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Jr.

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Emma Ruth, Dec. 19
Alicia Ruth, Dec. 17

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Birthdates: Mrs. Phenicie, Aug. 20
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Miss Esther M. Ruehle
Birthdates: March 17

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San Jose de Las Lajas
Habana, Cuba

Birthdate: December 17

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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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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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Birthdates: Mrs. Sparks, March 19
Mr. Sparks, Dec. 14

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Mr. Merkh, April 11
Elizabeth Merkh, Nov. 26
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South America
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Mr. Eagleton,
Kenny,

VICTORY, DESPITE DIFFICULTIES

Very many thanks indeed for your last letter with enclosed check covering the amount of \$150.00, as well as for the fervent prayers offered by you before the Mercy Seat of our God.

Thanks to the Lord, we are making headway in our missionary activities, working in accordance with the opportunities given to us by the Lord to bear witness to God's love and to approach souls to lead them to the foot of Christ's Cross.

During a special meeting held in our home on May 18, two souls testified to having received the Lord as their personal Saviour. It was on Whit-Monday and this was a great joy to us, since the persons in question are a married couple who used to be very hostile to the Gospel of Christ and opposed to any kind of religion due to having been influenced on a large scale by atheist books by communist propaganda. Another married couple we succeeded in liberating from the power of the devil in that large district of Somorrostro, where people live in hovels and where Satan is well settled and seated on his throne. They also know and accepted Christ in their hearts as their only Saviour, and now they are full of joy for having been liberated by God through the blood of Jesus in cleansing them from all sin.

Some days ago a young atheist, who formerly tried to thwart the testimony of the Gospel among some friends whom I was speaking to, came to meet me in my home to apologize—and he really did not know how to apologize—and at the same time he urged me to sell a Bible to him, for he wished to read it in order to meet the Lord I had spoken about to our friends. I asked him to tell me the reason of having changed his mind, to which he answered: "The last time when I met my friends, and you were forced to stop the discussion due to my insolence and blasphemies, you prayed lovingly and humbly, after having asked permission to pray. And then you offered a prayer, quite especially in my behalf and from that very day I did not feel quite at rest, and on occasions—when alone in my room—I felt unhappy. Now I sincerely wish to become just as happy as you are, due to your religious belief, and for this reason I have got an ardent desire to read the Bible." I availed myself of the opportunity to lead him to the cross of Jesus, the source of life and blissfulness. A few days later he attended one of our meetings of evangelization and went out deeply impressed. The other friends go on reading the Holy Scriptures and are very much interested in it. It is a matter of much prayer.

I personally experienced that many souls do not make a decision for Christ due to the difficulties they are afraid to face—difficulties at home, at work, among friends, etc. They are afraid of persecution. All this is the consequence of Roman Catholics fighting against Protestants; the Romanists depict Protestants as devils and the worst people living on earth, in order to justify their own attitude against Protestants, in persecuting and depriving them from all kinds of liberty. Lies and slander, the most powerful arms the Romish Church makes use of in fighting against us.

Since Spain is even more Romanist than the pope, we believed (that with the manifestations of pope John 23rd, in which he expressed his desire of liberty and comprehension between Protestants and Roman Catholics, especially when announcing the Ecumenic Council, for which ideas he succeeded in finding a good spawning ground among apostate Protestants; we are sure that toward the end of time apostates will unite with apostates to bid the Antichrist welcome) we should be given more religious freedom, but it is just the contrary. The spirit of Inquisition is still alive and there is no change at all in our situation, regardless of whether it be in our contacts with civil or church authorities, which are the longer the more intolerant and intransigent toward Spanish evangelical Christians.

I've got a letter before me, dated May 25, 1959, from Madrid, and written by a member of our congregation and who is now serving in the forces. He writes as follows: "I thank God for the strength He gives me day after day. I don't know whether my mother has told you, but on the day before having to swear the oath, I was about to get shot for the only reason of having advised my superiors that my Christian conscience did not allow me to kneel down to the altar where Mass is supposed to be celebrated, since Mass is celebrated together with the ceremony of swearing the oath. But, thanks to God, Who delivered the young Hebrews of Daniel 3, He also delivered me from death. There are young soldiers who were put in jail to stay there two years for the only reason of not having knelt to Mass."

