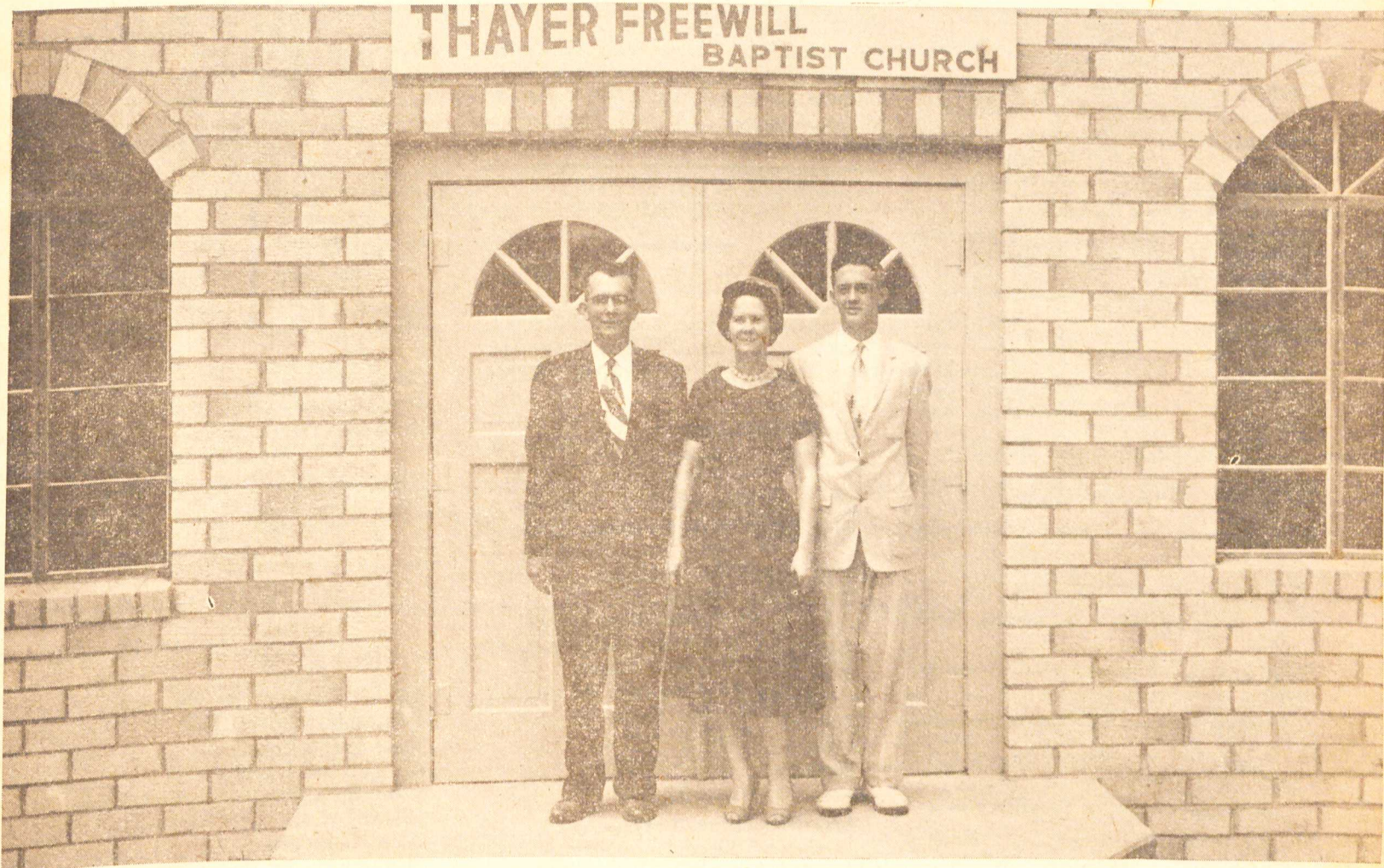


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Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey,
Jr.

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

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Birthdate: December 17

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Mr. Calvery, May 27

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Abashiri Shi
Hokkaido, Japan

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Mr. Hersey, July 20
Philip, June 21
Samuel Ray, Sept. 24

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Minami 2 Chome
1 Danchi
Bihoro Cho, Hokkaido, Japan

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Miss Volena Wilson
Birthdate: March 11

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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

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Kishanganj—Purena District
Bihar Province, North India

—In Language School—

Lonnie and Anita Sparks
Mission Protestante Evangelique
B. P. 54

Goumère par Bondoudou
Ivory Coast, French West Africa
Birthdates: Mrs. Sparks, March 19
Mr. Sparks, Dec. 14

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

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Brazil

South America
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Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo,
Brazil

South America
Birthdates: Mrs. Eagleton,
Mr. Eagleton,
Kenny,

REV. HARVEY HILL REPORTS ON MEXICO VISIT

Well here I am back safely from my Home Mission trip to Old Mexico with a greater burden for missions than ever before.

First, let me say that we of the National Home Mission Board wish to thank the churches and friends that made our trip to Mexico possible. It was only through your special contributions that we were able to go. This trip has certainly challenged us as never before in the importance of our Mexico effort. I only wish it were possible for each of you to go to Monterrey and see how God is working through the Billows in this important venture.

The need is so great that I am unable to picture it in words, for the field is ripe already to harvest. Our Board was challenged as we saw the tremendous responsibility that is now ours in this field. The city of approximately 450,000, which is largely controlled by the Catholics, offers to Free Will Baptists one of the greatest challenges of any mission fields. God has opened the doors to Free Will Baptists, and may we accept our responsibility by giving of our means.

Some of the things that we saw there, we are unable to put in writing for sin and ignorance are raging in this country. However, our hearts were made to rejoice as we saw the wonderful work the Billows are doing.

We saw his little boarded up building with hard, crude benches filled to overflowing each service, and on Sunday morning there was hardly standing room. People were even standing outside looking in the doors and windows. My, how our hearts were filled to overflowing as we heard the Mexicans singing, "How Great Thou Art," and as we saw the many teen age boys and girls, as well as older folks singing, praying, and testifying with tears streaming down their cheeks for joy because Christ had come into their hearts. You can be sure your Home Mission Board members shed tears of joy with them. It was some of the most powerful services I have ever been in.

One of the greatest needs in Monterrey is a new building large enough to accomodate the many Mexicans who want to hear of the saving power of Christ. Five to ten thousand dollars is desperately needed as soon as possible to erect a suitable building and only you can make that a reality.

There are so many things I would like to tell you, but space will not permit it.

Some of the highlights of this mission survey are as follows:

We were able to organize the Mexi-

can work into a full fledged Free Will Baptist Church with 38 charter members. We had 4 saved while we were there, and on Sunday, May 24, we baptized 17. Plans for a Daily Vacation Bible School were made and 300 are expected to attend. Oh, what an opportunity is ours as Free Will Baptists. What will we do about it? Plans are under way to see what can be done in buying land for a building and many plans were laid for future expansion of our Mexican Home Mission Field.

The Board also met while there in their semi-annual meeting and laid many plans which you will be hearing through our Director of Missions.

I only wish it were possible to tell you of the many experiences we had while in Mexico and the needs of that field. Maybe I can come your way some time with the slides I took while there and show them to you and tell you of this needy field. Several churches have already asked me for a service, and I will be glad to come your way if time can be arranged. Only a free will offering for Home Missions is asked. Write me for additional information: Rev. Harvey E. Hill, 8912 Springdale, Berkeley 34, Mo.

Yes, the needs in the Mexican field are great and the opportunity beyond even our expectation if only we as Free Will Baptists will arise to this great challenge and take our stand in supporting National Home Missions so that we can even do more in the future. Remember, We, as a Board, can only do what you make it possible for us to do. What will you do about it?

Yes, this was a trip I will long remember because of its challenge to me. In sending money to any of our missionaries, we suggest you send it through the National Home Mission office—3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee—and ear mark it for the missionaries, general account. Please do not send it directly to the missionary.

In closing may I urge each of you to put National Home Missions on your budget and send in your offerings regularly to the above address.

Thanks for your prayers and financial help. May God richly bless you in your work for Him.

Yours for greater Home Missions,
—Rev. Harvey Hill

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Gerald Chester, Student at F. W. B. B. College, Nashville, Tenn. The Home Mission Board is very important. I feel that it is more important than most of our Free Will Baptists believe.

Home Mission importance was never minimized, criticized or over-

looked by our Lord Jesus Christ. Rather, Christ placed particular emphasis upon the need for missionaries to the Homeland in the fifth chapter of Mark where the Gaderene demoniac was miraculously cured through the power of God in Christ Jesus. This man who had previously lived as an outcast among the tombs now desires to be ever present with Christ.

It was not that Jesus did not believe in the man's sincerity, nor was it because He did not believe in his abilities, but it was because he was of greater value elsewhere did Christ say, "Go home to thy friends and tell them. . . ." Often these challenging words are given to those whom God calls for mission work in similar contrast to his own desire. Sometimes God can receive greater glory out of our lives as a witness merely in our homes than he can in some far distant land. Perhaps, Christ was showing that these Gadarenes, who had caused Christ to leave their coasts, needed such a witness. This healed man became one of the first Home Missionaries.

Not only is Home Missions important because Christ endorsed it, but just think of how few missionaries there would now be in foreign lands if it were not for the furthering and founding of the gospel in the homeland. From where would the support come? From where would the missionaries come?

Both Home and Foreign Missions depend upon each other and work together as the members of the physical body do. However, I do believe that a well established Home work should be first in order that there might be an effective Foreign work. Just as Jesus commanded his disciples to begin at Jerusalem, so must we begin at home.

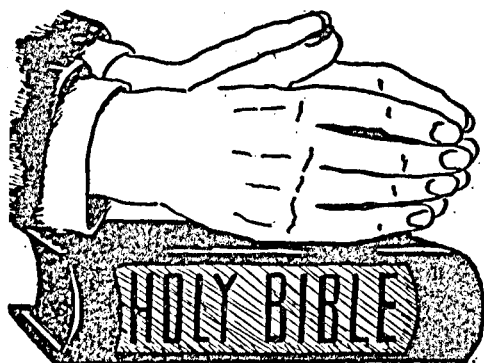
There is no doubt in my mind that if we Free Will Baptists are to do our part in evangelizing the world, we must begin on the home field.

