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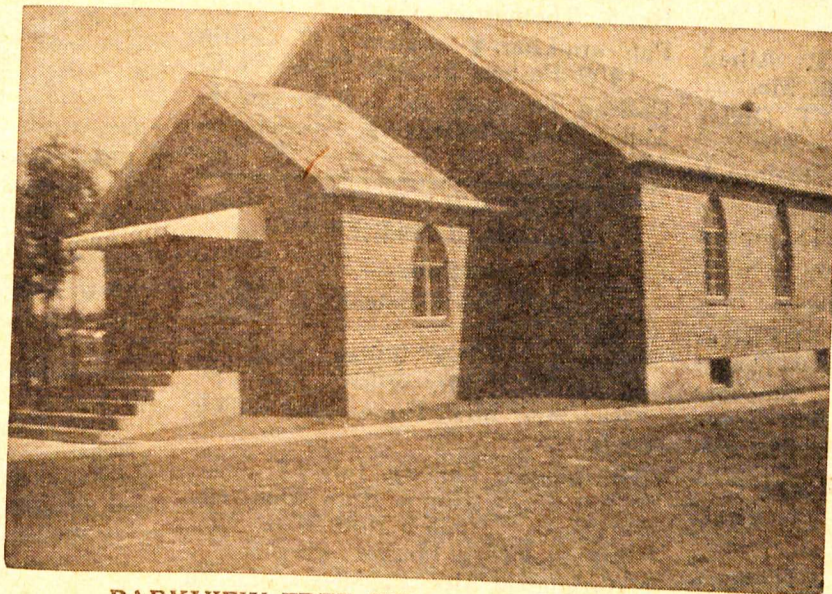
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**PARKVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
DESLOGE, MISSOURI, PASTOR, REV. JOHN LONG**

This new church was built to replace the former church damaged by tornado May 21, 1957. The first service was held in it, February 9, 1958. It will seat two-hundred and fifty people.

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Birthdates: Mrs. Willey, June 13
Mr. Willey, July 31

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.

Birthdates: Tommy, July 13
Emma Ruth, Dec. 19

Alicia Ruth, Dec. 17

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie
Birthdates: Mrs. Phenicie, Aug. 20

Mr. Phenicie, Oct. 27

Miss Esther M. Ruehle

Birthdates: March 17

Address of Cuban Missionaries:

Apartado 27—Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Miss Lucy Wisheart Lima

Apartado 37 Cespedes 48

San Jose de Las Lajas

Habana, Cuba

Birthdate: December 17

—Africa—

Mrs. Josephine Stevens

Birthdate: Dec. 15

Address of Missionary in Africa:

South Africa General Mission

Mseleni Mission Station

P. O. Mkuzi Zululand, South Africa

—Japan—

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery

Birthdates: Mrs. Calvery, March 3

Mr. Calvery, May 27

Address of Missionaries in N. Japan
7 Shon Mach
Abashiri Shi
Hokkaido, Japan

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey

Birthdates: Mrs. Hersey, March 2.

Mr. Hersey, July 20

Philip, June 21

Samuel Ray, Sept. 24.

Address of Missionaries in N. Japan
Nigashi 2 Jo
Minami 2 Chome
1 Danchi
Bihoro Cho, Hokkaido, Japan

—South India—

Miss Volena Wilson

Birthdate: March 11

Address of Missionary in South India:
"Westfield"—Kotagiri, South India

—North India—

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk

Birthdates: Mrs. Cronk, June 7

Mr. Cronk, Feb. 28

Randell, April 3

Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna

Birthdates: Mrs. Hanna, April 9

Mr. Hanna, Aug. 3

Brenda Kay, June 18

Donald Timothy, Oct. 24

Address of Missionaries in North India:
Kishanganj—Purana District
Bihar Province, North India

—In Language School—

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks

Birthdates: Mrs. Sparks, March 19

Mr. Sparks, Dec. 14

c/o The Presbyterian Training College

P. O. Box 27,

Akropong-Akwapim,

Ghana, West Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh

Birthdates: Mrs. Merkh, Jan. 29

Mr. Merkh, April 11

Elizabeth Merkh, Nov. 26

Daniel Merkh, Jr. Jan. 14

Timothy Merkh, Nov. 5

14 Bis Chemin Du Reposoir

Lausanne, Switzerland

Rev. Dave Franks

Caixa Postal 630

Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo,

Brazil

South America

Birthdate: Oct. 5

Rev. and Mrs. Ken Eagleton

Caixa Postal 273

Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo,

Brazil

South America

Birthdates: Mrs. Eagleton,

Mr. Eagleton,

Kenny,

I Actually Saw

By Tom Willey, Sr.

The trip was planned on the basis of a straight line south to the border of Metagross and the river Parana with practice of greatest economy and the study of needy fields and fundamental groups, and how well they might or might not be meeting the challenge of the unevangelized. We found some few gracious enough to suggest there existed fields of great need and would welcome our missionaries.

Some of these fields demand great physical and spiritual stamina. Men and women are denying themselves things at home that come to be taken for granted are delightful treats or impossible leisures.

Lima, Peru was the first stop after a long flight out of Miami, Florida. Mrs. Willey saw the two motored plane and urged me to cancel what looked like danger, but we got to Guayaquil, Ecuador before a cylinder went bad. Spending a night and a day, we went on to Lima, Peru.

On board the flight down I met a couple of young missionaries and mentioned to them the fact that I had worked among the Indians on the Ucalyali River. I found that I had built the house thirty years ago that they lived in and were going back to. So we had an edge-point of fellowship. Arriving in Lima, I was in the crowd that attacked Vice President Nixon and had to admire his courage. The city of Lima, as all Latin American centers is having a phenomenal growth. The president of the council of Evangelical Churches suggested considering this great city as a field.

For a few dollars and with a 10% discount I took a native airline and in a few hours was in the very old and beautiful city of Arequipa, Peru, flying most of the way over a very arid desert. The green alfalfa carpeted valleys were a delight. This city is surrounded by great snowcapped Andean mountains. There are just a few missionaries in the city. The villages and country are unworked. This is what I have been finding all along. The country places are as if Christ had never come or died. They sit in darkness and ignorance and sickness on the streets, in the markets and by the sides of the road. The English missionaries urged me to stay over Sunday and preach for the Englisha Evangeleca Peruance. They have no regular pastor, so it was a great joy to ministers to faithful natives in an all native Indigenous Church and to

know something of the problems of such a church.

Monday morning I took a very nice English train and for hours climbed into the Altoplanos of Peru. As we climbed we began to feel the pressure of 14,000 feet elevation. My traveling companion was a very fine Christian man with the U. S. Point Four Program so we had a profitable day, arriving in the evening. My friends in Arequipa had wired an Irish Baptist missionary to meet me at Puno, the end of the line where I was to take a lake steamer and go over night on to Lake Titicaca, 13,000 feet above sea level. This steamer was freighted from Scotland over the high Andes and rebuilt for lake travel. This lake is a marvel, the largest navigable inland body of water and the highest in the world. The entire trip was twelve hours by train with meals. The boat trip, with berth and meals, to Gaugue, Bolivia, cost me ten American dollars, so I had made the trip from Miami, Florida to Pa Paz, Bolivia, for one sixty (\$160) dollars.

Arriving in the Bolivian port at 9:00 A. M., the Friends missionaries were at the wharf to meet me and take me to their farm 500 feet above Lake Titicaca. They have 2,000 acres of land. The farm fully supports the school having a godly group of Amaras Indian Preachers. They had a \$6,000 crop of potatoes, great fields of barley, 1,000 head of sheep. They are really rugged missionaries. Their Lake ministry is wonderful. Their students are left two by two all along the shores of the lake. It was my privilege to go out on the lake with them. There is a real field of service here also in the adjoining fields. I preached through an interpreter that night and the next morning I took a train car on to La Paza. I was not only going on my way but ministering to dear ones most of the afternoon as I crossed the Altoplanos to the edge of the deep gorge in which the high Andean capitol of LaPaz rests. The view is breath-taking as one looks for the high plains on this silent city surrounded by gesturing white snow-capped Andean mountains. Marshall Cavit of the Friends mission and a graduate of Asbury College met me and I had four wonderful days of ministry. The language is Indian. The first day we went to a Lake village and witnessed a drunken devil dance. While taking movies of them they began to throw stones at me so I decided to move out and quick.

Saturday I preached at a Quaker Quarterly Meeting to some dear pas-

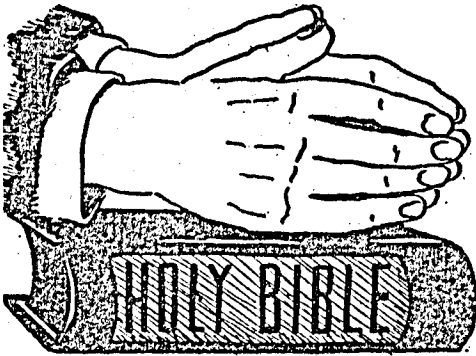
tors. When on the edge of the Andes, 15,500 feet, it began to snow and we decided to get out while the getting was good. We had to stop often and scrape the snow from the windshield.