With the aid of the means at our disposal, very small though for the time being, we wish to extend our missionary work and to establish the glorious banner of the Free Will Baptists also in other places of Spain, despite the prevailing difficulties. Some days ago I received a letter from an old missionary who quite a few years ago

had severed from the Convention of Southern Baptists for reasons of some points of modernist doctrine he could not agree with, but which doctrines are adhered to by afore-mentioned convention, and who, from the date of that separation has been obliged to struggle constantly to provide for his own support and for the one of his missionary work. But now the man in question is quite over exerted due to hard labor and penalties he had to suffer, and a lot he underwent, so that he now thinks his end will soon come, to be called up higher to be with the Lord. He requested help from me and committed his work to me, since I am a Free Baptist, so that I might take care of the work he is still doing in Valencia and in the villages in the surroundings of that city. By faith we are assuming the responsibility of that work, relying on the prayers constantly offered by our brethren, the Free Will Baptists. Valencia is situated at about 250 miles from Barcelona and so I am going there next week to visit that region during a missionary tour, and I wish from my heart you would accompany me in your prayers. Our fellow believers living in a village called Carcagente, in the neighborhood of Valencia, were recently fined 5000 pesetas (about \$120.00) for having convened Protestant propaganda meetings which are prohibited in Spain. The lady who is owner of the house where meetings were held was put in jail and warned that she would have to remain in prison if the Protestant meetings would not be discontinued. Later on she was released from prison and in spite of all terrible menaces the meetings go on with a regular attendance of about thirty or forty persons who never heard the Gospel of Christ, among whom quite a few souls were already won for Christ.

We are doing the utmost to collect the money necessary for paying the fine, amounting to 5000 pesetas (about \$120.00). Therefore, I kindly ask you to pray for this, as well as for the missionary tour I am going to undertake, so that the Lord might provide for everything.

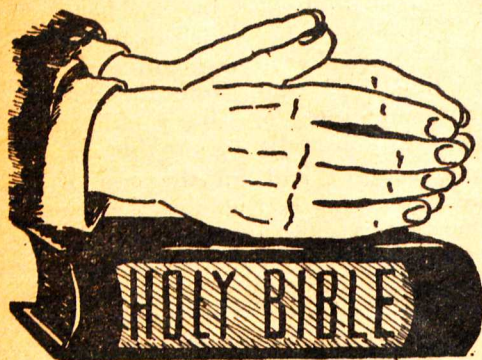
I also planned to travel to Southern Spain where it seems the Lord is opening new doors to us. In everything we depend on the Lord of the Harvest and to Him we pray so that all needs will be met.

Many thanks for all your prayers on our behalf; we are in need of the prayers of all brethren and sisters in Jesus Christ.

With most sincere and hearty greetings in Christ, I remain . . .

Mario Cignoni

The Family Altar



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. That the State Association to convene at Thayer, Mo., will be a spiritual blessing to our State work.

2. That Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders and daughter will have a prosperous ministry in Hawaii and can become quickly adjusted to their new environment.

3. That God will open doors for our missionary candidates who aspire to go to India.

4. For the faculty and student body at our F. W. B. B. College at Nashville during the school year of 1959 and 1960.

5. For our National League Director, Mr. Ray Turnage, and for the progress of our league work.

6. Pray for both our National Superannuation Boards and the State Boards and that interest will increase in this phase of our work.

7. Pray for the one who shall serve as the National Executive Secretary for the coming year.

THE THIEF

Mrs. Estell Anderson

We read in the paper about big thieves

And we talk and mock them to scorn,
But the meanest thief of all to me
Is the thief I see in church Sunday morn.

This man has a job, a home, a car
And clothes that are so fine;
But when the offering plate is passed
He hurriedly puts in a dime.