Christmas, my child, is love in action When you love someone, you give to them, as God gives to us. The greatest gift He ever gave was the Person of His Son, sent to us in human form so that we might know what God the Father is really like! Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas!

Dale Evans Rogers in
CHRISTMAS IS ALWAYS
(Fleming H. Revell Company).

Life is soon past; it is only what we give that will last. The only way I know how to serve Christ is to serve MAN in His name.

The Family Altar



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that the Youth Camp may have funds to enlarge much needed facilities and for Rev. and Mrs. Reeves, the care-takers. (Isaiah 54:2)

Pray for the State Association to convene August 17-20, and for the Cave Springs Association which is entertaining it. (Heb. 10:25)

Pray for the Immanuel Bible Institute and for its future plans. (II Tim. 2:15)

Pray for the Christian youth of our nations that they may remain steadfast in Christ. (I Cor. 15:58)

Pray for our ministers that have been afflicted in body and for those old age. (Heb. 13:3)

Pray for the home missionaries from our state, Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite of East Wenatchee, Washington, and for Rev. and Mrs. R. Luther Sanders, accepted candidates for Hawaii. (Eph. 6:18-19)

Pray for the Billows of Mexico, the Whaleys of Alaska, the workers of Arizona-Mexico Mission, and all other Home Missionaries. (Acts 13:2)

Pray for our foreign missionaries, located in Africa, Brazil, Cuba, India, Japan, and Spain. (I Thess. 4:2-3)

HOW SPIRITUAL IS YOUR TV?

This test is not intended to snipe at television or television viewers. Its basis is simply this: We as Christians must decide, regarding every new invention, whether our use of it increases or decreases our devotion to Christ.

We must realize also that devotion to Christ cannot be measured by doing this or not doing that.

But what we do and what we do not do, often are signposts of how we are in our minds and hearts.

Now go on with the test. Check the answers honestly. You'll find your score at the end.

1. I have watched programs in my home which I would not go into a building outside of my home to watch. () Yes. () No.

2. After my children have gone to bed, I have watched programs I would not like to have them know I had seen. () Yes. () No.

3. I have scheduled committee or other meetings at the church on certain nights that would not conflict with my favorite TV programs. () Yes. () No.

4. TV programs have decreased my attendance at the midweek prayer services or other meetings of our church. () Yes. () No.

5. Time spent in our family devotions has remained equal to or above that prior to our having TV. () Yes. () No.

6. I have taken on added responsibilities at our church since we obtained our TV set. () Yes. () No.

7. My children tend to talk more about people they see on TV than of what they might have received in Sunday school or church. () Yes. () No.

8. My reading of the Bible, Christian books, and magazines has suffered through time spent watching TV. () Yes. () No.

9. Purchase of our TV set and meeting the payments on it has forced me to cut down on my giving to the church or other religious causes. () Yes. () No.

10. I have resented people paying us visits while favorite programs were on and we could not watch them. () Yes. () No.

11. I have contributed financially and through prayer to keep religious programs on TV. () Yes. () No.

12. I have caught myself thinking of TV programs or characters while listening to a sermon. () Yes. () No.

13. The beer and cigarette commercials have created problems in our home as regards our children. () Yes. () No.

14. Certain programs have so intrigued me that I have postponed—sometimes for weeks—work in our home that I know I should have completed. () Yes. () No.

15. All things considered—time, money, church attendance, burden for the unsaved, missionary giving, etc.—I feel that my growth as a Christian or my service to Christ has been benefited by our having television in our home. () Yes. () No.

Answers

Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14 should have been checked NO; questions 5, 6, 11 and 15 should have been checked yes.

For each correct answer, you deserve six points: If question 15 was one of those you answered properly, give yourself an additional 10 points.

Here's how you rate:

90-100—That antenna fits you like a halo.

80-90—Take this test again next month and see which way you're heading.

70-80—your picture is sliding out of focus.

50-70—You need will power. But a padlock on the door of your TV set would help.

Under 50—Sell that TV set and don't quibble about the price.

Mel Larson

—Congregational Methodist Messenger

POCKETBOOK VS. BODIES

Some time ago a man was giving us his excuses as to why he did not attend church regularly. Among other things he said, "Preacher, I may not attend as regular as I should, but I want you to know my pocketbook always goes. I never fail my church with my money."

Well now, that was right nice in the man, pocketbooks need to go to church, but we have a feeling that a real live body needs to come along with them. Suppose everybody stayed at home and sent their pocketbooks to church. Pocketbooks don't sing, so the preacher would have to do all the singing. In as much as pocketbooks don't pray, the preacher would have to do all the praying. The pocketbook couldn't even take the collection; the preacher would have to do that.

We suppose it would be an inspiring scene to stand in the pulpit and look into the faces of all the pocketbooks that fill the pews. We wonder what the preacher's text would be.

Yes, the church sadly needs pocketbooks, but it needs even more; live bodies to come along with them. The church needs people, but people need the church more. The man is to be appreciated because he remembers his church in a financial way, even if he is not interested enough to attend. It is possible for a church to subsist without pocketbooks, but it cannot subsist without people. Bring your pocketbook and come to church!

—Rev. L. D. Ballard in Hope Chapel Visitor, Marshall, Texas

We are all making one of three things—a failure, a living, or a life. Most people make a failure, many make a living, but only a few make a life.

YOUTH CAMP RECORDS BROKEN

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Missouri State Youth Camp broke all records as to numbers that enrolled, and as to numbers who professed faith in Christ. Three Hundred and forty-six students and adults enrolled and there was a total of seventy-eight who came forward both to receive Christ and to re-dedicate their lives to Christ. The break down of the figure seventy-eight was approximately forty-four who received Christ for the first time and thirty-four for re-dedication. The high light of the Youth Camp was on Tuesday evening when sixty persons came forward, some to be saved and some to dedicate their lives to God. It started from a cottage prayer meeting which was held previous to the evening service.

The Camp Evangelist was Rev. Harvey Hill, pastor of Berkeley City Church, Berkeley, Missouri and also promotional secretary for the Youth Camp. Rev. Reford Wilson, Pochontas, Arkansas, who had previously been chosen for that position could not come because of the illness of his father-in-law, and Rev. Hill was chosen just previously to the beginning session. Rev Hill proved a blessing in that position.

For the first time an advanced course was offered with Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor of Third Church, St. Louis, as teacher. Rev. Smith taught "Christian Young People's Problems". For the first three days Rev. Smith taught thirty two students who were transported to the Niangua church where the classes were held. However, the course proved so important that on the last two days approximately one hundred-twenty were transported to the class. Of the value of the class we will sum it up by giving the words of one of the many students who said, "I now know how to choose, between the right and wrong."

It would consume much time to mention all the work of the personnel and of the happenings, so in closing we give to you once again the personnel of the camp and extend to each of them our "Thank You" for serving.

Supervisory Staff:

General Superintendent—Rev. Roger Reeds.

Principal of Teaching—Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Registrars—Patty Drennan and La Rue Horn.

Music Director—Rev. Bud Hill

Pianist—Dale Highfill

Camp Chaplain—Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Cabin Sponsors—Rev. and Mrs. James McCully.

Swimming Pool Supervisors—Rev.

Paul Williams.

First Aid—Kenneth Reeves.

Refreshment Stand Supervisor—Bonnie Deatherage.

Evangelist—Rev. Harvey Hill.

Playground Recreational Activities:

Seniors—Rev. Harvey Hill.

Juniors—Rev. Elmer Turnbough

Dining Room and Kitchen Staff—

Mrs. Freda Sells, Mrs. Stella Walton,

Mrs. Doris Thompson.

Advance Course—Rev. Rolla Smith.

Teachers for Seniors and Intermedi-

ates: Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. Ben Scott,

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, and Rev. Elro

Driggers.

Juniors—9-10.

Teachers: Rev. Wm Turnbough and

Mrs. Rolla Smith.

Primary Department:

General Superintendent—Miss

Louise Underwood.

Teachers: Mrs. Margaret Wantland,

Mrs. Hazel Hutsell, Mrs. Keith John-

son, Mrs. Jesse Dunkin, and Mrs.

Christina Halbrook.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT AT YOUTH CAMP

As General Superintendent of the Primary Department of the 1959 session of Youth Camp, I would like to express my appreciation for a job well done to Mrs. Christine Halbrook, our flannelgraph instructor, and also to our teaching staff, Miss Hazel Hutsell, Mrs. Margaret Wantland, Mrs. Jessie Dunkin, and Mrs. Barbara Johnson.

Our theme was **Children of the Bible.**

A total of 31 children were enrolled in the Primary Department.

It was a privilege as well as a pleasure to have worked with an age group where truths learned will have left a lasting impression.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

—Louise Underwood

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

The Southeast Yearly Meeting will meet at the Fellowship F. W. B. Church, August 6-8, with Rev. Elro Driggers as host pastor. The meeting will begin August 6, Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. with Rev. Darnell of Fredericktown as the introductory speaker and Rev. H. C. Beasley, formerly of Flat River, as alternate.

The meeting will be called to order by the clerk, Rev. Albert Halbrook of Mine La Motte. Rev. Glenn Rehkop, pastor of the Copper Mines Church, Rt. 3, Fredericktown, will give the devotions with Bro. Robert Dodd, member of the Fellowship Church, giving

the welcome address and Rev. C. Reeds, pastor of the South Side Church, St. Louis, the response.

The Yearly Meeting is comprised of three quarterly meetings; namely, Madison County, St. Francois County and St. Louis District. A total of twenty-five to thirty churches are in these quarterly meetings. Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor of Third Church, St. Louis, is moderator and Rev. Harvey Hill, pastor of the Berkeley Church, Berkeley City, is assistant-moderator.

An invitation is extended to all over the State, but especially we appeal to the constituents or members who make up this Yearly Meeting to attend.

