up a village; one turned to science and blew up a city; and one turned to God and missions and lifted a world. Held up, built up, patched up, blew up, or lifted up. Which? WHY?

Every incident in life is a stepping or a stumbling stone, and our CHOICE determines which it will be.