This man is robbing God of his part
And God gives him his strength and health.

If it weren't for God and His wonderful love
He would never live to have all his wealth.

These men are stealing from the heathen
Their chance to hear God's word.
For there are many in every country
God's word they have never heard.



The Children of Twin Oaks Church and Community who attended D. V. B. S.

These men are also denying themselves
The blessing they would receive
In knowing they had been a part
In getting a sinner to believe.

A WONDROUS KING

by Florence Jacobs

A story of Jesus so wondrously told,
So filled with love it never grows old
Our hearts and souls are thrilled,
With God's message that is instilled
In the heart of God's chosen one,
Who leads sinners to believe in the Son.

For Jesus is the open door to the Kingdom of God
Have faith and walk in the footsteps that Jesus trod.
The many blessings we receive are so sweet,

It keeps us daily kneeling at Jesus' feet.
We are filled with such joy and peace
In a victorious life that will never cease.

We will have an inner strength that will never waver,
If we live in close communion with our Saviour;

In meekness and humility we must walk
Always praising Jesus in our talk
For our mission here on earth
Is to teach others salvation's worth.

To faith and righteousness we must win,
Lost ones who are out in sin;
Doing an act of mercy or some kind deed,
Making no distinction between race or creed,

For God is no respecter of persons of any race

As long as they accept His Son with spiritual grace.

Jesus was sent here to lift us out of daily strife

To lead us to salvation and eternal life,

He died on the cross so we might be saved,

With His precious blood is the path of glory paved.

Have Him as your teacher, counselor, and guide,

So with Jesus in the heavenly home you may abide.

BEHOLD GOD!

In the magnificent sweep of the sea,
Azure blue like the heavens vaulted dome,

It's tide o'er the beach sounding a melody

Wave on wave of pale silver foam.

Out beyond the cities dim,

The beauty of the pastoral scene,

A thrush like the plaintive violin,

Wheat a rippling golden sheen;

In the depths of a forest nook

Are bold colors of gold and flame;

The tinkling music of a tiny brook,

Squirrels that scamper shy and tame,

All of nature's splendor is unfurled;

A glistening panorama before our eyes

Each shifting scene of this world,

Created by God who was wondrous wise.

—Florence Jacob

A recruit was asked if he had ever been troubled with athlete's foot. He replied, "Yes, once, when a halfback caught me kissing his best girl."

Fame apart from God's approval is but empty, light and vain.



Rev. O. T. Allred

Monett, Mo.

Moderator of Missouri State
Association

Rev. O. T. Dixon

Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Assistant Moderator of Missouri State
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PROGRAM

THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS WILL BE HELD AT THE THAYER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH THAYER, MISSOURI, ON AUGUST 17-20, 1959.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

Monday Evening—8:00 P. M., August 17, 1959

Evangelistic Rally Rev. O. T. Dixon
Pastor of Mtn. Grove Church

Tuesday Morning, August 18, 1959

9:30 A. M.—Devotional Rev. W. T. Turnbough
Pastor of Leadington Church

9:45 A. M.—The Mission of the Free Will Baptist League: Mr. Ray
Turnage, National League Director, Nashville, Tenn.

10:45 A. M.—Recess

11:00 A. M.—The Mission of the Sunday School: Rev. Rolla Smith,
Pastor of Third Church, St. Louis, Mo.

12:00—Lunch

1:30 P. M.—Singspiration

1:45 P. M.—National League Convention Echoes

2:00 P. M.—Free Will Baptist League Workshop (Individual
Groups)

3:00 P. M.—Sword Drill Contest—Mrs. O. T. Dixon

3:30 P. M.—Problem Clinic

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Tuesday Evening, August 18, 1959

7:30 P. M.—Devotional Rev. Roger C. Reeds
Pastor of South Side Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Convening the Session Rev. Albert Halbrook
Clerk-Treas., Mine Le Motte, Mo.

Welcome Rev. Davie Combs
Pastor of Bethel Church, West Plains, Mo.