—Albert Halbrook, Clerk

TWO MISSIONARY MOTHERS LOSE BABIES

Our Foreign Mission office was saddened recently when the news came from two of our foreign fields, (Africa and Japan) that Mrs. Margaret Merkh and Mrs. Evelyn Hersey had given still birth to baby boys.

Of course it could be merely incidental that such should happen to two of our own missionaries, within the same month, but on the other hand it could have happened to remind us to **pray** more for these who serve under great strain.

Both families are resting in Romans 8:28 and our latest news tells that both mothers are doing fine.

—Raymond Riggs

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

The State Sunday School and League Board has announced plans for one of the most outstanding programs in several years for the State Sunday School and League Convention this year.

Hear inspiring messages from some of Missouri's own outstanding preachers. Bring your Sunday School and League problems to this clinic and workshop conducted by Bro. Ray Turnage, National League Promotional Secretary. See our young people in action in the State Sword Drill.

All of this and much more at the Missouri State Sunday School and League Convention at Thayer, Mo., on August 17th and 18th.

He who fails to master a bad habit wakes up to the fact that the bad habit masters him. Multitudes of people are slaves to bad habits, therefore defeat holds them in its grasp.

Eternal rewards will be given for what we did, not for what we talked about doing.

From the Editor's Desk

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists will be held with the Cave Spring Association at the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church, Thayer, Mo., August 17-20. The Sunday School and League Convention will convene Monday evening 8:00 P. M., August 17, with the evangelistic rally message by Rev. O. T. Dixon, pastor of the Mountain Grove Church, Mountain Grove, Mo. Mr. Ray Turnage, Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary of National League Board, will appear on the program throughout the day.

On Tuesday evening, August 18, the State Association proper will convene, with devotions led by Rev. Roger Reeds, pastor of the South Side Church, St. Louis. The welcome address will be delivered by Rev. Davie Combs, pastor of Bethel Church, West Plains, and the response given by Rev. Wm. Buster, Pastor of Hazel Creek Church, Rt. 2, Kirksville. In the absence of Rev. James Davis chosen to deliver the introductory message, and Rev. R. Luther Sanders, the alternate, Rev. Elro I. Driggers, pastor of the Fellowship Church, Flat River, will deliver the introductory message.

Since this year each one attending is expected to furnish his own eats, there is no appeal for State Entertainment Funds. Therefore, EACH CHURCH IS ASKED TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF HER DELEGATES.

The Cave Springs Association is making provisions for beds and sleeping accommodations. Make plans to attend this association.

HOME MISSION NEWS

June 24, 1959

OUR WITNESS TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

The National Board of Home Missions has recently approved the appointment of Bro. Kenneth M. and Louise Walker, as our witness in the nation's capital.

A Free Will Baptist church in this city has been the desire of many for some time. May this announcement kindle the flame of that desire anew.

Any such effort calls for more co-operation of our Free Will Baptist people everywhere, especially those of an immediate concern.

If you live in Washington D. C., or nearby, or if you know of someone

who does, and would be interested in this church effort, please write to:

Kenneth M. Walker
Rt. 3, Box 170
Cedar Hill, Tenn.

Free Will Baptists, can we depend on you to help us establish this witness in our nation's capital? Will you rally to this cause by praying, giving, or cooperating to the best of your ability? This is OUR endeavor!

Note: Rev. Kenneth M. Walker graduated from the Free Will Baptist College in 1958, and is now serving as pastor of Head's Free Will Baptist Church in Cedar Hill, Tenn.

CAVE SPRINGS ASSOCIATION EXTENDS WELCOME TO STATE ASSOCIATION

The churches of the Cave Springs Association further extends the invitation to you to attend the State Association, to be held at Thayer. We offer our homes and beds for your stay there, and we have a good number of restaurants, cafes, and eating places in Thayer and Mammoth Springs, Ark., only two miles south of Thayer. Also some modern motels for those that choose them. Thayer is on Highway 63. Highway 19 intersects 63 one mile north of Thayer, and Highway 142 intersects in Thayer.

REV. DALE JONES ACCEPTS PASTORATE

The Rev. Dale Jones of Lebanon, Mo., has accepted the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Emerson and Cedar Streets, in Flat River.

The Rev. Jones, his wife, Faron, and their two children, David and Beth, moved into the church parsonage on Cedar Street. He delivered his first sermon at his new church last Sunday morning.

Rev. Jones comes to the Flat River Church from the Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, where he had served as pastor for the past ten years. During his ministry there, the church grew materially and spiritually. A new church building was constructed which included facilities for the various class rooms.

The church members are graciously welcoming their new pastor and his family.

If a man is too busy to worship God on Sunday, and to go to prayer meeting, he has more business than God intended he should have.

—Biblical Recorder

ASSOCIATIONAL DATES

MISSION ASSOCIATION: Thursday evening before the second Sunday in August.

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION: Tuesday evening before the second Sunday in August.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION: Tuesday morning before the first Sunday in August.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION: Thursday evening before the fourth Sunday in July.

INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION: Tuesday evening before the second Sunday in August.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI AND NORTHEAST KANSAS ASSOCIATION: Thursday evening before the second Sunday in August.

NIANGUA ASSOCIATION: Thursday evening at 3 o'clock before the second Sunday in August.

LACLEDE ASSOCIATION: Thursday before the third Sunday in August.

CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION: Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in July.

SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION: Thursday evening before the second Sunday in August.

FACTS TO CONSIDER

Here are some staggering facts for every New Testament church to consider:

9 percent of the world's population is English speaking. But this 9 percent already has:

90 percent of all the Christians in the world,

94 percent of all full-time Christian workers in the world, and gets

96 percent of every dollar given to the Lord's work. This means that

91 percent of the world's population has only

6 percent of all the full-time Christian workers. And for this work among 91 percent of the people of the world, the church gives only

4 percent of every dollar given to the Lord's work.

God has a job for us to do. It is to evangelize the world. May God help us to keep it in the same place in our plans that He has it in His—at the very heart.

—Conservative Seminarian

True freedom is not to do as one pleases but as God pleases.

The sun sets early for those who live in the valley.



WHAT THE YOUTH CAMP HAS MEANT TO ME

(Editor's Note: These testimonies were passed on to us by Rev. Bud Hill, a teacher of the Seniors and Intermediates at the Youth Camp.)

Youth Camp has meant a lot to me because I was saved. I like the classes and church services best of all. I am so happy that everyone in our cabin is a Christian. Our teachers taught us about soul winning for Jesus.

—Joy Louise Brewer

We have had lots of fun at camp, but of course we had to study, too. I have met new friends and we have had fun swimming with them.

I have had a great blessing out of the services. I know I will come back every year if I possibly can.

—Connie Heckendorn

Youth Camp has meant so much to me. I couldn't even begin to tell about it. It started when I heard from La Rue Horn how wonderful this camp was. I wasn't too interested about coming, but as soon as I got here and heard one of the messages, something got hold of my heart and told me to be saved and take God as my personal Saviour. Ever since that day I have trusted God. I'm not too good at talking to people about being saved, but with God on my side we will win the fight with Satan. Since I came to Youth Camp in 1957 I have tried to serve God and do my best in helping win souls for God. I've also gotten a lot out of the services of Kenneth Turner as he talked of God's message through his tricks. If God is willing I will preach the word of God.

—Don Smith

I have enjoyed Youth Camp because of the good teachers. We learned about Jesus. This was wonderful.

—Teddy Turnbough

What Youth Camp has meant to me is that I dedicated my life to God Tuesday. It has opened up a whole new life for me. We have had a lot of fun. I especially liked the classes and the sermons. I like Youth Camp

and plan to come back to every one I can.

—Janet Barton

Youth Camp has given me a chance to learn about different things. It has meant that I can help others to become Christians. It also gives you a chance to have a lot of fun and experiences. It also gives you a chance to get acquainted with other Christians and to learn how a Christian should learn how to act. It also teaches me more things about helping others to be saved.

—Cheryl Comstock

The Free Will Baptist Youth Camp has meant a lot to me. It was here that I was converted, and I dedicated my life to Jesus for a special service. All the time I have been here I have been taught to be a better Christian and each year I feel closer to the Lord after each session.

—Jimmy Williams

Fun, excitement, happiness, and fellowship are some of the things which I enjoyed at this Youth Camp session. I have truly enjoyed the classes and services at night. This Youth Camp session, the last one I probably will attend, has meant much to me. I am from Northeast Missouri and I can't get used to the lizards, toads, bugs, and other little animals that I have seen.

One of the important things which I liked was eating, the food was very good.

I have met many new friends, and truly have enjoyed this year's Youth Camp session.

—Patty Brennan

Youth Camp has been a great experience for me. It brings me closer to God. I have been here for three years and I have enjoyed every minute of it. If it wasn't for Youth Camp there would be so many young people unsaved that would be here. I'll never forget one night of Youth Camp this year, because in one night service there were sixty saved. So I feel that I just couldn't get along without it.

Youth Camp also gives us a chance

to meet Christian friends. It helps me to help others to come to Christ.

—Lou Ann Edwards

Youth Camp really means the most to me. You can meet new friends, get experience of being away from home, to go to church and listen to wonderful sermons, and to sing praise unto Jesus our Saviour.

Mostly I like the activities. It is fun to be active once in a while, to really have fun in other words. Even if it is only a game or so, it is lots of fun.

Most important is the schedule. At all times there is something to do. I really like the cabin prayer meeting because it is a time to sing, and to pray, and to read the Bible.

I will be very unhappy when Youth Camp is closed because it is so much fun.

YOU SAY

By Lola M. Newman

"If I had a million dollars, I'd be generous as could be; I'd give to all the missions, and raise my pastor's fee."

"If I had a million dollars, I'd put cushions in all the pews, And maybe buy a furnace, or fix the old one's flues."

Oh! there isn't any question if a million were your lot, It's what are you doing Brother, with the dollar you have got.