Sunday was a great day. The big Friends Church was packed with Indians. Women were seated on the floor in their colorful dress. Before I could finish my message they came weeping to kneel at the altar. I was at a loss because my message was being translated from Spanish into Armara Indian. There must have been twenty five at the altar. The days of fellowship will be a high light in my life.

I took another train to the town of Cochahamba on Monday morning and it was more pleasant to live here. The Bolivian Indian mission is doing a great work. With a missionary from the new tribes we left by bus for the city of Santa Cruz. We didn't know what to expect as there had been a revolution underway. We rode all day over horse shoe curves, some of the most dare-devil drivers I have ever ridden with. In Santa Cruz, the most awful city I have ever visited, streets of oozing mud, misery and poverty, I met some of the most precious missionaries under the world gospel crusade. Brother Carlos Tape-lin, the director, took me into his home and treated me like one of their very own. For four nights I preached. The Lord gave me four converts. Then I wanted to see the school Baria under the W. G. C. In the mean time a wind began to blow off the South Pole called a "Surroso." I had never experienced cold just like that. These dear folk without windows in the houses sang and rejoiced. A king could not have been treated better. My ministry was of great blessing, at least to my own heart. I was afraid I was incapacitated because of the cold weather.

From Santa Cruz I took a Bolivian air line and flew five hours for \$35.00 all the length of Paraguay getting into the city of Asunicon in the dark. I spent three days here with a Free Methodist Pastor. Then for \$11.00 I flew over the border of Brazil and found that for \$10.00 more I could fly to the very place I was headed for, so here I am ready to study out what might be one of our big drives into a very needy field. The responsibility can only be met by much earnest prayer and wise counseling on the part of experienced missionaries. While we have been waiting numbers of groups, feeling the challenge, have come in, but the same old story, they crowd in to cities with some programs
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The Family Altar



PRAYER REQUESTS

Women's Auxiliary

CUBA—"The work here is enjoying the blessings of God in spite of existing political conditions. Do keep us before the throne and pray that the Lord in His wisdom might overrule this thing and even somehow get glory to Himself from it."

—Mrs. Emma Ruth Willey

INDIA—"I wonder if you would please convey the Bible Woman and Pastor's warmest thanks for the support that is coming in for them. I, too, send warmest thanks and appreciation for the support of these two individuals. They are doing a good job for the Lord, and we deeply appreciate them and their services to Him."

Pray for us and the work. We are ever expanding, and we need much prayer. The Mohammedan man who was baptized here on New Year's Day gave a very lovely testimony Sunday. He told of much persecution but the joy of the Lord kept him from becoming despondent. His wife is still an unbeliever. Both he and she need much prayer."

—Miss Volena Wilson

INDIA—"When you pray, pray for a new group of Santals with whom we've made contact. They seem open hearted. There's been no chance for a definite response yet, but pray that the Lord will prepare hearts and enable us to present the message clearly. We are just beginning the study of Santali. Ask the Lord to help. It's hard to get time for new languages. We try to concentrate on language study and lesson preparation during the monsoon when we can't get about very much, but even that goes quickly with many interruptions."

—Trula Gunter Cronk

MISSOURI—"When you pray, remember Sister Myrtle Jones, president of the Missouri State Auxiliary Convention. She is in the Ball Clinic Room 135, Excelsior Spring, Mo. You may write her at this address."

OBITUARY OF REV. BILLIE ROGERS

We, the Obituary Committee, of the Cave Springs Association, were requested to write the following in remembrance of our dear beloved brother-in-Christ, Bro. Billie Rogers.

Bro. Billie Rogers, son of S. P. and Jennie Rogers was born in Oregon Co., Mo., on Dec. 17, 1891, and departed this life at the St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on Oct. 19, 1957 at the age of 65 years, 10 months, and 2 days.

He was united in marriage to Ethel McGee at Myrtle, Mo. To this union were born five daughters, Media, Ruth, Eulah, Edith, and Verda, and one son, Noah.

He is survived by his wife at home, his son, Noah, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Media Evans of Myrtle, Missouri, Eulah Case and Edith Pierce of St. Louis, Missouri, and Verda Mills, of Couch, Missouri. One daughter, Ruth, preceded him in death, whom he often spoke of meeting in the better world when he departed this life, and went to meet his Lord and loved one that had gone on before. Also surviving are one brother, Shelby, Myrtle, Missouri, four sisters, Clara Callwell, East Prairie, Missouri, Ellie Brewer and Jessie McGee, both of Myrtle, Missouri, and Julia Saners, of Thayer, Missouri; fourteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn the loss of him.

At the time of his death he was pastor of the Cotton Creek and Walnut Grove Free Will Baptist Churches. He preached his first sermon and last sermon at the Walnut Grove Church. He began preaching at the age of twenty-nine years, and was ordained to the ministry a few years later. He kept a record of his ministerial work up until his home was destroyed by fire. He was a minister of the Free Will Baptist for thirty-six years, and had pastored most of the churches in the Cave Springs Association. He witnessed many conversions and baptized many people. He had the pleasure of baptizing his father, mother, and sister at one time. He conducted and assisted in many funerals in Oregon Co., as well as in surrounding counties.

Funeral services were conducted, Oct. 21, 1957, at the Cotton Creek Church by Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Cecil Cypret, with the Carter Funeral Home of Thayer, Missouri, in charge. The church and church yard were full of people to pay their last respect to Bro. Billie. He was a faithful servant to his Lord, family, and friends, and at any time he was called

on for help, day or night, he was always willing to lend a helping hand. His doctors had advised him for quite some time that he would have to give up preaching. He would rest a few days until he felt stronger, and then say that he had to preach and work for his Lord.

He spent some time in the hospital before his death. He bore his suffering with patience, and advised his dear wife and children to hold on to his God. He will be sadly missed by his entire family, friends, and by his churches, and the association. To know Bro. Rogers was to love him. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Committee:

Mrs. Georgia Brewer, Myrtle, Mo.

Mrs. Albert Holmes, Alton, Mo.

Mrs. Leslie Brewer, Alton, Mo.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

These proposed changes were recommended by the elected Business Committee of the Missouri State Association when convened at Nian-gua, Mo., August 18-21, 1958, and were passed by the body.

1. We recommend that Article 4 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows:

The officers of this association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, and a clerk-treasurer, said officers shall be elected at the close of each session and hold office until their successors are elected and qualified;

Note; The phrase "at the close" replaces the phrase "in the beginning," as it now reads in the Constitution.

2. We recommend that Article 9 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows:

This Constitution may be amended at any regular body by a two-thirds majority vote of all the members present, after the proposed amendment has laid on the table for one day.

Note; The article now reads: This Constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote of all members present, after written notice of the contemplated change has been published in the official paper three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

3. In compliance with the request from the Southeast Yearly Meeting, we recommend that By-Law Number 16 be changed to read as follows:

The number of delegates to the State Association shall be five delegates from each affiliated local associ-

ation, or yearly meeting; one delegate from each church plus one delegate for each fifty members or larger fraction thereof. Each church which represents must be a member of a local association or yearly meeting holding membership in this body.

Note; The Constitution now reads: The number of delegates to the State Association shall be one delegate for the Association and in addition, one delegate for every resident members or major fraction thereof.

4. This proposed change was made and sustained on the floor:

That last sentence of Article 7 of Constitution be deleted.

Note: The sentence reads: After the delegates are seated, the election of officers shall be in order. This proposed change was made necessary in view of the fact that the proposed change of Article 4 calls for the election of officers at the close of session instead of at the beginning.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist:

Dear Brethren:

The National Association of Free Will Baptists wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists for the outstanding job done by said State Association in inviting, planning for, and so graciously entertaining, the 1958 session of the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father rest upon you in your work for Him, during the 1958 session of the Missouri State Association.

Sincerely:

Charles A. Thigpen, Moderator
Dean Moore, Clerk

National Association of F. W. B.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ENTERTAINMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Total amount received from Missouri Churches	\$2500.51
Total amount disbursed for entertainment	1848.44

Balance in bank, August 15, 1958	\$652.07
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Note: The balance was placed in the General Fund of the Missouri State Association by the action of that body, with the stipulation that if any unpaid bills should be called to our notice, it would be paid from said funds.

Rev. John Rogers, treasurer

STEERING COMMITTEE EXPRESSES THANKS

Dear Friend in Christ:

The National Association has come to Missouri and gone on its way to Asheville, North Carolina in 1960. It was a real privilege to host such an event in our great State, and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. Some how, though, we couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief when it was over for entertaining it was a huge undertaking.