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BRIEFS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

It would be a lengthy article if all the information of the association were written, so we wish to give briefly some information that may be of interest to you.

As to the Sunday School Department the contract and agreement between the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina and the Sunday School Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was accepted. This contract, with the details was carried in the Contact and the Gem a few months back.

The Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, reported great progress but that there is need for expansion if the growing student body is taken care of. Dr. Johnson, president, asks that each individual put the school on his prayer list, and that each church include the college on her budget.

The Foreign Mission Department reports that we now have 47 missionaries including their children on the foreign fields, and the number of national workers on all fields, including the children is 130. The number of all churches on all foreign fields is 55 with 81 preaching points. The total membership of these churches is 4,500.

Our foreign fields now are Africa, Brazil, Cuba, India, Japan and Spain. The Board of Foreign Mission is giving consideration to sending workers into Korea, and other parts of South America, perhaps Argentina or Venezuela.

The Home Mission Departments has made marked progress the past year. It reports workers in Alaska, Canada, New England, Northwest U. S. A., Nogales, Arizona, Mexico, Miami, Florida, among the Spanish speaking people, and we have leaving soon, workers to Washington D. C., and our 50th state, Hawaii.

Our newest auxiliary, The Master's Men, has shown much growth. There are now affiliated chapters in 21 states with individual membership nearing 2500 in some 200 local chapters. The Master's Men assisted greatly the work on the African Mission field in 1958.

This organization was accepted as a subsidiary organization to the National Association. This relationship is the same as the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

The Superannuation Board reported a small gain over last year, due to the fact that a number of ministers with the help of their churches have paid the entire premium on their policy, thus helping the Board to build up a small reserve fund.

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From the Editor's Desk

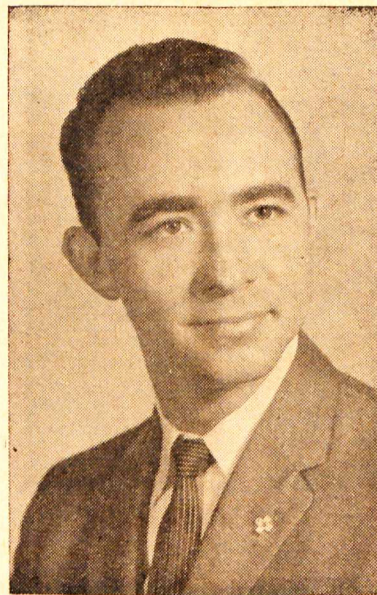
National Association

The week of July 13-16 was a spiritual up-lift to those attending the National Association at Asheville, N. C. Of course, we cannot report complete accord on all items of business, but I think in spite of this most of those attending came away with a greater appreciation of the fact they were Christians and for the place the Free Will Baptist denomination has in God's Kingdom.

There were over 700 in attendance at W. N. A. C. and around 2000 at the association proper. Outstanding and challenging messages were delivered by Rev. Tommy Willey, missionary to Cuba; Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of the Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. H. S. Mekeel, president of the National Association of Evangelicals; Dr. Clyde Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association; and Rev. Floyd Cherry, North Carolina.

A message that challenged our hearts and made us more appreciative of our American freedom of religion was delivered by Mr. John Noble at the Laymen's breakfast. Mr. Noble, an American, was a prisoner of the Russians for nine years following World War II, and while in prison found God. Much of the business session consisted of reports by the various departments. A total budget of approximately \$600,000.00 was adopted for the associational year, 1959-60.

The main issue of interest was the



Mr. Ray Turnage

Mr. Turnage is the National League Director of Nashville, Tennessee. He will appear on the program of the State League Convention, Aug. 17, 18.

Sunday School Literature Program. The body adopted the contract drawn up between the Executive Committee of National Association and the Board of Directors of Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

Officers of the National Association elected to serve for the coming year were: Rev. Charles Thigpen, moderator; Rev. Billy Melvin, ass't. moderator; Rev. Dean Moore, clerk. The 1960 session of the convention will be held in Fresno, California and the 1961 session will be held in Norfolk, Virginia.