In the years when the Koreans writhed under the heel of Japanese occupation a Methodist pastor said to a missionary, "There must be something wrong with our church. There are thirty-seven Presbyterians in jail and only one Methodist. I fear the Lord does not count us worthy of suffering persecution."

Frank S. Mead in **TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE**

(Fleming H. Revell Company).

Most people live as though they thought heaven was a cleaning plant, but the cleaning must take place here by accepting Christ as your personal Saviour.

News From The Mission Field

MORE M. K's

On May 3, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid, of Tokyo, Japan, became the proud parents of a new baby girl, Penelope Ann. She is the pride and joy of her brother, Peter, and two sisters, Nancy and Darlene. This brings our missionary family of M.K.'s (Missionary Kids) to nineteen. Of course this always brings a greater financial responsibility, so please pray for the Lord to supply. Just think of what these young lives may mean to the cause of Christ, on the mission fields of the world.

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SHEPHERD STATION

I hate to remind you again of this matter, but of this date we only have \$2,699.65 to build our second station in Africa. You remember this was to be our Preachers project, and the amount needed is \$10,000.00. Have you given your part? Already, Bro. Merkh has started the work, and soon we must send the money. Surely, of the nearly three thousand preachers on our list, we can raise this amount to build quarters for our missionaries. Your gift is needed now. Why not ask your Church for a sizeable amount, and bring it to the Foreign Mission booth during the National Convention?

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CALLING ALL BUSINESS MEN

We must build a third station in Africa sometime during 1960. We are including \$10,000.00 in our next year's budget for this purpose. In almost every Free Will Baptist Church there is at least one business man who usually gives to the Lord's work from the profits of his business. We would like to appeal to that business man in your church and we will do the rest. We would of course, want him to give through your church.

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ADVANTAGES OF MISSIONARY LITERATURE

"It is never a foreign missionary. It is at home anywhere.

It is not limited by class language, party, or denomination.

It is not required to have a passport or visa.

It is part of the culture it is designed to reach.

It is positive and never argues or compromises.

It repeats its message over and over

again.

It is free from physical limitations, never grows tired or sick, and needs no vacation or furlough."

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MISSIONARY LITERATURE

Today the Communist are spreading their literature in every country in the world. Today thousands of new literates are being made every day. What will they read? It is up to the Christians of the world to provide Christian literature for "Untold Millions yet Untold."

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ALL OF US WERE ASTONISHED

V. Wilson, S. India

"We have finished with all our VBS work except for two more villages. Those which have closed enrolled 400 children and there will be about 50 children in the other two villages where VBS will be conducted. Our V. B. Schools have been the best we've ever had this year and many people were blessed. Over in our Gopalapuram work there were 8 who made definite decisions. Their testimonies on the last day of the VBS were most inspiring. We praise the Lord for His blessing upon that VBS and the others. The attendance and interest were splendid. All of us were astonished."

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THREE LOBIS PRAYED!

Lonnie Sparks

Things here are encouraging. I could not have said this as heartily 2 days ago. The group here in Goumère needs a lot of prayer. This town is very wicked and probably almost every sort of vice can be found. The devil does not want a strong witness here. We were to the place where we thought that we were going to have to start all over again, except for the children who stood firm. The elders, (if you could call them that other than in reference to their age) seemed to be defeated and were giving some trouble. It became very discouraging, but we knew that God had allowed this to happen in order that He might be glorified. Today, things took on a new light. The elders seemed to have had a change of mind and things seem to be settled. At Church tonight, 3 Lobis prayed, one of whom impressed me very much. Through all of these problems, the enthusiasm of the Christians

at Karaka where about 10 young men and two older ones stepped out for Christ a few weeks ago. Also, the group at Bondoukou has encouraged me. We are trying to start a children's class for the children of the two men who attend the class. Pray for both of these groups.

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WORLD POPULATION

Figures concerning world population are being widely distributed, and their implications in various fields of endeavor are widely discussed. At the time of the birth of Christ it is estimated that there were 350 million people on the whole earth. At present there are 2.8 billion. The rate of increase has now reached a startling 50 million per year, which means that in just seven years the increase is equal to the whole earth's population in A. D. 1. Red China now has a population of about 600 million with an annual net gain of about 13 million (in spite of the hundreds of thousands killed in their purges). If this increase continues there will be a billion Chinese Reds in about 35 years. M. N. S.

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BRAZIL CHURCH

24 Decisions for Christ!

"We are glad to be able to report of God's blessings on the work. This past weekend we had three nights of special service that we have already written you about. There was an average attendance of 154, with 220 present Sunday night. There were twelve professions that night with a total of twenty-four for the three days. The services were well advertised and, needless to say, many visitors were in attendance. Many of those present had to stand all during the three hour service Sunday night. We are rejoicing for the way the work is progressing."

—Dave Franks

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CHECK YOUR POCKETBOOK

What I really mean is, please note the financial report, and check the amount that your state has paid toward its 1959 quota for foreign missions. Remember, the year is almost half out. We certainly have not reached the half-way mark, so please take the lead and remind your people of our responsibility to our missionaries, and to the millions who have never heard the gospel. God bless you Bro. Preacher, we are depending upon you to help us in this all important work. See you in Asheville, the "Land of the Sky."

Yours for souls everywhere,

—Raymond Riggs

General Director-Treas.

N. E. MO. FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Hazel Creek Church May 31, 1959. Following the Sunday School hour the worship service opened by congregational singing. Choruses were led by Sister Maizie Sevits. Prayer by Rev. Stella Gates. After the congregational hymn "O How I Love Jesus", Rev. J. E. Corey led in prayer. Rev. Alta Mikel delivered the eleven o'clock message using for the Scripture lesson Psalms 46. She delivered a good message in "Intercessory Prayer". At the close of the message an invitation was given. Benediction by Bro. Wendell Sevits.

A basket dinner was served at the noon hour, after which the congregation came together for the afternoon session. Following a congregational hymn, Rev. J. E. Corey led in prayer. The theme of the session was "All Out for Christ". The president, Sister Velma Wellman, read Philippians 3:8-15 for the Scripture lesson. Prayer by Sister Wellman. Following a congregational hymn, the minutes of the last meeting was read. Letters from the Hazel Creek and Kirksville Auxiliaries were read for information. The next meeting were read. Letters from the Mendota Church with Rev. William Buster to deliver the eleven o'clock message and Rev. Stella Gates, alternate.

An offering of \$20.85 was received for the orphanage at Greenville, Tenn. The program for the afternoon was as follows: Reading, "Our Duty to the Heathen" by Sara Mae Byrd; solo, "Long Ago" by Mrs. Arlene Clay; topic, "Launch Out into the Deep" by Mrs. Joan Filkins, congregational number; play, "The Arizona-Mission Drive" was given by Martinstown and Mendota; topic, "All Out of Self, All into Christ" by Sister Blanche Matthews; song, "Living for Jesus"; solo, "The Love of God" by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. A Bible quiz was conducted by Miss Kay Wagner. Mrs. Maizie Sevits led the young people in choruses. Benediction by Rev. Kermit Crooks.

—Miss Leona Thompson, Cor.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Northwest Missouri and the Northeast Kansas Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Mt. Zion Church for its Quarterly Meeting May 31, 1959.

The morning service was opened with the congregation singing, "Bring Them In". The morning message was delivered by Rev. Wm. Reeves. After the message a fellowship handshake was enjoyed while singing, "Jesus

Paid It All". The service was closed with prayer.

After a bountiful dinner the congregation convened with singing "Send The Light" and "There Is Power In The Blood". Prayer by Rev. Stanley Letterman, followed by hymn, "Tell It To Jesus". Rev. Melba White gave the devotional using James 1 for the scripture.

Mrs. Georgia Shuster gave the offertory prayer after which an offering of \$16.00 was received. The minutes were read and approved. Curtis Coffey gave a report of our cabins at Youth Camp. Freeman Chapel was chosen as place for the next meeting. The election of officers was as follows: President, Mrs. Quinten Thomas; Vice-President, Mrs. Marks Tyer; Secretary and Treasurer, Janette Tyer.

After the business meeting the following program was enjoyed by all: Solo, "Do You Know Where God Lives?" by Doris Kay Thomas; song, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus", by Eva Coffey; Joyce Whitely, Norma Thomas, and Doris Kay Thomas; solo, "I Need No Mansion Here," by Mrs. Quinten Thomas.

Pictures of the Youth Camp from the time of its beginning until the present was shown by Rev. Reeves.

After the program the congregation joined in singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and the session was closed with all repeating "The Lord's Prayer".

—Janette Tyer, Cor.

RICHWOODS SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Richwoods Sunday School held its annual picnic at the Washington State Park on June 20. We arrived at the park about 10 A. M. with about 65 attending. The young people played ball, the tiny folks played on the playground equipment and the adults visited with each other. A delicious meal was enjoyed at noon.

The following visitors were present: Mrs. Irene Lamprecht and sons of Fenton, Mo., Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Arnold and girls from St. Louis, and Rodella Roach of Desloge, Mo. The pastor, Rev. Bob Wright, and his family of East St. Louis, Illinois were present also.

In the afternoon cold sodas were served to all and the young people played another ball game. Bro. John Ackerson and Bro. A. C. Much almost yelled their throats sore for their ball teams.

We thank God for our good Sunday School superintendent, Bro. Clarence Sahn. He is a consecrated young man, faithful and loyal to the cause of Christ, always working hard for the

betterment of the Sunday School and for the salvation of the lost.

We all left the park around 3 P. M. encouraged and ready to work harder for our Sunday Schools. May God bless all!

—Sophia Ackerson, Cor.

N. E. MO. LEAGUE RALLY

The Northeast Missouri League Rally met Saturday night, May 30, with the Hazel Creek Church. It opened with congregational singing. The Scripture lesson was read from Rom. 8:1-18, by Rev. William Buster. Prayer by Bro. Gene Mikel. Officers were elected for the following year as follows: Jerry Filkins, president; Patty Drennan, vice-president; Kay Wagner, secretary; Dotty Lawrence, pianist; and Vivian Veach, song leader. The secretary's report was read.