If you remember the Steering Committee set up a proposed budget of \$2500.00 to operate with and we are happy to report that this budget was reached and exceeded by \$.50. In fact the total amount that you sent in was \$2500.51. For this we praise the Lord. We could only make the plea through the medium of the Convention Comments that we published and through the "Gem" and trust the rest to the Lord: This proves that we Missourians can do just about anything we set our minds to do.

Every member of this Steering Committee would like to extend their sincere thanks for your response. Rev. John Rogers will make a full report to the State Meeting when it convenes at the Youth Camp later this month. Again we say thank you so very, very much for your response and assistance in making the Convention the success that it was.

Yours for a greater Denomination:

The Steering Committee
Harvey Hill, Chairman
John Rogers
Roger Reeds
Harry Asher
Elmer Turnbough
Johnny Land
Bert Johns
Wayne Parsons

OUR ALTAR

There is an altar in our church
Tis beautiful to me,
There I can meet my Saviour
Upon my bended knee.
And if I humbly come to Him
Though burdened down with care,
I know, Oh, Yes! I surely know
That He will meet me there.
And if in my humility
I seek His loving face,
I know that He will strengthen me
By His all sufficient grace.
Mrs. Pearl E. Denton
Farmington, Mo.

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

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY FAMILY

Miss Bessie Yeley, Mexico, Birthday, Nov. 26.

James E. Timmons, Mexico, Birthday, May 1.

Lucy Ann Timmons, Mexico, Birthday, July 6.

Johnny Postlewaite, Northwest U. S. A., Birthday, April 5.

Leah Scott Postlewaite, Northwest U. S. A. Birthday, Oct. 25.

John Lopez, Mexico, Birthday, June 24.

Erminia Lopez, Mexico, Birthday, Sept. 23.

N. Melitino Martinez, Miami-Cuban, Birthday, Sept. 15.

Siradelia Martinez, Miami-Cuban, Birthday, Sept. 27.

Paul Inbody, Tenn. (waiting) Birthday, April 6.

Helen Inbody, Tenn. (waiting) Birthday, June 10.

Arthur J. Billows, Mexico, Birthday, July 26.

Betty J. Billows, Mexico, Birthday, Sept. 18.

Lee D. Whaley, Alaska, Birthday, Nov. 7.

Ethel Pike Whaley, Alaska, Birthday, Jan. 8.

I ACTUALLY SAW (Continued from Page 3)

like the seminary. Here this is necessary. I am here by the great kindness of the Inter-American Mission. Every comfort is placed at my disposal. I must confess it is not easy to be separated from my dear family, but only the promise of Mark 10:39-40, especially the words "For My sake and the Gospels," makes the separation endurable. The challenge to our young people who shall read this is such that if angels could respond a good part of heaven would be depopulated, but angels cannot tell of a glorious Redeemer. I do not envy any young person called to this task. I have and am obeying his call and orders. I am doing what the Master told me to do, "Lifting up my eyes unto the harvest and praying for laborers for the harvest is white and great and the laborers are few." This is a task for the years, but I can feel a satisfaction in doing a task that demands haste to save our young missionaries getting ready to come down and hasten them to a needy field that shall touch thousands who otherwise would never hear a gospel message.

I have only been here one day as I write this Greetings in His Name to the great family of our beloved people, the Free Will Baptist of the United States and the world.

—Thomas Willey

From the Editor's Desk

STATE MEETING

The 45th session of the Missouri State Association was an outstanding meeting from the standpoint of fellowship, spirituality, and achievements.

A missionary spirit prevailed during the entire session due greatly to the presence of the Billows and the Hannas, missionaries to Mexico, and to India, respectively, who gave wonderful appeals through songs, testimonies, and messages.

The Sunday School and League Conventions were made very informative by the instructions from Rev. Don Hill, editor of National Sunday School Literature, and Mr. Ray Turnage, promotional-secretary of National Leagues.

The Woman's Auxiliary was outstanding with its information and instructions passed on to the members. The missionary spirit was contagious. A mission goal of helping the workers in Japan was set. There was a note of sadness that the State President, Myrtle Jones, was in the Ball Clinic, Room 135, Excelsior Spring, Mo. You are invited to write or send cards to this address. We may add that Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Mo., served effeciently at the Woman's State Auxiliary in the absence of Mrs. Jones.

The State Meeting proper was one of the best to our estimation. The moderator, Rev. Allred and the assistant moderator, Rev. Dixon, along with the committees, were very conscientious in their labors.

Seven ministers delivered the messages during the sessions. They were as follows: Rev. R. Luther Sanders, Rev. Don Hill, Rev. Dale Jones, Rev. Carlisle Hanna, Rev. Arthur Billows, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, and Rev. Wm. Mishler.

The meals were well supervised by Mrs. Ray Turnage, Nashville, Tenn., who served as dietician, with the help of Reva Whitehurst, Ethel Dill, Jeannie Carpenter, Freda Sells, Stella Walton, and Vera Walton, who served as cooks; and perhaps other help of whom we do not have the names. Special mention should go to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Reeves, care-takers of the Youth Camp, who were always ready to sacrifice time and strength to help entertain; to the Executive Board for the arrangements; and to Mrs. Cummins and Mrs. Sells, who worked untiringly as registrars.

The location of the State Association for the 1959 session is opened

to churches or associations for invitations, with the understanding that all invitations must be made within three months following the past association. Those who attend this association will be responsible for their own meals, but the host church or association entertaining must furnish bedding for those in attendance.

The introductory sermon for the 1959 session will be delivered by Rev. James Davis, pastor of the Leadington Church, with Rev. R. Luther Sanders, pastor of the Monett Church, as alternate.

It has been our intention in this issue to bring as much information as possible of State Association.

In this issue you will find committee reports, financial reports, and other informations. We urge our pastors to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the reports, particularly to those that are applicable to them and their people. Much of the work of the association will have been in vain unless we put in action the recommendations passed by the State Association.

We want you to read all the reports, but to facilitate your gathering of facts from the reports, I offer the following summary of what each pastor and church should do:

1. Buy Sunday School literature from the: National Sunday School Department, 3801 Richland Ave. Nashville 5, Tennessee. You may write to the above address for information concerning the material.

2. Every church subscribe to the Gem and Contact papers on thee "Every Family Church Plan." You may write to: Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo., for information concerning the State paper, the Gem, and to Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee, concerning the National Publication, the Contact.

3. Join in a locale "Clean-up" literature drive. Help rid your community of degenerating literature.

4. Strive for a higher standard of Christian conduct and spiritual life.

5. Abstain from patronizing places that deal with alcoholic beverages. Abstain from questionable amusements, and be modest in dress.

6. If you use tobacco or possess any unclean habits, pray seriously about the matter; be willing to give them up for your sake and the sake of your Christian testimony.

7. Acquaint yourself with home and foreign missionary families, their fields of labor, and their needs. Keep

people informed. Make missionaries subjects of prayer in your prayer meetings, family devotions, etc.

8. Each minister support the special project of building Shepherd Station in Africa. It is suggested that each minister give or be responsible for church in giving \$100 dollars for this project.

9. Since November is National Home Mission month, and April is Foreign Missions Month, each church give special offering to these causes these months.

10. Each church give regularly and systematically in addition to that given to the Co-operative Plan, to missions.

11. Churches and associations sponsor missionary conferences.

OUR MISSOURI MINISTERS

Our 1958 Statistical Report reveals we have one-hundred and eighty-three ordained ministers, and thirty-eight licensed ministers. Certainly, we are thankful for all of them, and the following information is not to exalt some above the others; but we wish to give you the part our Missouri ministers fill in the National Association:

Rev. James F. Miller, Farmington, Mo., chairman of College Board of Trustees.

Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, chairman of Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. Harvey Hill, Berkeley City, member of National Home Mission Board.

Rev. Ben Scott, Fredericktown, member of the General Board.

Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mtn. Grove, writer of Young Adult Student Quarterly of National Sunday School Literature.

Rev. Roger C. Reeds, St. Louis, writer of the Intermediate Quarterly, of National Sunday School Literature.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite, National Home Missionary Family, working in the Northwest.

Rev. Don Hill and Rev. Wm. Mishler, editors of Sunday School Board of the National Publications, were formerly from Missouri.

If there are any omissions of names that should have been listed, it was because of the lack of information.

The following women play a part in the National work:

Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, St. Louis, Missionary to India.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Ex. Sec. of W.N.A.C.

Mrs. R. Luther Sanders, Monett, Youth Chairman of W.N.A.C.

Mrs. Lucy Wischart Lima, Myrtle, Missionary to Cuba.



Youth and Our Church

BETHEL DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEST PLAINS, MO.

The first Daily Vacation Bible School the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church of West Plains, has ever held, proved to be a success. It was held July 28 to August 1. Classes were from 8:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. Our record attendance was 56, with a daily average of 53, including teachers and workers.