BIG CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

This body was organized in 1870 or 1871. At its second session held in 1872 with 18 churches it numbered 502 members.

Of its ministers nothing is said except of the evangelist for 1872, Elder B. C. Stevens, who reports as follows:

Miles traveled	1,128
Families visited	66
Sermons preached	53
Ministers ordained	3
Deacons ordained	4

Organized One Church
Administered the Lord's Supper
four times.

Expenses:

For fare	\$.75
For horse shoeing	3.00

One handkerchief15
Two pieces of flat tobacco10

Editors notes: The above bit of interesting information was passed on to me by Rev. George Hibbits of Fredricktown, Mo. The mentioned association once formed a part of Missouri's work.

Good For Evil

Walter E. Isenhour
Taylorsville, N. C.

"See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men." (1 Thess. 5:15)

God has a plan for everything we face in life; for everything we have to deal with; for every wrong and for all that is right. When something arises that may be unpleasant, or that may test and try us very sorely, or that we hardly know what attitude to take in regard to the matter, if we will go to God in sincere prayer, then search His Holy Word that we may find an answer, we will know what to do. Perhaps there may be times when God wants us to stand still, tarry and wait and let Him work things out for us. This is always wise. There may be times when God wants us to work out problems, or take certain attitudes, firmly and steadfastly, and by His grace and help we shall come out triumphantly.

Every human being faces good and evil in this fallen world. God is everywhere to bless us, help us, keep us, strengthen and sustain us, if we put our entire trust in Him; but in the meantime the enemy of our lives and souls is everywhere present on earth to hinder us, trouble us, tempt and try us, and to make life as hard and difficult as possible. To be fully surrendered unto God is our duty and privilege; but to be surrendered unto the enemy of our lives and souls is likewise our privilege, but never our duty. Dear soul, unto whom are you surrendered? Have you given yourself unto the devil, or are you surrendered unto God? This is up to you. You have to decide for yourself. God appeals to you through His Holy Word and by His Holy Spirit to give yourself and all that you have unto Him; but in the meantime the devil appeals to you and to me to give ourselves unto him. The truly wise people give themselves unto God, that they may do His will, and have His love shed abroad in their hearts, and go with Him along the narrow way heavenward. Amen.

Since we are in a world of much
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Rev. Elro Driggers



Miss Linda Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Rolla Smith, of the Third Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis placed first in the G. T. A. division of the National Essay Contest sponsored by the W.N.A.C. Linda wrote on the the Family Altar and was awarded a prize at the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention held at Asheville, North Carolina.

RECLAIMED AT YOUTH CAMP

A year ago, my family and I moved from the Berkeley Church area to an area where there are no F. W. B. Churches. I used this as my excuse to stay from church and slipped away from the Lord.

I began attending the teen-town of the area to watch the kids dance and to have fun. After my conscience stopped bothering me about this, I learned to dance and joined them. Gradually, we began to dance in places that were not decent. I began to think and feel the same as the others—that was a dirty feeling. I knew deep down inside I was unclean and I was ashamed.

Tuesday night God spoke to me, and I knew that this was to be my last chance—if I lived through the night—then the Spirit would no longer strive with me. I couldn't go on living as I was, and I got right with God.

Please pray for me that I might stay right with God!

—Sylvia Robertson

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Southeast Missouri League Convention convened with the Mill Creek League Saturday, July 18, 1959, 7:30 P. M.

A total of 187 registered at the door. The attendance banner was awarded the Aulsbury Chapel League, having 100 percent of their enrollment present.

The Junior and Intermediate Sword Drill was conducted by Mrs. Jenelle Scott, Fredericktown League. Gloria Matthews was the contestant with the highest rating, having a total of 47 points. Second place winner was Karen Matthews with 45 points. They are members of the Mill Creek League.

A report on the National League Convention was given by Fellowship League, Flat River, Mo.

Election of officers are as follows:

President—Mr. Olin Lincoln

Vice-President—Mr. Austin Boyd

Secretary-Treas.—Miss Louise Underwood

We are looking forward to the October Convention which will convene with the Mine La Motte League.