The following program was given: Solo, "Wonderful Peace" by Rev. Woodrow Matthews; play, "The Army of the Lord" by Martinstown; essay, "The Worth of the Family Altar" was written and read by Kay Wagner; Congregational hymn, "Faith is the Victory"; play, "Poor as Church Mice" by Mendota Church. Eva Pearl Sponsler led the young people in some choruses. Benediction by Bro. Earl Sponsler.

—Miss Leona Thompson, Cor.

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive, N. C.

The Rev. Daniel F. Pelt, of Grand Ridge, Florida, has named Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, the beneficiary of a \$10,000 life insurance policy. President W. Burkette Raper has announced.

In making this policy in favor of Mount Olive Junior College, Mr. Pelt declared, "I hope there will be ninety-nine other people who will do likewise. It is the best way I know for the College to build up its endowment and capital funds."

President Raper revealed that Mr. Pelt has become the third known person to name the College the beneficiary of an insurance policy. Premiums paid on such policies, Raper said, are tax deductible just as if the premiums were paid directly to the College.

Mr. Pelt is president of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches and a member of the Board of Directors of Mount Olive Junior College.

We do more for others by correcting our own faults than by trying to correct theirs.

YOUTH CAMP ENROLLMENT

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Missouri State Youth Camp broke all records as to enrollment with three hundred forty-six. Out of this number almost three hundred attended classes and received certificates for satisfactory work. The supervisory staff and teachers did a commendable work in instructing the students.

Students are listed below with their respective association, along with others who registered.

Northeast Association

Nancy Drennan, Patty Drennan, Jolene Drennan, Jane Drennan, Blanche Matthew, Gary Matthews, Kendall Sevits, Russell Tarr, David Matthews, Woodrow Matthews, Ernest Thompson, Ethel Thompson, Janet Baily, Anna McElhinney, Darlene Griswold, Pat Dabney, Marvin Mills, Loretta Casady, Christine Chrisman, Cynthia Veach, Vivian Veach, Alta Mikel, Michael Chrisman, Don Roland.

Northwest Association

Janette Tyer, Joyce Whitely, Eva Coffey, Sharon Shewmaker, Peggy Coffey, Sherry Boyer, Dorothy Coffey, Sharon Freeman, Glenna Spencer, Sheryl Adams, Sally Sloan.

Laclede Association

Paul Rhodes, Robert Randolph, Gary Heafley, James Inman, Phillip Peterson, Kenneth Randolph, James Breakefield.

Harmony Association

Ruth Linton, Phylis Losiner, Patty Losiner.

Indian Creek Association

Eugene McCully, Stanley Leonard, Allen Maudy, Wynona Maudy, Cherry Henry, Sharon Foster, Brenda Coker, Rammina Mahurin, Judy Hearherly, Giveneth Talley, Jesse Edwards, Linda Mackey, Wanda Metcalf, David Gandy, Joyce Fillman, Sandra DeMasters, James Williams, Richard Largent, Nancy Largent, Reginald Largent, Larry Comstock, Sheryl Comstock, Gloria Bray, Paul Williams, Janice Roller, Sharon Carlson, Rodney McCully, Ricky McCully, Sammy Davis, Dickie McCully, Louise McCully, James McCulley, Mary Wren, Matilda Wren, Martha Wren, Opal Williams, Paul Williams, Lewis Spor, Ruby Spor, Frankie Newton, Mary Alice Metcalf, Eddie Mackey, Wanda Mackey, Gary Tarrell, Larry Roller, J. L. Phillips, Mrs. Tommie Day, Tommie Day, Jerry Leonard.

Cave Springs Association

Bill Crawford, Gordan Beatty, Harry

Beatty, Carolyn Lovelase, Patricia Caldwell, Mary Summers, Charles Harper, James Summers, Evalee Combs, Katherine Combs, William Sandridge, Linda Sandridge, Shirley Summers, Evelyn Caldwell, C. R. Duncan, Joy Brook, Linda Duncan, Francella Brown, Donna Wischart, Eleanor Wischart, Celecia Hill, Mary Hill, Shirley Walker, Alice James, Lucy Witzel, Ernestine Adkinson, Barbara Johnson, Keith Johnson, Betty Witzel, James Walker, Danny James, James Reed, Rosalee Reed, Chesley Hill.

Central Western Association

Deanne Hensley, Linda Lawson, Larry Painter, Jimmy Shriver, Connie Cook, Patty Payne, Elaine Spurgeon, Russell Spurgeon, Beverly Barton, Brenda Smith, LeRoy Correll, David Baughn, Tommie Zumalt, Patsy Davis, Kenneth Davis, Joe Bill Davis, James Williams, Rita Smith, Judy Dickey, Gerald Whistance, Deanna Whistance, Mary Hall, Susan Coiner, Joyce Davis, Denzil McCaslin, Jewel Foger, Sandra Crockett, Ronnie Dickey, Lita Smith, Arthur Stacy, Robert Hall, Ricky Van Kirk, Leona Knapp, Kenneth Knapp, David Knapp, Mrs. Lester Jones, LaRue Horn, Glenda Jeffries, Janice Jeffries, Donald Smith.

Southeast Association

Gary Boren, George Jenner, Larry Sikes, Edna Ruth Moyers, Edward Dickey, Joey Dickey, Herusel Moyers, Gayland Cole, Dianna Cole, Richard Moyers, Terrill Hendricks, Robert Hesselmeyer, Bob Fingers, Terry Fingers, Teddy Turnbough, W. T. Turnbough, Roger Fingers, Christiana Halbrook, Raymond Halbrook, Tommy Martin, Sylvia Robertson, Dale Griffen, Valorie Fields, Marie Clark, Robert Ferguson, Harvey Hill, Larry Hill, Elmer Turnbough, Phyliss Wilhite, Linda Delaney, Alice Dodson, Eddie Dodson, Loren Breakfield, Janet Kay Barton, Gladys Turnbough, Judy Turnbough, Diana Laud, Sandra Reney, Jim Turnbough, Glen Brewer Jr., Paul O'Bannon, Edward Delaney, Thomas Pool, Dean Stephens, Bonnie Stephens, Karen Stephens, Billy Holder, Tommy Holder, Jim Holder, Paula Christine Ward, Barbara Wicker, James Vernon Ward, Ronald Gerald Wicker, Agnes Smith, Rolla Smith, Jackie Beard, Billy Van Winkle, Bill Holt, Mae Hill, Sue Murty, Mickael Posey, Danny Posey, Beth Smith, Linda Smith, Sandra Ward, Roger Reeds, Lillian Moore, Ricky Chronister, Tommy Barr, Janet Barr, Jim Gibbs, Barbara Ferguson, Junior Cantrell, Jaunita Williams, Eddie Byrns, Mrs. Plummer, Linda Plummer, Donna Plummer, Ervin Hatcher, Ron Hat-

cher, Dana Deatherage, Danny Deatherage, Bonnie Deatherage, Gene Wood, Terry Lanning, Judy Branch, Karen Langley, Judy Pogue, Mary Wagner, Louise Underwood, Sandra Smith, Ben Scott, Benny Myers, Larry Dowd, Darrell Dowd, Ronnie McFarland, Sue Matthews, Lulu Freeland, Charles Mudge, Nancy Henson, Danny French, Debbie French, Ronald Thebeau, Evan Thebeau, Wesley Bequette, Faye Wood, Danny Thompson, Michael Thompson, Elro Driggers, James Driggers, Johnny Lands, Albert Halbrook, Marion Wilhite, Nancy Driggers.

Liberty Association

Peggy Clark, Denise Bowman, Larry Deckard, Marvin Mackey, Doris Deckard, Ruth McKeel, Margaret Wantland, Jackie Wantland, Dale Highfill, Suzette Clark, Ann Clark, Carolyn Bower, Kenneth Reeves, Wm. Reeves, Barbara Reeves, Vada Reeves, Beverly Cornelison, Patricia Labor, Joan Cornelison, Myrtle Cornelison, Sharon Cornelison, Freda Sell, Virginia Letterman, Donna Hodges, Darlena Wall, Delores Sue Wall, Jimmy Wall, Joyce Thompson, Billy Don Thompson, Mark Wilkerson, John Hodges, Mike Hodges, Gregory Wilkerson, Veronica Sell, Dwaine Sell, Gwendolyn Sell, Sandra Sell, Buddy Wantland, Ruth Dodson, Dick Highfill.

Mission Association

Connie Heckendorn, Johnna Heckendorn, Delbert Pierce, Ben Van Devort, Dan Van Devort, Ann Smith, Biddie Jean Smith, Dena Mae Smith, Barbara Raney, Patsy Elliott, Lou Ann Edwards, Janell Millsap, Shirley Walker, Linda Dixon, Grant Gordon Smith, Hazel Hutsell, Janie Carpenter, J. L. Trammell, Juanita Trammell, Shirley Carpenter, Carol Carpenter, Gary Carpenter, Lewell Carpenter, Barbara Newman, Janet Trammel.

NOTICE TO MISSOURI SWORD DRILL CONTESTANTS

Due to the fact there will be no National Sword Drill Contest next year, the winner of the Missouri State Sword Drill Contest this year will be awarded a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond. The second place winner will have his way paid to the 1960 Mo. Youth Encampment. The third place winner will receive one of the Sword Drill Bibles.

All interested contestants are asked to contact Mr. O. T. Dixon, Mtn. Grove, Mo., for details of the contest.

To stay young mingle with young people, to age fast try keeping up with them.

Persuading Men to Accept Christ

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

In the fifth chapter of Second Corinthians, eleventh verse, we have this text: "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." One commentator has said: "As we know therefore what God requires of man, because we are favored with His own revelation, we persuade men to become Christians, and to labor to be acceptable to Him, because they must all stand before the judgment seat; and if they receive not the grace of the Gospel here, they must there give up their accounts with sorrow and not with joy. In short, a man who is not saved from his sin in this life, will be separated from God and the Glory of His power in the world to come."