The staff members were as follows:
General Director—Barbara Johnson.

Pianist—Rachel Murray.

Secretary—Ernestine Adkisson.

Teachers:

Intermediate—Addie Adkisson and Nellie Wolfe.

Junior—Ella James and Glenda Adkisson.

Primary—Betty Walker and Lillian Brooks.

Beginner—Naomi Bunch, Norma Morris, and Janeice Haden.

Nursery—Eudene Adkisson, and Rachel Murray.

Refreshment Committee—Betty Bell, Delphia Wetzel, Hattie Simms, Louise Lewis.

Commencement exercises were held Friday night, August 1, with a large number attending.

—J. Keith Johnson, Pastor

AN ODD NUMBER!

By Raymond Riggs

"A real Christian is an odd number. He feels supreme love for **One** whom he has never seen, talks familiarly every day to **someone** he cannot see, expects to go to heaven on the virtue of **another**, empties himself in order to be full, admits he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he feels worst. He dies so he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives away so he can keep, sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passeth knowledge."

These are the words of A. W. Tozer in his book, "The Root of the Right-

eous." They were a blessing to my heart as I read them while aboard the S. S. African Pilot, enroute to Africa, just before we anchored at the Azore Islands. We have been at sea for nine days, and still have about thirteen days to go before reaching Abidjan. The journey becomes rather lonely at times, but it has been a wonderful opportunity to have fellowship in the Word and to have communion with our Lord. Also, the association with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton McElheran, veteran missionaries to Africa, also on board, has been a rich and informative experience.

As we near the shores of the Dark Continent our heart is enlarged as we think of the challenge that lies ahead. The initial days of any work are always important. As we meet with the missionaries to make plans for laying the foundation please remember to pray that each of us may have spiritual discernment, and mutual agreement as to procedure. A mistake in the beginning could mean tragedy in the future.

This is Friday afternoon, August 8 and we have just dropped anchor in the Port of the Azores. The Captain tells us that we may have to stay here until Monday. However, if the crew of men who unloads the vessel will work tonight we may leave sooner. At any rate we have beautiful surroundings from the harbor, with the shore line of this beautiful island (890 sq. miles) on one side and the unending span of the blue Atlantic on the other. This is a Portuguese Island, but the United States had a large army base here. We can see white church steeples along the shore line and if we stay over Sunday maybe we can attend a service, providing we can go ashore. A little baby on board has measles and we may be quarantined.

TWIN OAKS D. V. B. SCHOOL

The Twin Oaks Church, Route 2, Fredericktown, Mo., sponsored her first Daily Vacation Bible School. The school began June 30 and continued

for two weeks, with an enrollment of approximately twenty-five.

Teachers during this session consisted of Virginia Pirtle, Ethel Pirtle, Mrs. Spain, Christina Halbrook, Amylee Huffman, and Mabel Boland, and Faye Harper.

At the close of the school an interesting commencement exercise was conducted, and certificates presented.

Rev. Truman Huffman is pastor of the church.

TOO MUCH CHURCH NEVER KILLED ANYONE

Mrs. Margarette Worthy
St. Louis, Mo.

Have you ever heard or seen in the paper where too much church ever killed anyone? No, but you have read where cancer or drinking too much has. The one who drinks a little has driven cars and killed people. I have heard where people went to church and found what they were looking for, happiness, love and kindness, something that money can not buy: Peace of mind, love from the Lord that no man on earth can give. No matter who you are or what you have done, He is ready to forgive. Just believe in Him, come to Him, for his hands are stretched out still, no matter how much you look or how far you go, you will not find any greater love or happiness than in the Father and His house.

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."

A Quaker heard a strange noise in his house at night. He found a burglar busily at work. The burglar departed hastily when the Quaker walked in with his gun and said, "Friend, I would do thee no harm for the world and all that is in it, but thou standest where I am about to shoot."

News From The Mission Field

GREETINGS FROM
REV. RAYMOND RIGGS
To Missouri State Association

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from your Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

May this session of the Missouri State Association be the greatest in your history. First, may it be great in Christian Fellowship! "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1.

Second, may it be great in prayer: "O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalms 136:1.

Third, may it be great in Spiritual Power:—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6.

We, your National Foreign Mission Board consider your State Association, and each component part an important factor in our efforts to take the Gospel of Christ into Regions Beyond. We appreciate your prayerful and financial support!

We now have missionaries in five foreign countries. They are as follows:

Africa:

We have four approved missionaries for our new field in Africa. In the Bondoukou Circle area of French West Africa there are almost 200,000 souls who are our responsibility. Work on our first Station in Africa will begin early this fall. As of now we only have one church in the whole area. We hope to build four stations in this field as soon as possible. Also we expect to send at least twenty more missionaries to this area as the Lord provides.

Brazil:

As of this date we have one Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas, Brazil. The church has thirty-eight members and the Brazillian pastor, Walde-mar Dominelli, and our own Dave Franks expect it to grow and multiply. We hope to send at least a dozen missionaries to this fast growing country just as soon as suitable personnel and finance will permit.

Cuba:

The Free Will Baptist work in Cuba continues to grow in spite of political revolution. Even though some of the

activities of the mission school have been curtailed the local churches are being strengthened and in each of our fields there are souls being saved. Also, many of the churches are becoming more self-supporting than ever before.

India:

Actually, we have two different fields in India, separated by a distance of almost 2,000 miles. In our South India field, the church in Kotagiri is the center of our activities. We also have two Christian day schools in South India, and a number of out-station Sunday Schools in various villages.

In North India we are responsible for an area that has approximately one and one-half million people. Our greatest need for North India is for additional workers. Please pray that visas may be granted that new workers might be admitted to this white harvest field.

Japan:

With her 91,000,000 people still invites our missionaries with the message of salvation. We now have four churches in Japan with four American missionaries, and another couple who are now raising their support to get out to Japan by September. They are Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid. A special offering and continued support for these new missionaries would certainly be appreciated at this time.

Actually, we could say that the constituency of our Free Will Baptist work in Foreign lands could be summarized as follows:

Number of American Missionaries, including children	33
Number of National workers on all fields, including children.....	122
Number of churches on all foreign fields	50
Number of preaching points.....	77
Total membership of churches in foreign fields.....	4,153

Even though all of us are grateful indeed for the progress we have made, there still remains much to be done. The unfinished task is a tremendous one. More than one-half of the population of the world has never heard the Gospel to every creature. Everything else we do is incidental to that one objective. We dare not retreat.

In addition to the missionaries already on the field, we have over forty applicants who are preparing and some are ready to go. Will we be able to send them? The answer to this question is largely up to you. Your foreign Mission Board can only expand and send out new missionaries as our people in the different states enable us to do so.

We hereby appeal to the pastors of our local churches to preach missions more and to teach your people to "lift up their eyes and look on the fields that are white unto harvest."

Raymond Riggs
General Director-Treas.

THIRD F. W. B. CHURCH

1330 Geyer
St. Louis, Missouri

Those of us who were privileged to attend the National Association here in St. Louis have been made to realize the importance of Foreign Missions. Our speaker, Dr. Oswald J. Smith, brought us a challenging message. Our hearts were made to rejoice when we saw so many of our young people go forward dedicating their lives to Christ and his work.

We, of the Third Free Will Baptist Church, want to do something to help the need of missions and missionaries. We are having a mission rally beginning September 2, 1958 and ending with an all day service on September 7, 1958. There will be services held each night at 7:45 P.M. A short devotional will be given by one of the Y.P.A. members. They will give topics on a different country. Special singing will be heard, followed by a message from visiting ministers.

We need your prayers in this undertaking for the Lord. We hope to see many visitors in our services. Pray for the Y.P.C. of our church that we might be a blessing to our church and if God should call any of us into special service for Him that we would be willing to go. Please give us your "Time, Donations and Prayers".

Our Missionaries from India, Bro. & Sis. Carlyle Hanna will be in charge of our services on September 7, 1958. Pray for them and their family. They will be leaving us in December to go back to their work for five more years. God be with them.

Third Free Will Baptist Y.P.A.

Our church is extending the driveway all around the building, so that Dad won't have to back out after delivering the rest of the family



**ARIZONA—MEXICO MISSIONS
NOGALES ACADEMY SUMMER SCHOOL GROUP**

FRONT ROW

Arnoldo Concepcion, Ricardo Guzman, Francisco Cardenas

SECOND ROW

Fabian Guzman, Efrain Molina, Edmundo Games,
Armando Bernal, Efrain Corrales, Elias Morales, Sergio Camacho

THIRD ROW

Lucia Molina, Hachel Corrales, Francisca Cinco, Angelita Garcia,
Mary Bell Elliston, Olga Perez, Maria Corrales

FOURTH ROW

Roberto Cruz, Guadalupe Guzman, Mrs. Elliston, Rev. Elliston,
Miss Yeley

BACK ROW

Jan Schmidt, Concepcion Cinco, Adela Rodriguez, Tula Bernal,
Miguel Cota, Manuel Velez, Enrique Perez

ABSENT—NOT IN PICTURE

Ignacio Salazar, Beatrix Bernal, Federico Bernal, Alberto Garcia,
Luis Villa, Delia Amaral, Gloria Moreno, Manuel Moreno,
Cecilia Figueroa, Maria Calderon, Norma Casilla, Mary Perez,
Ricardo Terrazas

**GREETINGS FROM REV. HOMER
WILLIS**

To Missouri State Association

Dear Bro. Hill:

Please read this message of greeting to the Missouri State Association while in session next week at your camp grounds.