League Motto: "... Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

—Louise Underwood.

GOOD FOR EVIL

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evil, sin and wickedness; and since we are among all classes of people with whom we have to deal, and with whom we have to live, it is quite natural that we shall be sorely tempted, tested and tried along life's rugged journey. There are those who will do us wrong, who will speak evil of us, and who will be enemies to us, some of whom would defeat us in our Christian living if they could. They may be jealous of us, envious toward us, despise and hate us without a just cause. They may do us wrong from time to time, thus seeking our downfall and defeat. Now in dealing with such people, and living in their midst, we are not to return evil for evil,

wrong for wrong. This would defeat us and do them no good. We never come out victoriously because we meet enemies on their level. We live in a higher realm, for Christianity stands much higher than evil, sin and wickedness.

God's plan and will for us in life is to do good for evil. God knows best and only requires of us that which is just and right, and not anything that is unreasonable and beyond our reach, by His help and grace. Praise His Holy Name. Doing good for evil brings us peace through a clear conscience and by the witness of the Holy Spirit. We can feel calm, composed, joyous and happy when we go God's way, obey and serve Him, love and worship Him in the beauty of holiness, and in the meantime treating everybody right. This is the Golden Rule for our lives. It is God's rule. This is the standard He sets up for us.

We may make friends of enemies, and help them find Christ as their personal Saviour, by doing good for evil. Such may soften and melt the hardest heart and break down the most stubborn will. If someone does us wrong we are to do him a good deed, or to treat him right. If he speaks evil of us we are to take it patiently, speak to him kindly, and as highly as possible and pray for him. We never regret this. We can retire peacefully at night, rest sweetly, and get up in the morning refreshed and go through the day victoriously as a result.

—G. B. Messenger

McADAMS EXPRESSES THANKS

In a former issue of the Gem, readers were reminded of Rev. Hiram McAdams' birthday and were invited to send cards and love offering to him.

We received a letter from Sister McAdams saying the card shower had gone "over the top", and to express appreciation to all who responded. She also stated that Mr. McAdams is doing better, but is still on diet.

They have just closed a revival with eight added to the church and eight baptized.

News From The Mission Field

DAN MERKH WRITES

Dear Brother Riggs:

The National is drawing near. I believe that you asked for some pictures, etc., to be used at the National for display, etc. I'm afraid that that will not be possible, but I thought that I would try to write a letter on the work that you could have the latest, up-to-the-minute news of the work.

The house: There have been various delays—but maybe being slow pays off. We were delayed almost two months on the windows. I had to know what type of windows were available so as to know the size of the window openings. We were, as you know, able to get nice windows in Ghana, and since then the house has come along nicely. In a day or two I should be ready for the roof to go on, and then it will just be a matter of drawing all the loose ends together. The reservoir hole is dug and the floor poured. I hope to finish that in the next week, too, along with the septic tank. I have poured all the lentials and taken the forms off and have a third of the wall up to the finished height, so it is moving along.

However—another delay. Beth's school was out the 25th. The school wrote about a month ago and said they would try to have her here by the 27th. Of course we would have to come to meet the plane. We arrived the 25th, thinking the plane arrived on the 26th—but the schedule was changed. The plane came in on the 27th. We went to the airport and were all excited. Then the plane came in late—we had a storm—and it landed in bad weather. We breathed a sigh as it rolled to a stop—but the last passenger got off but no Beth. And the next plane is due on Thursday, five days later. We naturally have to wait—we couldn't afford to drive back the 300 miles and make the trip again. Fortunately we are in the basement room of the Bible Society and only have a little more than a dollar or so to pay. We don't know exactly which price we will have to pay for the children, but that is a big savings over the hotels.