It is great to be a soul-winner. "He that winneth souls is wise." (Prov. 11:30). We cannot drive men to accept Christ as their own and personal Saviour, but we persuade them. There is a vast difference in driving and persuading. He who is possessed with a driving disposition when it comes to winning souls for Christ accomplishes little, but those who are possessed with the spirit of love and persuasion accomplishes much. Jesus never drove anyone to repentance, nor into accepting Him as Lord and Saviour. He appealed to them through His marvelous love and goodness to turn from their sinful ways, and stood before them as their compassionate Redeemer. Those who accepted Him were saved; those who rejected Him were lost. There is no redemption outside of Christ.

The law arrests and drives men to prison, or compels them to go, when they are criminal and lawless; but we compel no one into the Christian religion. That is, we don't drive them. Our plan and policy, which is God's, is to persuade them. It is great to be an earnest, sincere persuader of men to turn from sin and wickedness unto the Lord Jesus Christ—"the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." It takes the deep love and grace of God, along with earnest, sincere prayer, and a kind, gently, appealing, persuasive spirit, to win sinners to our blessed Saviour. However, this is great business indeed. In fact, nothing equals soul-winning. In helping men to Christ we are helping them heavenward. This is eternal business—marvelous, wonderful and glorious.

"Therefore knowing the terror of

the Lord, we persuade men." Knowing the justice of the Lord, the requirements of the Lord, the warnings of the Lord against sin and hell, we persuade men to turn to Him through deep and thorough repentance. Sometimes this requires much patience, much prayer, many tears, Scripture quotations, fasting and refusing to doubt the conversion of the sinner. Sometimes we may have to pray at the midnight hour when others are fast asleep, and hold on when it almost seems to be useless. The soul of man is the pearl of great price. "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). When we think of what it cost God to make the plan of salvation we are made to realize the unspeakable worth of man's soul. All riches of the entire earth cannot purchase redemption of even one soul. "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." (James 5:20).

There are many things in life worth while, for which men study, sacrifice and anxiously labor to attain, but nothing equals soul-winning. Think of it. Every church should be a soul-winning church; every member should be a soul-winner. One does not have to be a minister of the Gospel to win souls, nor famous, nor highly educated, nor wealthy, nor endowed with a special gift of winning others to Christ. It takes grace, and a deep interest in the lives and souls of mankind, and a persuasiveness that refuses to quit until God says so. Oh, that we might see a marvelous ingathering of precious souls all over the earth before it is eternally too late! Reader, professed Christian, church member, wake up! Persuade others to Christ and help them escape hell and reach heaven. What wonderful business!

Seek Peace and Pursue It

By Carl Stair

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." There are some today who are tired and heavy laden, but know not where to find rest. They have become dizzy on the mad merry-go-round of the world; their eyes are out of focus, their vision distorted. Therefore, things that are straight often appear to be crooked while something that is leaning may seem to be straight. They have a desperate longing for some haven of peace,

dreaming of some magical spot "just over the rainbow" where lies enchantment unspeakable. Some times, slightly less removed from reality, they imagine that their lives would be gloriously transformed if they could be transported to some romantic place like "Old Cape Cod."

Where are you searching? Are you looking in a crowd? You can be very lonely in a crowd—so alone and lonely that you feel like an alien from another world. Do you try to find it by being alone and then panic into flight at a persistent knocking at the door of your heart, rushing back, with nerves screaming, to hide yourself in the surging throng? Are you trying to find it in some mortal man, someone you can love, someone you can trust; someone who will never deny you, never fail you? The Bible tells us to put our trust in no man but in God.

While you are following this will-of-the-wisp, in frenzy reaching for what you desire, are you ever careless about where you tread? Do you ruthlessly trample all that stand in your path, even tender young plants with unopened buds? Do you realize that a slight bruise now, can, in later life, cause a petal to be missing?

Dear soul, if you could only understand and know contentment is not found in any certain spot on earth, no matter how beautiful. You will never find it on the earth, on the sea or in the air if there is unrest within your soul. Peace, the only real peace, comes from within and if you would find it you must search for it there. You can find it, over the rainbow if you will let God put the rainbow in your soul. He can do it, just as he puts one in the sky. How does he make a rainbow in the sky? By bringing the sunshine through the rain. How would he make a rainbow in your soul? By bringing the sunshine through your tears.

If you would have peace, go to the prince of peace; if you would have rest, go to the one who has promised rest; if you would find sanctuary from the storms, search for the one who controls the storms. You will surely find him for he has said, "Seek and ye shall find." Then, when the tempests rage and the billows roar, you will not be harmed and you need not fear. You will be anchored in a quiet, safe harbor where the wind is calm and the water is smooth.

The fellow with steady habits and a steady tongue usually has a steady job.

Woman's Auxiliary

AN IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT

Mrs. Lester Jones, President, Woman's State Auxiliary

Very soon Women's Auxiliaries across the country will be naming a committee on nominations to select the officers for another year. This committee will have an important assignment. It is sometimes difficult to find qualified women to accept all the jobs to be filled. It is also thrilling to find new leaders and to choose a group of officers who give assurance of good leadership in the Auxiliary.

One should not haphazardly elect one to office without explaining the job to be done and indicating what is expected of her. She must be willing to accept responsibility before she will make a good officer.

The woman who calls upon a prospective officer must be able to convince her in a friendly manner, that there is a real job to be done. Do you know of someone who has been approached with something like this? "Won't you take it? There isn't much to do." There is little in such an invitation to make one anxious to take her share in carrying the load.

Reviewing the experience of one woman, it was like this:

"Mrs. Brown, we are so glad you have accepted the office. Now we have completed our list of nominees, and really, you have nothing to do." These words came from the chairman of the nominations committee of the Woman's Auxiliary. After the chairman had gone, strange thoughts started going through Mrs. Brown's head. Then she started to wonder what she had let herself in for. Was there really nothing to do?

She had never served as an officer before but she could not help but wonder that if there was really nothing to do why had they ask her to serve in this capacity? Why would they bother to elect a personal service chairman, as that was the office she had been asked to take.

She had not been a member of this Auxiliary very long and was not too well acquainted with all the work. However, she remembered that mention had been made about a Manual of Methods they used so she made haste to get possession of one.

She had always taken the work of the church seriously and could not understand why such an approach had been made to her in regard to taking this office.

She was not satisfied until she studied the Manual thoroughly to find out about the work of the Auxiliary and what her specific duties were. No doubt, she became a leader in that Auxiliary to get it to performing in the right way.

Is this typical of our choosing officers? No thought, no planning, no prayer in seeking God's will to find out who should serve in each capacity. Suppose all matters of importance should be treated this lightly?

The jobs are big ones and women with needed qualities will appreciate knowing the facts about the important work to be done. They will look more seriously at a task which is worthwhile and which demands their finest skills. Even the busiest woman is more ready to respond when an important task is presented to her. The challenge of giving one's time, interest and ability carries its own appeal.

It is a good thing to have a study course on Methods soon after the election of new officers.

HOLDING THE ROPES

Sown beneath the mighty ocean

Divers plunge for treasure rare,

But men hold the ropes above them,

So they breathe the upper air.

Seeking pearls of richest value,

Braver hearts have dared to go;

But our hands must every moment

Hold the ropes that reach below.

So amid the heathen darkness

There are heroes, true and brave,

Shrinking not from death or danger,

Bearing all to help and save.

But they cry, "Oh do not leave us

'Mid these dreadful depths to drown,

Let us feel your prayers around us;

Hold the ropes as we go down!

—Selected

MISSIONARY MEMO

For the Whaley's in Alaska—materials to be used in Mrs. Whaley's Bible Clubs. (Child Evangelism supplies) Be sure to write to Mrs. Whaley first and ask her for a list, so there will not be duplications.

For the Billows in Mexico—money to be used for the purchase of literature. There is a Christian bookstore in Monterrey. (Written in Spanish language) Do not send literature to them. It costs more to get it out of the mail than it is worth to them.

There is a missionary, a Mrs. Lillian R. Dickson, in Formosa who would so

greatly appreciate used Christmas cards. She writes:

We stamp each card with a Bible verse in Chinese before it is given out, so it carries God's message of love as well.... The lepers lying on their beds for weary years like to see the brightness on their walls. Aborigines living in little mud or bamboo huts treasure them, children on the streets are made happy for many days by the gift of a bright Christmas card. In His Name we thank you and in the name of the humble people who will receive them."

Her address is: Mrs. Lillian R. Dickson, Box 2131, Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa) Free China. Please put on Matter Only, Used Christmas Cards, of no Commercial Value. These go as magazines, so the postage is low. Please send the cards directly to Mrs. Dickson.

MISSIONARIES VISIT KANSAS CITY DISTRICT

The Hickory Grove church near Harrisonville was host to the Kansas City District Quarterly Meeting on June 13th.

Each church from the Kansas City District was represented with visitors from other sections also.

We had as visitors our missionaries to Cuba, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey Jr. and daughter also accompanying them was one of our Free Will Baptist Cuban pastors. We feel like the day was a profitable one for all present, not only because of the information we received about our work in Cuba but because of the inspiration and fellowship we had in the Holy Spirit as the Word was expounded.

The next Quarterly Meeting will meet with the Beacon church.

We are encouraged by the blessings that God is bestowing upon the work in Kansas City area. As we put our hand to the plow—so to speak—God is adding to our number such as should be saved.

New officers of the Quarterly Meeting were elected as follows:

Moderator—John McAllister.

Ass't. Moderator—Joe Cockrell.

Clerk—La Rue Horn.

Ass't. Clerk—Rutha Altis.

Executive Board member—Rev.

Lester Jones.

Reporter—Mrs. Lester Jones

Some people would find it easier to keep their faith if they used it more.

FLAT RIVER FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

"Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or even thou hast formed the earth and world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou are God" Psalm 90:1-2.

Our meeting was called to order by singing of hymn, "How Firm a Foundation". Prayer by Mrs. Hovis Wilson, Mrs. Williams, and Rev. Dale Jones, followed by hymn, "Blessed Assurance". The program was taken from the Year Book of Program on the "Sunday School and the Mission Field." The introduction was given by the Vice-President. Topic 1. "Why is the Sunday School important?" by Mrs. Bertha Hovis. Topic 2. "How Can Our Sunday School at Home become Mission Minded?" by Mrs. Anna Williams. Topic 3. "What Effects Does the Word Have on Foreign Countries?" by Mrs. Gussie Hamblen.