I regret greatly that I cannot be present, but due to previous arrangements I will be in Alabama. I do hope to attend next year, if our Blessed Lord delays His coming.

Rev. and Mrs. Billows will be present and I am sure will be a blessing to you. We ask the support of your state for them as they go to Old Mexico.

Miss Molly Barker will leave for Old Mexico, to work with Miss Bessie Yeley at Nogales, next week.

We appreciate the way your churches, and pastors supported Brother Postlewaite on his recent visit.

The quota for Missouri for the year is \$3,500.00; to date, we have received \$2,366.98 leaving a balance of \$1,133.02. I believe with a little extra effort Missouri will go over the top again this year.

Rev. Albert Halbrook, your State Director, has been a real blessing to us, and we are grateful for the way he has helped our cause through the pages of the **Gem** paper, and in other ways.

It has been a real blessing to have Rev. Harvey Hill work with us, as a member of the National Board. He is a great asset to this department.

Recently I preached in our churches throughout New England and found a great need among them. Please pray for this neglected part of our family.

We now have more missionaries serving with the Home Mission Board than ever before in the history

of our denomination. We need your prayers as new fields keep opening to us.

Yours for Christ and Missions,
Homer E. Willis
Director of Home Missions

Christ's Robe

By Carl Stair

Once I read a book entitled "The Robe". It was a very interesting book about what happened to the Robe that Jesus was wearing at the time of his crucifixion. I was living in sin at that time and read every book that came to hand, regardless of its text. "The Robe" made a great impression upon me because it was based upon the greatest book of all time, the Bible. It did something for me, that up to that time, nothing or no one had been able to do. The reading of that book caused Jesus to become a real person in my mind, instead of just someone mythical.

That was several years ago, and since that time there has come a great change in my heart and my life. I found out that Jesus was not only a person who lived and walked the earth many years ago, but that he is a person still alive today in the hearts of his children. I walk with him and talk with him daily, for he dwells within my heart in the form of the Holy Spirit, the great comforter, he sent back to lead and to guide his people through life.

I have never ceased to wonder, and to ponder, about what became of the Robe Jesus was wearing, for I have come to realize that it was never taken from him at all. I am positively certain that Jesus was still wearing his Robe when he was crucified. Not only was he still wearing it then; it was still draped over his shoulders when he rose from the grave. He still had it on, like a mantle, forty days later when he ascended to heaven. It is still wrapped about his precious body, as he rests there at the right hand of the Father.

I know this to be true, because he gave the Robe to me when I accepted him as my Saviour. He placed it upon my shoulders gently, and wrapped it about me with loving fingers. I knew it was Jesus for as he held the Robe out to me, I saw the nail scars in the palms of his hands. He said, "here is my Robe, take it and wear it just as long as you keep it clean."

I looked down and saw that the Robe was pure white, like snow, with a sort of radiance about it, like a light

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COMMITTEE REPORTS of State Association

LOCATION COMMITTEE

We, your Location Committee, have received two or three tentative invitations for the State Association to meet with them next year.

Since the change in entertainment was passed this a. m., we recommend that those who are considering inviting the State Association take it up with their quarterly meeting or Executive Board and make an official invitation to the State Executive Board within three months. (That is, three months from date of this Association.)

Your Committee on Placement,
J. O. Filkins, chairman

Braxine Evans, Bernice Cantrell, Mrs. O.T. Dixon, Will Gates

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee, find by examining the letters, that God, in his infinite love and wisdom, has called from our midst ninety-four of our loving members, one being the late Rev. Billy Rogers, well-known minister from the Cave Springs Association. With great heart felt sympathy for these fine families, we feel we should honor them by a moment of silent prayer, closed by the moderator. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Signed:

Jas. F. Miller, Rev. Carley Findley, Rev. Lester Hilton, Beverli Barton, Janice Roller

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, respectfully submit the following nominations:

Executive Board: 5 year term—Rev. William Buster

Superannuation Board: 5 year term—Rev. Glen Rehkop

Youth Encampment Board: 5 year term—Woodroy Matthew, Chesley Hill (for a 4 year term)

Sunday School-League Board. 3 year term—R. Luther Sanders

State Statistician: —Miss. Leona Thompson

Five Delegates at large to National Association: To be elected from the floor. (Those elected were:—Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. James Barker, Mrs. Marion Willhite, Mrs. H. C. Beasley, and Mrs. C. B. Dees)

Signed:

James Davis, Harry Beatty, Alice Hoover, Glenn Rehkop

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

1. It is appalling that only thirty-eight of our Missouri churches are purchasing their Sunday School literature from the National Sunday School Board in light of the fact that both the National and Missouri State Association have endorsed the Sunday School Board's literature program. We highly recommend this literature to every church in our State and suggest that each local association do the same. Any information can be obtained from Rev. Wm. Mishler, 3801 Richland, Nashville, Tenn.

2. Since there are some eighty churches that are not using the "Every Family Church Plan" to send the Free Will Baptist Gem into the homes of their members, we recommend that these churches adopt the plan, not only the Free Will Baptist Gem, but also for our National Publication Contact.

3. We recommend that each church join in a drive in their own locale to "Clean up" the literature that is being sold in neighborhood drug stores, confectionaries, grocery stores, etc. Most of this literature is vulgar and degenerating, and yet, is being absorbed by the youth of our lands. It is high time that we as a church raised our voice against this evil.

Signed:

Roger C. Reeds, Christina Halbrook, Alta Mikel, Wm. Buster, Dale Jones

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

We recommend:

1. That we strive for a higher standard of Christian conduct, one under the anointing and leadership of the Holy Spirit in all services.

2. That we abstain from conformity to the world in such things as the patronizing of business places dealing with alcoholic beverages, engaging in questionable forms of amusements, and we admonish the Free Will Baptist people to be modest in dress as becomes a Christian.

3. We also recommend that our Christian practices demonstrate temperance and moderation both to the saved and unsaved in our social relationship.

4. We suggest that if there are ministers or members in the Missouri State Association who use tobacco or have any unclean habits, that they pray seriously about this matter, and since these habits weaken their testimony that they be willing to give up the same.

Signed:

Rev. Elmer Turnbough, Rev. Alice Dickey, Dea. Ben Pohnert, John Knapp, Mrs. Paul Williams

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that an offering be taken tonight to be divided equally between the Hannas and the Billows to be used to get them on their respective fields.

2. We recommend that missionary conferences be sponsored by local churches or associations as a stimulus to our missionary program.

3. Whereas November has been designated a national home missions month and whereas April has been designated foreign missions month by the National Association, we recommend that all our churches give a special offering for missions during these months.

4. We recommend that our preachers support the special project to build the Shepherds Station in Africa.

5. We recommend that every church support missions regularly and systematically in addition to that given through the co-operative plan.

6. We recommend that every pastor acquaint himself with the home and foreign missions' families and their respective fields. We further recommend that the people be kept up-to-date on our missionary personnel, their fields, and needs in order that they can pray and give more intelligently.

7. We recommend that regular emphasis be given our missionary program through missionary messages by the pastors and through special prayer meeting on behalf of missions.

Signed:

Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Rolla Smith, Rev. Harvey Hill, Mrs. Luther Sanders, Barbara Johnson

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, your Business Committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that Article 4 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows:

The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, and a clerk-treasurer, said officers shall be elected at the close of each session and hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

2. We recommend that Article 9 of the Constitution be changed to read as follows:

This constitution may be amended at any regular body by a two thirds majority vote of all the members present, after the proposed amendment has laid on the table for one day.

3. We recommend that the money received from the entertainment committee for the National Association be turned into the General Fund with the understanding that should late bills be received by that committee that they be paid out of same fund.

4. We recommend that no person serve simultaneously on two standing boards.

5. In compliance with the request from the Southeast Yearly Meeting, we recommend that By-Law Number 16 be changed to read as follows: Five delegates from each affiliated local association, or yearly meeting; one delegate from each church plus one delegate for each fifty members or larger fraction thereof. Each church which represents must be a member of a local association or yearly meeting holding membership in this body.

6. We recommend that each church give a minimum of 10%

of its total income to the State Co-operative Fund to be allocated the same as last year.

7. Inasmuch as it has become increasingly difficult to secure a suitable place for the meeting of the State Association, we recommend that entertainment of the State Association be placed on a basis similar to that of the National Association, in that all who attend would be responsible for their meals, but the church or association entertaining the State Association furnish bedding facilities as far as possible.

8. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Youth Camp Board for their efforts in entertaining this session of the State Association; also to Bro. Ray Turnage for services as dietician, to the cooks and kitchen help, and to the State Executive Board.

9. We recommend that the following recommendation from the Missions Board be adopted as we have at the present time numerous opportunities to organize new churches in the State of Missouri: We recommend that instead of electing one home mission team each year that the board of Home Missions be granted the permission to operate on a similar basis to that of the National Missions Boards in selecting men for given fields, supervising their work, and getting their support underwritten.

10. We recommend that the present editor of the Gem be retained for one year under the same terms as last year.

We further recommend that the contract with the General Baptist Press be renewed for the coming year.

Signed: Ben Scott, R. B. Spurgeon, Bud Hill, James McCully, O. T. Dixon.

REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

By Secretary-Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$200.23
Money received from Aug. 14, '57 to Aug. 4, '58	472.95

Total receipts	\$673.18
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Disbursements as follows:

Christmas checks, December 10, 1957	\$100.00
Rev. B. F. Brown	\$25.00
Rev. H. C. Crase	25.00
Rev. Elmer Hodges	25.00
Rev. Geo. Scott, Sr.	25.00

Total disbursements	\$100.00
Balance on hand, August 4, 1958	\$573.20

Signed: John D. Long, Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Home Mission Board met September 5, 1957 at 4110 E. 10th St., Kansas City, Mo. Rev. Paul Williams was elected to represent the board in the investigation of incorporating the Missouri State Association, and also to work with our Home Mission's director, Rev. Lester Jones, investigating the probability of the Broadway Plan of finance for new churches.

At 7:30 P. M. we proceeded to the Armourdale Neighbor Center, 743 Osage Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, and organized the New Hope Church with seventeen charter members. Devotional was given by Rev. Alice Dickey, using Psalm 1. The organization message was delivered by Rev. O. T. Dixon. His subject was "The Church" with text from I Peter 2:5.

The Bible was presented by Rev. O. T. Dixon; the Articles of Faith by Rev. Paul Williams; the Church Covenant by Rev. Harry Beatty; and the consecration prayer was offered by Bro. Joe Cockrell. The Constitution and By-Laws was read by Rev. Lester Jones and adopted by the church; thus pledging support to the State Cooperative Program. Rev. Rolla Smith directed the entire organizational meeting. Rev. James McAllister was elected as pastor.

Our State Home Missions team have assisted all the new works in Kansas City, while in full charge of the Beacon Church.

Harry Beatty, Sec.-Treas.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand August 23, 1957	\$199.38
Receipts up to August 21, 1958	211.35
Total	\$410.73

Expenses:

Two phone calls to St. Louis	\$ 7.40
Sword Drill winners (Sylvia Brooks)	25.00
Form letters	4.00
Stamps, envelopes and secretary help	11.25
Sunday School speaker	40.00
League speaker	40.00
State Entertainment Fund	80.00

Total	\$207.65
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Balance in treasury	\$203.08
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Russell B. Spurgeon, Sec.-Treas.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD TREASURER

Harry Beatty, Secretary-Treasurer

General Fund: August 19, 1957 to August 19, 1958

Balance brought forward	\$ 68.18
Co-operative receipts	3531.16
State Auxiliary Convention	69.89
Reimbursed tent rent	30.00
Total	\$3749.23

Disbursements:

Mission Board travel	\$108.00
Telephone	26.93
Tent	80.00

\$214.93

\$3534.30

Home Mission Loan Fund:

Brought forward, 8/19, 1957	\$3352.57
Received from Grant Ave., Church	700.00

\$4052.57

Loan to Churches:

Beacon Church, 1/5, 1958	\$1500.00
Victory Church, 1/14, 1958	1500.00

\$3000.00

\$1052.57

Balance brought forward 8/19, 1957:

Gem Fund	\$567.57
Gem deficit	260.44

307.13

Total in all funds	\$4894.00
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YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 1957 to August 1, 1958

Brought forward from 1956-57	\$1071.80
Received from offering and pledges	2347.88
Received from Dollar-A-Month Club	423.00

Total	\$3842.68
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Expenditures:

Marshfield Bank	\$1000.00
State Home Missions Board	1256.89
Interest	175.00
Lumber Company	238.25
Four acres of ground	100.00
Missionary Insurance	48.15
Camp Insurance property	42.00
Road grading	125.00
Labor	215.38
Expense of Crier pamphlet	73.00
Expense for phone, electric, gas, printing, postage, mileage and Miscellaneous items	359.92

\$3633.59

Balance	\$209.09
Received on pool walk pledge	45.00

Received in Camp Session:

Board and Insurance	\$2024.50
Cold drink stand	712.83
Plaques	32.00

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Woman's Auxiliary

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT W. N. A. C. ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI July 7, 8, 1958

Be it Resolved:

1. That because of the increased growth of our Convention, both in blessings already received and future opportunities afforded us, and because it is impossible to advance in God's service except on our knees, be it resolved that the Auxiliaries be urged to observe the prayer fellowship hour daily and co-operate more fully in the observance of the Weeks of Prayer. (Prayer Fellowship cards may be obtained from the Headquarters office free.)

7. That a slate of District and State officers names, with complete addresses, be sent to the W. N. A. C. office by the Corresponding Secretaries as soon after their respective conventions as possible, even though their present officers are retained for another term.

8. That each Auxiliary be requested to send in a list of their member's names with complete addresses to W. N. A. C. office so that they can be added to the Newsletter mailing list.

9. That the name, "Co-Laborer Station" be accepted for the African Mission Station donated by the women of the W. N. A. C.

13. That an extension circle be formed for shut-ins where necessary to carry out the following activities: programs recommended for shut-ins, for study courses, calendar of prayer, for enlistment, for stewardship, for prayer; and that enlistment chairman work out further details concerning these activities. (Additional information can be obtained from W.N.A.C. office.)

19. In view of the quantity and availability of much obscene literature and indecent literature, we urge that special emphasis be given to the promotion and establishment of church libraries in order to make good books available to the youth of our churches. (For free literature write to: Arthur Zahaniser, Social Action Commission, Office of Affairs, Washington, D. C.)

Partial Report of Finance Committee Adopted

1. Since the Young People's Auxiliaries and the Go-Tell Auxiliaries are a vital part of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention and its constant aims of helping our churches teach and the imparting of missionary education to our young people, and since the

youth groups responded so gladly to their first projects this year, be it resolved that both groups be given a special project for this year:

Moreover, since it is the practice for missionaries to visit as many of our churches in the states as possible and whereas, a Station Wagon would greatly facilitate their means of transportation for such itinerate work, be it resolved that the youth auxiliaries be given this (the giving of offerings for the purchase of a Station Wagon) as a combined project for 1958-59.

Be it further resolved that the purchasing of such a vehicle be left to the discretion of the Foreign Mission Board and that they become custodians of same.

5. (General information concerning the need for missionary residences in Japan was given) Therefore, be it resolved that the W. N. A. C. Project for the year 1958-59 be that of raising \$10,000 under God to be used for the purchase of providing missionary residences in Japan.

WORKSHOP NOTES

It was voted at the recent State Auxiliary Convention that the convention would sponsor a Workshop this year. The Workshop will be conducted by the state officers, and its aim will be to better acquaint the women with the organization and purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary. Also methods of accomplishing these purposes will be presented.

The time and place will be determined by the Executive Committee after they have received invitations. Any district convention desiring to have the Workshop conducted in their district should send their invitation to Mrs. Rolla Smith, 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Missouri, by October the first.

It is hoped that several auxiliaries will be able to benefit from this Workshop.

—Mrs. Rolla Smith, Cor.

STUDY COURSES URGED

Two months of this Auxiliary Convention year have already slipped by. Has your Auxiliary conducted a study course yet?

Studies in six different subjects are recommended by the W. N. A. C. At least five of these are to be conducted in order to reach point eight of the current Yearbook.

A study class may be a single class period in which the entire book is

covered or it may include several class periods.

As State Study Course Chairman, I would like to urge each Auxiliary to participate in at least one Standard Study Course during the year. The standard for such study course may be found on page 151 of the current Yearbook.

It is so easy to excuse ourselves from an obligation of we know nothing of such obligation—but does God excuse us on such grounds? If we would be "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,"—we must "Study."

—Mrs. Rolla Smith, Cor.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Flat River, Mo.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church, July 30, for our Year Book study with ten present. The theme for our study was "Go Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth." Officers were elected for the coming year.

We had a very good year in our auxiliary work, and are praying that with the help of the Lord we may be able to reach out farther this coming year. We have just finished the study on the book Prevailing Prayer.