A report of 33 sick calls and 101 cards sent was reported. Benediction by Mrs. Allie Thurman.

Mother, I've found a dusty old thing,

High up on the shelf. Just look! Why that's the Bible, Tommy dear, Be careful that's God's book.

"God's Book" the child in wonder replied!

Then, Mother, before we lose it, We had better send it back to God For you know we never use it.

If we love God we will read, teach, and preach his word. We will show the world and unsaved people of this world we love God. The Word says, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Job says in the word "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

May the Lord bless his people everywhere.

—Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church met at the church June 18, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Iva Treaster. The introduction to the lesson was given by Mrs. Ruby Campbell. Hymn, "Bring Them In" was sung and I pray that God will burden the hearts to the extent that we will go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that the house of God may be filled. At this time, prayers were offered by Mrs. Ruby Boren and Anna Lincoln. Mrs. Elva Turnbough read and commented on the following scripture: Proverbs 20:11; Psalm

127:3-5; Proverbs 3:1-6. Next, a full report was given by the secretary, Mrs. Turnbough, and we were very much pleased to note what had been accomplished by such a small number which proves what a few can do when they labor with Him. Seventeen dollars was sent to the Billows in Mexico by D. V. B. S. "Sunday School Enthusiasm Down In My Heart" was sung Next, followed by a reading "Pray, Give, Go," by Mrs. Ruby Boren.

"The Sunday School" and "The Mission Field" were the topics for discussion. Topic 1. "Why is Sunday School Important?" was discussed by Mrs. Lincoln. Topic 2. "How can Our Sunday School at Home become Mission Minded?" by Mrs. Freda Pirtle; Topic 3. "What Effect Does the Word Have on Foreign Countries?" by Mrs. Iva Treaster.

Prayer of benediction by Mrs. Freda Pirtle.

—Mrs Anna Lincoln, Cor.

NEW HOPE AUXILIARY

The New Hope Auxiliary met June 2, 1959 at 7:30 P. M. with nine present. Prayer by Sister Edith Blair. We sang "He Leadeth Me." and "We're Marching to Zion". Prayer by Sister Gladys Howard. Scripture from Proverbs 20:11; Psalms 127:3-5. Proverbs 3:1-6. The introduction to the lesson was given by Sister Zola Greenlee. Topics were discussed by Sisters Charlene Stephens, Shirley Lauthern, and Norma Ussery. Our program was closed with prayer by Sister Norma Ussery.

We entered in business session and after a short discussion, benediction was offered by Sister Mae Vest.

Hostesses for the evening were Sisters Norma Ussery and Shirley Lauthern.

—Helen McAllister, Cor.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Flat River, Mo.

Dear Auxiliary Workers Everywhere:

I'm so glad to bring a report of our work and what God is doing for us. I believe God is more precious and more wonderful every step of the way.

Our auxiliary met at the church for our Year Book Study. The theme for our study was "My Child and Christ". What an important study! We who are mothers, know what joy it is of God giving us our children, and the wonderful privilege of having a Christian home where God's word is taught and where family worship and prayer around a family altar is held. Children may wander away, but they will never forget the training of a Christian home.

We are now studying a book on

how to pray. Bro. Driggers, our pastor, is conducting this study for us and surely we should know how to pray. How wonderful it is to know how to get in touch with God who knows our every need, and just when we need Him most He is always near. Thank God for such a friend!

We are in our second week of Bible School, and are having a good school. This year our attendance is larger than ever before. It is wonderful to teach children about the love of Jesus.

May God bless everyone everywhere. I would love to meet everyone in person and say God bless you, Pray that we will stay in the center of God's will.

—Mrs. Hilderbrand, Cor.

THE GREATER K. C. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY RALLY

The Greater Kansas City Women's Auxiliary Rally was held at the Victory Church, May 1st. A very interesting program was presented. The devotional program was from Luke 18, given by Sister Helen McAllister. A panel discussion by Sisters Jones, Dickey, and Spurgeon proved very inspirational and informative. It brought out many duties of our auxiliary that we sometimes overlook, such as helping our youth, doing something about the prayer requests, officers knowing their duties and doing them, more prayer and giving, witnessing to people personally, and being more missionary minded.

Then a very inspirational play was presented entitled, "The Fields that are White to Harvest", which was written by Sister Jones. It portrayed the indifferent auxiliary member and the children of foreign lands begging for the gospel. I'm sure it helped us all to realize more the need of helping our missionaries so that they may spread "The Good News".

The next rally will be with the First Church of Kansas City.

—Mrs. Chas. Whitson, Cor.

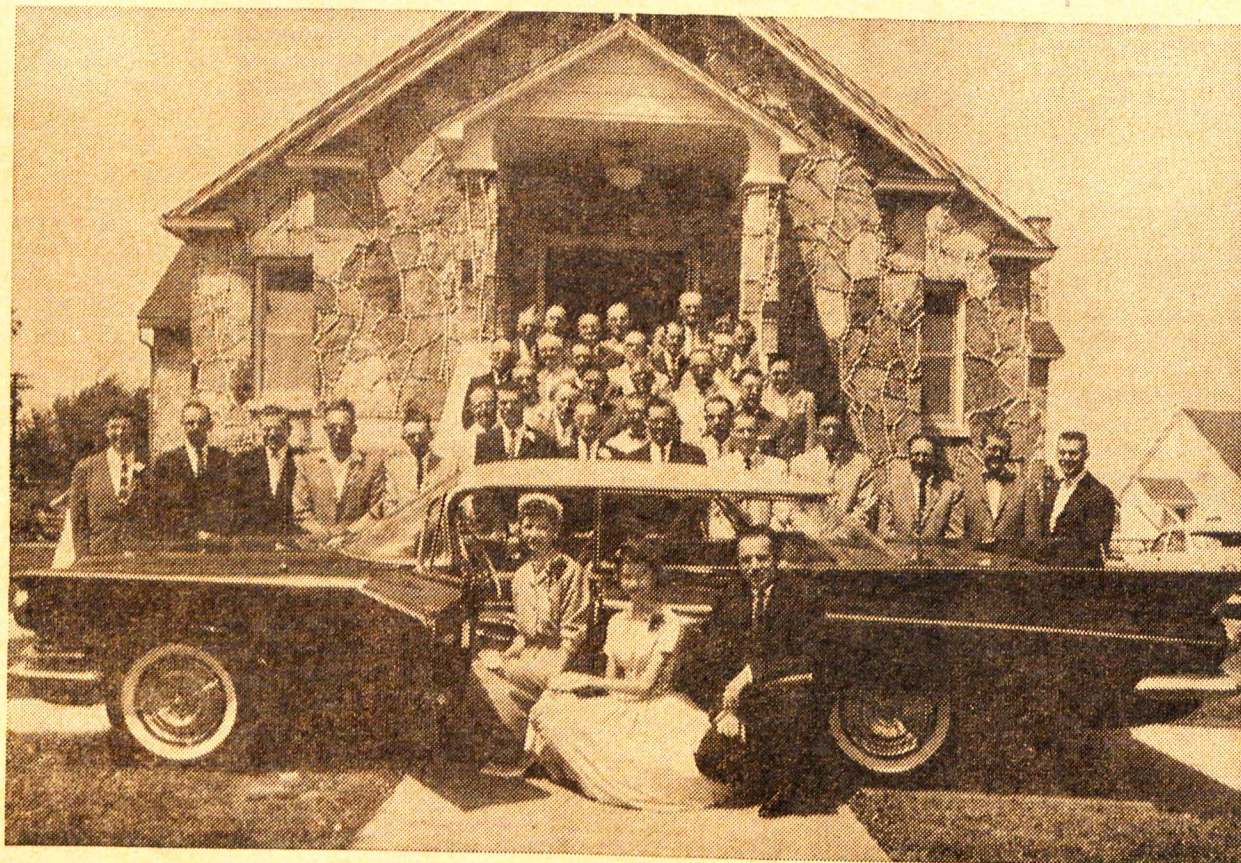
DID YOU EVER MEET JESUS?

Mrs. John Bumpus
Evansville, Ind.

Did you ever meet Jesus face to face? Oh, how precious. Oh, how sweet. He gave me joy and peace. He is sweet, He is kind. I am His, He is mine. Oh, I love Him more and more, Because my sins He bore. I love to serve Him every day, And then I'll meet Him face to face.

It is not where, but what you grow that counts. The pond lily grows beautiful blossoms from the Mire.

News From Our Churches



THE ABOVE PICTURES REV. AND MRS. O. T. DIXON AND DAUGHTER, LINDA, KNEELING BESIDE CAR AND MEMBERS OF THE MASTER'S MEN ORGANIZATION.

THE MASTER'S MEN PROJECTS

The Master's Men, the brotherhood of the First Free Will Baptist Church, are doing things for God. Among the several projects which they have adopted is the assisting of the pastor in the purchasing of the above automobile, which is pictured with the members of the organization, along with the pastor's family as shown above. This project was started shortly after the pastor purchased the car to be used in carrying out his church duties.

At the last brotherhood meeting the program chairman selected speakers to discuss the Sunday School as an educational activity in the church and the importance of the Vacation Bible School to the child's Christian education.

After the program the president, T. D. McCarty, asked for future business at which time the body voted to purchase fans for the pianist and organist. A committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of air-conditioning the choir loft. Also, the group voted to meet for a pot luck dinner at the next meeting June 1.

—Glen Hunt, Cor.

NEW OFFICE FURNITURE

The office of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River has been completely refurnished with new office furniture, including a new tan metal desk, chair, filing cabinet and safe. New drapes were made and the room has a complete new look.

The Rev. Dale Jones is church pastor. The redecoration and furnishing of the office was headed by the Reu Sunday School class of which Lee Gammon is teacher and was supported by the entire Sunday School.