We desire your prayers that God will bless all of our work for the cause of Christ. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." God bless every one is our prayer.

—Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, Cor.

LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church met at the church, August 7th at 7 P. M.

Services were opened with singing. Iva Treaster, our president, read for a scripture lesson Psalm 2. Prayer by Ruby Boren. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Iva Treaster
Vice-President—Freda Pritle
Sec.-Treas.—Christine Pinkley
Program Prayer Chairman—Beulah Clay
Benevolence—Allie Penrod
Study-Course Chairman—Bernice Hargiss
Youth Chairman—Peggy Davis
Song Leader—Hilda Nichols
Cor.-Sec.—Anna Lincoln
Prayer by Bernice Hargiss. The

subject for the evening was "Go Set A Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth in Japan." Topic one "The Facts Of the Land" by Hilda Nichols; Topic two "The Problems of The Land" Anna Lincoln; Topic three "The Challenge of the Land" Iva Treaster; Topic four "The Call of the Land" Bernice Hargiss. Shintoism was explained by Ruby Boren and Buddhism by Peggy Davis.

Let us pray that more of our women of the church will feel the need of coming out and helping in such a worthy cause.

"Whose shall they be? God's who created them for His pleasure and glory, and whose they rightfully are—or Satan's, god of this world, who has blinded their minds?" We can help answer these questions. (Taken from August lesson).

—Anna Lincoln, Cor.

NEW HOPE AUXILIARY

The New Hope Auxiliary of Kansas met August 5, 1958. The meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Mrs. Bertha Russell and Mrs. Mae Vest. The Program Prayer Chairman took charge of the meeting. Topics were given by Gladys Howard, Lillian Bailey, Helen McAllister, and Ruby McAllister.

There were eleven members present and one new member. Topics were assigned for September.

We were dismissed in prayer by Edith Blair. Refreshments were served after the benediction.

—Helen McAllister, Cor.

THAYER AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met July 22nd at the church for the monthly meeting with eleven members and one visitor present. Business meeting was called to order by the president, Clara Allen. After singing "Throw Out The Life Line" prayer by Helen Underwood. Election of officers for the coming year was as follows:

President—Clara Allen
Vice-President—Nettie Bennett
Youth Chairman—Norene Cross
Study Course Chairman—Lorne Palmer
Program Prayer Chairman—Lucille Beatty
Personal Service Chairman—Louise Caldwell
Recording Secretary—Jean Lau
Corresponding Secretary—Francis Combs

Treasurer—Lorene Pohnert

Lucille Beatty was in charge of the program. Scripture reading from Jeremiah 6:16-19. Topics were given by Norene Cross, Ina Bennett, and Nettie Bennett. Benediction by Francis

Combs. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

—Nettie Bennett, Cor.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary met at 7:30 P. M. July 1, 1958. The meeting opened with singing led by Audrey Reeves. Our president, Georgia Glenn, read for a scripture lesson Jeremiah 6:16-19. Prayer by Maxine Smith. The Study Course Chairman, Audrey Reeves, read the lesson introduction. Topics were read by Lois Chance, Clarabel Lemons, Myrtle Corbin, and Gertie Best. The topics were discussed by the group. Roll call was answered by scripture verses.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurer report given by Myrtle Corbin. Most of the women reported visiting the sick. The proceeds from selling Christmas cards is to be used for building additional Sunday School rooms. We have \$330.00 in our building fund at present.

A duet, "Mansion Over The Hilltop" was rendered by Maxine Smith and Jessie Crowder. The meeting closed with singing "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" while gathering in the altar for dismissal prayer led by Clarabel Lemons. The next meeting will be August 5th.

July 20th our church was privileged to have Rev. Laverene Jones from Lebanon, Mo., along with singers from his church. We enjoyed the quartet singing along with the solo from Janell Jones. Rev. Jones brought an inspiring message at the morning service. Due to sickness Rev. Jones returned to Lebanon, but the quartet remained for the evening service. A large group took dinner at the Smith Park at noon along with the Lebanon visitors. An enjoyable time was had by all present.

July 25th about fifty from the church held our regular monthly services at Sunshine Acres Home. Alice Royster sang a solo. The youngsters in the group sang two numbers and Nancy Lemons played two accordin numbers. Refreshments were served to those present.

We are looking forward to Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, missionaries from India, to be at our church, August 6th.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary met at 7:30 P. M., on Tuesday, August 5, 1958. The meeting opened by singing "Oh Happy Day" and "Whisper A Prayer" led by Hattie Mace. The president, Georgia Glenn, read the scripture

lesson from Psalm 2, Prayer by Clarabel Lemons.

Audrey Reeves assumed charge of the meeting. The following ladies read topics about Japan: Lizzie Patton, Blossom Agee, Jessie Crowder, and Ruth Corday. The business part of our meeting was conducted. A free will offering was received. Roll call was answered with a scripture verse. Nineteen members and one visitor were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Myrtle Corbin gave the treasurer's report. We decided to have a towel shower for our missionaries from India to be at our church August 6. All gathered around the altar for dismissal prayer led by Catherine Draper.

Bro. Carlisle Hanna, our missionary from India, showed pictures of India, and brought an interesting message we all enjoyed very much. Our church was also privileged to have Bro. Arthur Billows preach to us on Sunday night, August 17. He and Mrs. Billows also sang a special. We are so thankful for our missionaries who are willing to give up so much for the sake of lost souls.

A good number of our Auxiliary women, along with others from the church made our regular visit to the Sunshine Acres Home, Friday night, August 22. —Bertha Wolf, Cor.

REVIVALS

Berkeley Church, Berkeley City; Glen Rehkop, evangelist; Harvey Hill, pastor; September 8.

Parkview Church, Desloge; O. T. Allred, evangelist; John Long, pastor; September 28.

Bear Point Church, Sessor, Ill.; Glen Rehkop, evangelist; Wm. Turnbough, pastor; September 29.

Twin Oaks Church, Rt. 2, Fredericktown; Wm. Buster, evangelist; Truman Huffman, pastor; October 6.

Southside Church, St. Louis; Eustance Riggs, evangelist; Roger Reeds, pastor; September 22.

HOME COMING & RALLY DAY

On September 21, we will be holding our regular annual home coming and rally day, hoping to break all attendance records in Sunday School on this day. The Lester Band will be present for the entire day. There will be dinner on the grounds during the noon hour, and the whole day will be planned for your enjoyment. Please keep this day open. If you have someone you would like to have us send a special invitation to for this day, please turn their name and address in as soon as possible.

Berkeley Church Bulletin

News From Our Churches

BRIEF HISTORY OF PARKVIEW CHURCH

Desloge, Missouri

On June 8th, 1958, the new church at Desloge, Mo., was dedicated. All day services were held. Rev. John Long, pastor of the church, brought the morning message, and Rev. James Davis, pastor of the Leadington Church delivered the dedicatory message.

The Parkview Free Will Baptist Church was formerly the Second Missionary Baptist Church of Desloge. When Sister McAdams came and held a meeting there, the church agreed to become a Free Will Baptist Church after withdrawing from the Missionary Association. This church came into the Free Will Baptist denomination thirty years ago with sixteen charter members. Several of the earliest members are still with the church. They are Sister Nettie Laramore, Sister Minnie Hunt, and Brother Jessie Jones. Bro. Jones is our oldest deacon and is still faithful in filling his place in the church.

The former pastors of the church were all invited to the dedication service. Some were unable to attend. Those present were Rev. C. B. Dees, of Bonne Terre Mission, Rev. James Miller of Aulsbury Chapel Church, and Rev. James Barker of Farmington Church. Also visiting with us was the president of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Brother Buryess of Greenville, Tennessee, his family and some young ladies from the orphanage, who furnished special singing for the morning and afternoon services. The Rogers Quartet rendered special songs for the afternoon service.

The Parkview Free Will Baptist Church has much for which to be thankful. From the sixteen charter members, the church has grown to one hundred and thirty active members.

A successful Daily Vacation Bible School program has just been completed with seventy-eight enrolled. Three children accepted Christ during the sessions.

The church has been so blessed and the Psalmist David said.

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that he planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall bring forth fruits in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to shew that the Lord is upright; he is my rock and there is no unrighteousness in him." (Psalm 92:12-15)

—Mary Alice Bowen, Cor.



Rev. John Long

Rev. John Long, pastor of Parkview Church. Rev. Long has been pastor of the Parkview Church for six years and was selected for the seventh. His pastoral work here began in September, 1952. During these years there have been sixty to seventy conversions, and seventy to eighty additions to the church.

REV. O. T. ALLRED WRITES

We have just closed our Indian Creek Association. It was a very successful session, with all churches reporting. Two men were ordained to the ministry, three young men were licensed to preach, one ordained as a deacon, and one man, about sixty years of age, who had been a backslider for a long while, came back to the Lord. The presence of the Lord really blessed the service with much old time shouting and praising the Lord.