—Mrs. Dale Blakely, Cor.

WORTH READING!

A poor old pastor faithful and true
Sought the will of God and something to do,
The Lord said, "Preach" I'll be with you,

Though your results be small and the crowd just a few.
The preacher prepared a sermon with prayer,
But the people who needed it just weren't there,

They had gone to visit their friends most dear,

The poor preacher's message they didn't hear!

They all had excuses which were real and bold,

But like shucks were thin and water wouldn't hold,

They belonged to the church but their hearts were cold.

Because they left the church and strayed away from the fold.

Remember the covenant and keep it with fear!

If you belong to the church God expects you to be there,

The Lord's Day is for worship, the other six belong to you,

Pray up, clean up, give up and confess up and be true.

—Vision

Mrs. Tom Gray: "My husband is an efficiency expert in a large office."

Neighbor: "What does an efficiency expert do?"

Mrs. Gray: "Well, if we women did it, they'd call it nagging."

HONOR ROLL

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor
Fellowship	Rev. Elro Driggers
Amity	Rev. Cliff Bowman
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
New Lebanon	Rev. Laverne Jones
Leadington	Rev. Wm. Turnbough
Copper Mines	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. Rolla Smith
Verdella	Rev. Archie Burrese
Richwoods	Rev. Bob Wright
Old Bethel	Rev. George Hibbitts
Mt. Zion	
Southside	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thayer	Rev. Harry Beatty
Carterville	Rev. Kenneth Turner
Fredericktown	Rev. Ben Scott
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Chas. Black
Old Liberty	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Martinstown Church, Mrs. Alta Mikel	
Hannon Church, Rev. James McCully	
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Mine La Motte, Rev. Albert Halbrook	
Blue Eye	Rev. Millard Davis
Union Light	Rev. Curt Johnson
Bethel Church	Rev. Davie Combs
Twin Oak	Rev. Truman Huffman
Fourth Church, St. Louis	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Neosho	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
Faith Church	Rev. Loy Smith
Greenridge	Rev. Len Gardner
Oskaloosa	
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
Pleasant Ridge	Rev. Alford Ford
New Harmony ..	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Avenue	Rev. Grover Terry
Monett	Rev. Tommy Day
Aulsbury Chapel ..	Rev. Jas. F. Miller
Lebanon	Rev. F. D. Johnson
Wagoner	Rev. James McCully
Flat River First	Rev. Dale Jones

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Cuba							40	40	45			
Mt. Pisgah	64	59	54	65	53	57	47	51	67	57	54	
Copper Mines	95	105	103	110	116	118	104	106	123			
Fellowship, Flat River	194	194	199	204	187	189	185	188	203	203	200	
Leadington	109	101		83	66	69	67	68	96	79		
Farmington	70	70	55	50	69	55	56	63	78	67	60	67
Fourth, Maplewood	48	43	62	51	59	55	60	65	57	65	54	49
Old Bethel	34	29	25	24	26	27	26	24	28			
Berkeley City	153	145	204	185	206	181	154	177	207	163	185	
Richwoods	54	55	55	70	55	47	45	44	53	55	59	
Oak Grove							48					
Joplin	60	60	68	68	80	74						
Kirksville	96	107	109	102	92	108	91	91	96	101		
Grant Ave., Springfield							78	80	90	94	68	88
Hazel Creek	50	49	44	44	45	49			44		46	
Twin Oak	66	63	66				63	44	65	57	60	61
South Side Church	147	158	152	164	165	161	141	163	170	186		
New Hope, Kansas City	29	28	36	36	34	28	35	35	49	42		
Mine La Motte	43	48	42	38	34	39	31	39	62	49	48	39
Mill Creek	46	58	67	57	63	59	53	55	65	64	65	
First Church, Kans. City		66	71	60	65	67	60	55	64	65		
Liberty							29					
Overland Church	78	76	95	84	90	86	78	90	102	101	117	
Third Church, St. Louis	105	102	120	137	111	107	90	100	104	108	108	
Bethel, West Plains	53	60	58	61	59	52						
Faith, St. Louis						64	56	95	91	78		
Myrtle							48	53				
Mountain Grove							283	281	329			

NAME AND ADDRESS	FIELD	BIRTHDAY
Miss Bessie Yeley P. O. Box 550 Nogales, Arizona	Old Mexico	November 26
Sr. and Mrs. Arturo Villalobos Apartado 2094 Monterrey, N. L., Mexico (one child)	Central Old Mexico	
Miss Molly Barker P. O. Box 550 Nogales, Arizona	Old Mexico	December 19
Rev. & Mrs. N. Melitino Martinez 447 S. W. 6th Street Miami, Florida (one child)	First Spanish F. W. B. Church	September 27 Mrs. Martinez September 15 Rev. Martinez
Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite 645 Highline Drive East Wenatchee, Washington (three children)	Northwest United States	October 25 Mrs. Postlewaite April 5 Rev. Postlewaite
Rev. & Mrs. D. Lee Whaley P. O. Box 277 Anchorage, Alaska (two children)	Alaska	January 8 Mrs. Whaley November 7 Rev. Whaley
Rev. & Mrs. Luther Sanders 3801 Richland Ave. Nashville 5, Tennessee (one child)	Hawaii	December 25 Mrs. Sanders May 18 Rev. Sanders
Rev. & Mrs. Mack Owens 14 Hill St. Littleton, New Hampshire (one child)	New Hampshire and Canada	February 16 Mrs. Owens November 7 Rev. Owens

TWIN OAKS D. V. B. S.

Our record attendance was 49 with an average of about 42. Our chapel is out on the Village Creek road near Fredericktown, Mo. The graduation exercises are to be held Sunday evening, June 28, just before our regular services. In looking back over our efforts in teaching these children, I remember the word of Christ, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Our prayer is that the seeds sown will bear fruit. We did the sowing, the Holy Spirit did the watering, and God will give the increase, if not on the morrow maybe in some future time. Possibly in some bleak time of despair a half-remembered song or a gospel truth will be like a beacon of light to some of these children who attended our Vacation Bible School.

We had Bible stories, crafts, visual aids, like flannelgraphs, plaques, even an assembled shepherd scene to depict the 23rd Psalm. Our boys were just boys, a trifle exuberant when quiet was desirable, girls were a little obscure when required to respond, lost in their own dream world of fantasy; yet with all their behaviour was exceptionally docile and responsive.

So for all of us teachers I am sure it was a labor of love for the Master. The Apostle Paul said, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

So each of us, the children and the teachers, will go our separate ways, a little richer for having this shared experience in our brief two weeks together. In the Epistle of James, we read, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." We are all His witnesses who are blood bought heirs to the kingdom. If we faithfully execute the small tasks set before us in His service greater things will He have us do.

And, too, let us remember the words of the psalmist David, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over, Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Mrs. F. I. Jacobs, Cor.

Your face tells what you are. Pretty face and form soon perish, but the life of Christ within is ETERNAL beauty.

D. V. B. S. GIVES TO MISSIONS

Rev. Albert Halbrook,
Mine La Motte, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed nineteen dollars and forty-five cents. This is offerings from the Daily Vacation Bible School of the Low Ground Free Will Baptist Church. We would like for you to send this for Foreign Mission work and wherever it is needed most. Thank you.

—Mildred Gilliam

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River held their vacation Bible school for two weeks, May 25 through June 5. There were seventy-six enrolled with the average attendance of sixty one. The theme for the school was "Following Jesus" and one of the highlights of the school was the morning devotions in which the soldier "Will" was dressed in his armour for following Jesus.

The commencement was held Sunday night, June 7 and each was presented a certificate of accomplishment. Mrs. Floyd Scott served as director with Mrs. Dale Glakeley as her assistant. The Rev. Dale Jones is church pastor.

LET ME GUIDE A LITTLE CHILD

Dear Lord, I do not ask
That Thou should's give me some high
work of Thine
Some noble calling, or some wondrous
task.

Give me a little hand to hold in mine
Give me a little child to point the way
Over the strange, sweet path that leads
to Thee
Give me a little voice to teach to pray
Give me two shining eyes Thy face to
see.

The only crown I ask, dear Lord, to
wear
Is this: That I may teach a little child.
I do not ask that I may ever stand
Among the wise, the worthy, or the
great

I only ask that softly, hand in hand
A child and I may enter at the gate.

WHAT DOES HE THINK?

Florence Jacob

Member of Twin Oaks Church
I wonder what are the thoughts of
God,
As He looks down upon this earth,
Watching His creatures who have
trod
This planet many years since their
birth?

For the heedless who fail to reason
Does He feel only cool disdain?
Or while we blunder in confusion,
Is His heart filled with lasting pain?

Somehow I like to feel and know,
That when we humbly seek His love
There is upon His face a joyous
glow,
Tenderly watching His creatures
from above.

OUR CHRISTIAN EDITORS

A lot of editors, no doubt,
Claim nothing as to Christian grace;
They leave our blessed Saviour out,
And in their lives He has no place;
But others serve Him at their best,
Obey His Word and love His cause,
And in temptations stand the test
And prove the strength of His good
laws.

To be an editor, I'm sure,
Is not as easy as we think;
The critic's words they must endure,
Nor from their daily duties shrink.
Much like the preacher called of God,
They bless us through the printed
page,
And show the way great men have
trod,
Whom we admire as saint and sage.

Let's help our editors who seek
To give us literature that's clean,
Whose Christian graces keep them
meek
And far removed from all that's
mean;
Whose writings flow from hearts of
prayer
And minds that think on things sub-
lime;
Who for their readers greatly care
And long to see them upward
climb.

They make mistakes as well as we,
For all are human, not Divine,
But in their lives we ought to see
The great, the lovely and the fine.
Perhaps some manuscripts they choose
Aren't always for the greatest good,
And sometimes writings they refuse
Might bless us if they understood.

They are indeed a useful class
Who help to make a better earth,
Whose writings reach a countless mass
And prove to us their mighty
worth;

Therefore let's often think of them
And pray God's blessings on their
lives,

That each may be a human gem
And shine till Christ for them ar-
rives.

—Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.