I plan to begin a revival at the Sutton Church, near Pocahontas, Arkansas on Sunday night following the State Association. Also will begin one at the Desloge Church, September 4, where Rev. John Long is pastor.

—Rev. O. T. Allred, Cor.

Attend Church Every Sunday!

EVANGELIST AVAILABLE

Rev. James McCully, 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 has equipment for a tent meeting.

READING PROVIDES BELIEVING

Religious tolerance won a tremendous victory in Italy the other day with a court ruling that the Roman Catholic Church is not above the law when it comes to malicious slander by its clergy.

The offense is so repulsive to freedom-loving people that they cannot understand the Catholic Church making an issue of the slander. Even more shocking is the cancelling by Pope XII of ceremonies celebrating the March 12 anniversary of his coronation "in bitterness, sadness and outrage" about the incident.

Those who want to argue that the Roman Catholic hierarchy doesn't want Vatican dictatorship in the United States need but to read this one newspaper report. The old cry of "it can't happen here" has an even more hollow meaning.

Time magazine says one known as a Communist sympathizer, an atheist and a vigorous critic of the church made his fiancée agree to a civil ceremony. The Catholic bishop made the priest of the area read a denunciation of the couple and described the marriage as "the beginning of scandalous concubinage."

The couple sued for libel. Brought into issue was the Lateran Agreement of 1929, giving the Catholic Church a religious monopoly. It is the same agreement that the Roman Catholic Church uses to handicap all Protestant denominations. However, the judges stood in their legal robes instead of kneeling to the Vatican. Court costs plus \$673 in damages were assessed plus a suspended fine for the bishop.

Could it be that even Catholic Italy has had enough of the Vatican dictatorship? Is there any hope that non-Catholics in Spain and other countries can someday have the dignity of a civil wedding ceremony, without Catholic interference?

Only time has the answer for these related questions. In the meantime, we can share with "leading Italian Newspapers" as the Associated Press described them, in warning the Roman Catholic Church to "moderate its anger." We can add a warning that ecclesiastical dictators are as despicable as political dictators.

—The Christian Index

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 Buress
Richwoods	Rev. Floyd Arnold
Old Bethel	Rev. George Hibbitts
Mt. Zion	
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	
Hannon Church	Rev. Harry Sterling
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Blue Eye	Rev. Millard Davis
Union Light	Rev. Curt Johnson
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	Rev. Winford Davis
Hartville	Rev. Charles Findley
Walnut Ridge (Ark.)	Rev. Glen Campbell
Grandby	Rev. R. C. Williams

"Man is that peculiar animal who gets many a hearty laugh out of an old family album and then looks in the mirror without so much as a grin."

You Can Count On Me

Yes, You can count on me to help build the Second Mission station in French West Africa! I want to join my preacher brethren in erecting the SHEPHERD STATION IN the Bondoukou Circle, for the Glory of God and the salvation of souls. I am checking below my proposed contribution to this work of the Lord, to be paid by June 30, 1959.

☐ \$100—Preachers' Part.

One hundred preachers giving one hundred dollars will do the job.

☐ \$50 — ☐ \$25 — ☐ \$———

☐ I am enclosing my check.

☐ I am promising this amount and, Lord willing, will send it on _____.

Name

Address

City Zone State

Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board

3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
Fredericktown	163							
Mt. Pisgah	56	50	54	63	54	56	64	
Coppermines	105	100	90	110	99	100		
Fellowship, Flat River	207	180	181	191	200			
Leadington	123	95	111	127	118			
Desloge								
Farmington	70	49	59	77	73	65	70	
Fourth, St. Louis	50		46					
Old Bethel								
Berkeley City	192	154	151	211	187	156	153	
Richwoods	54	48	58	65	66	69		
Neosho	44	47						
Mountain Grove	271							
Joplin	86	67	66	89	79	69		
Kirksville	100	90	117					
Grant Avenue, Springfield	68	59	64	71				
Hazel Creek			47	40	40	40	50	
Cuba								
Bethel, West Plains	39	34	54	52	58	55		
Twin Oak	55	42	68	65	54	55	66	63
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	43	
Mill Creek	57	47	49	60	53	47	46	
First Church, Kansas City	75	65	75	75	69	66		
Myrtle	60	51	51	53	56			
Overland Church	75	75	89	99	84	88	78	

MINUTES

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Money unrecorded	204.86
	\$2974.19
Expenses	2639.42
	\$334.77
Balance in treasury	\$588.86

Rev. Wm. Reeves, treasurer

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

(July 1, 1957 to July 1, 1958)

Co-operative Fund

Amount received	\$15,660.90
Amount disbursed (as follows)	15,660.90
National Co-operative Fund	\$9,556.25
State Home Missions	3,365.56
Free Will Baptist Gem	822.96
Youth Camp	703.18
State General	783.01
State Superannuation	429.91

Mission Fund

Amount received	\$856.72
Amount disbursed (as follows)	856.72
Foreign Missions	\$599.76
National Home Missions	256.96

Foreign Missions

Amount received	\$1598.89
Amount disbursed	1598.89

F. W. B. Bible College

Amount received	\$209.50
Amount disbursed	209.50

College Kitchen

Amount received	\$29.49
Amount disbursed	29.49

Tennessee Orphanage

Amount received	\$261.07
Amount disbursed	261.07

National Home Missions

Amount received	\$689.47
Amount disbursed	689.47

State Home Missions

Amount received	\$26.93
Amount disbursed	26.93

Youth Camp

Amount received	\$105.91
Amount disbursed	105.91

State Entertainment

Amount received	\$674.89
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Amount disbursed	456.39
Balance	\$218.50

Bicycle Fund

Amount received	\$3.39
Amount disbursed	3.39

African Fund

Amount received	\$43.00
Amount disbursed	43.00

Hanna Fund

Amount received	\$70.00
Amount disbursed	70.00

F. W. B. Gem Fund

Amount received from Co-operative Fund	\$ 822.96
Amount received from subscriptions	1184.58
Amount received from supplies and books	141.33
Amount received from Rev. Harry Beatty	131.43

Total receipts	\$2280.30
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Amount disbursed:

Editor	\$ 720.00
Printing Gem	1559.15
Mailing	38.85
Supplies	32.68
Cuts	15.91
Printing Expiration Cards	13.75
Printing Statements	5.40

Total disbursements	\$2385.74
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Deficit	\$ 105.44
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General Fund

Received from Co-operative Fund	\$ 783.01
Balance from 1957 State Entertainment Fund	218.50
Minute money and gifts	94.71
Youth Camp Loans	1256.89
From Rev. Harry Beatty	218.57

Total receipts	\$2571.68
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Disbursements:

Printing of Minutes	\$105.20
Clerk's Fee	300.00
Supplies, mailing, programs, ribbons	48.86
To Rev. Lester Jones (itinerary work)	106.97
National Association dues	60.00
Gem expense	105.44

Total disbursements	\$726.47
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Balance on hand in General Fund, July 1, 1958	\$1845.21
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Grand total receipts	\$23,801.28
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Grand total disbursements	21,956.07
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Balance in all funds	\$ 1845.21
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Rev. Albert Hallbrook, Clerk-Treasurer
(New Era Bank, Fredericktown, Mo.)**CHRIST'S ROBE**

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shinning through the darkness. I looked up again and, somehow, its light had got into my eyes, for everything I looked upon was all bright and shining with the same radiance of the Robe. I knew then that my Robe, the one Jesus had given me, had been washed in his own precious blood making it a glory around me.

It is no wonder that complete joy and happiness was mine the night that I received Christ's Robe. The moment it touched my body, my soul was released from its prison and soared aloft to meet, and to become as one, with the soul of my dear Lord. This wonderful Robe cleansed me from all sin

and healed my broken spirit. It lifted all of my burdens and caused all worry to flee my mind. It drove all the clouds of doubt away and filled my life with sunshine, for it made me know that my Redeemer liveth.

I have been wearing Christ's Robe for three years now. I have tried to keep it clean, but I'm afraid I haven't always been able to keep it all bright and shining as it was when I first put it on. There have been many times that I have had to have stains removed from it, but it is a Robe that brings unspeakable joy and unending peace to those who wear it and keep it white. It has brought such complete happiness into my life, that I am telling others about it and trying to persuade

them to come to Christ, so that they can wear the Robe too. I wish that everyone in the world could learn about this Robe of Righteousness, which the crucifiers of my Lord were not able to take from him. They will never be able to take it from him or to destroy it, for Christ's Robe is eternal and will be given to all who will accept it.

A little girl was left alone to entertain her mother's visitor while she answered the telephone. When the mother returned to the room, the youngster said, "I showed Mrs. Kelly your new fur coat, Mommy, but she didn't turn green like you said she would."