In the meantime I am having my truck worked on, and getting all the shopping for the house done. I have bought all the locks, hinges, etc., all the bathroom fixtures and the neces-

sities with them, so the time isn't wasted. I still need another load of lumber for the roof which is presenting a problem. One trucker offered to get it for 20,000 CFA hauling bill—or \$80.00. Another I think would do it for \$50.00, and I suppose that in the long run that will be the cheapest. In hauling the last load, my tailgate was broken, and it is hard on the truck and tires when we are so loaded on these rough roads. I had to buy two tires this week—I have about 15,000 miles on the truck, but the tires cost \$61.00 each, with 10 percent discount. I really need a third, but am putting a boot in two tires. One I had to throw away, one was still good. I will use one with a boot for a spare and keep the other with a boot handy if I need it. Believe me, this is the worse rainy season and these roads are bad. I hauled three loads of gravel the day before we left so Lonnie wouldn't have to use his truck. It is just too rough going.

The work at Koun is going nicely. The Shepherd station is cleared and ready for the house to begin. As you have mentioned, we too pray and trust that the pastors will remember this need and give of their means. Joneses will no doubt man this station, since all concerned are in favor and seem to think this an excellent idea. He will be here in January and much must be done before and immediately after he arrives. Because of the Catholic pressure on the chief, I do not think it would even begin to be possible to stay in his place; therefore some type of quarters will have to be built for us and they could bunk with us until their house was finished. Costs are continuing to rise. I'm already afraid that I will be pushed on the \$3,500.00 goal, but am still trying, of course. Everything has risen in price. Cement has gone up terrifically, but the Lord has aided us in that respect too. I told you Nikos was delivering in Goumere for 8000 francs or \$32.64 per ton. He went up \$10.20 a ton on me. I bargained, etc. with him until he agreed to deliver at Koun for \$36.72 a ton, or \$4.08 higher. He delivered a couple of tons to Goumere for that price the other day—and I was able to get three tons from a trucker that had some he had hauled and wanted to get rid of it quickly. It sells for more than \$6.00 higher to the stores and they add \$4.00 more there in Goumere, so you can see the Lord has

done this for us. But prices continue to go higher and the cost of the next station will naturally be higher than this one.

—Dan Merkh, Africa

DR. MILEY SPEAKS IN GEORGIA

Dr. LaVerne Miley spoke in 3 churches in Columbus, Georgia and Phenix City, Alabama the weekend of June 13 and 14.

On Saturday night June 13 at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Ala. Sunday morning at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. Then in a Mission Rally of the churches of Columbus, Ga. and Phenix City, Ala., on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at St. James Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Ala. There were approximately 250 in attendance.

The churches gave Bro. Miley an offering of \$59.30 for his personal needs.

The Mission Rally of the churches in Columbus and Phenix City gave \$115 toward the purchase of medical equipment for Bro. Miley's medical station in Africa.

Rev. Walter E. Jones, Mod.

Mrs. Joan Marlowe, Sec.-Treas.

A NEW BIBLE CLUB

Miss Molly Barker has added another Bible Club in Mexico to her many other activities. She now has one Bible Club after school on Monday in one part of town (Nogales, Sonora, Mexico), another club in another part of town on Wednesday after school. The club on Monday is conducted in the home of Sra. Juann Molina and the Wednesday club is in the home of Sra. Julia Bernal. Last week there were 40 children present at the Molina club, and 32 present at the Bernal club. She is doing a great work with these clubs.

Miss Barker also teaches fifteen 3rd grade children in the summer school at the Academy, and Junior Sunday School Class in the Mission Sunday School with 27 enrolled. She also does a lot of visitation, and is a very busy, energetic, consecrated missionary.

—From A. M. Missionary

The test by which we may know we are of the truth is a heart at rest before God. Doubt or uncertainty of mind is ever productive of harm. Boldness toward God is the result of a quiet and peaceable experience. The place of peace and power is abiding in Him.

G. Campbell Morgan in AN EXPOSITION OF THE WHOLE BIBLE (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Marine Visits Missionaries in Japan

Dear Co-Laborers:

Greetings in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Recently I visited our Missionaries and their field of work in Japan. I would like to share some of these blessings with our people in our denomination.

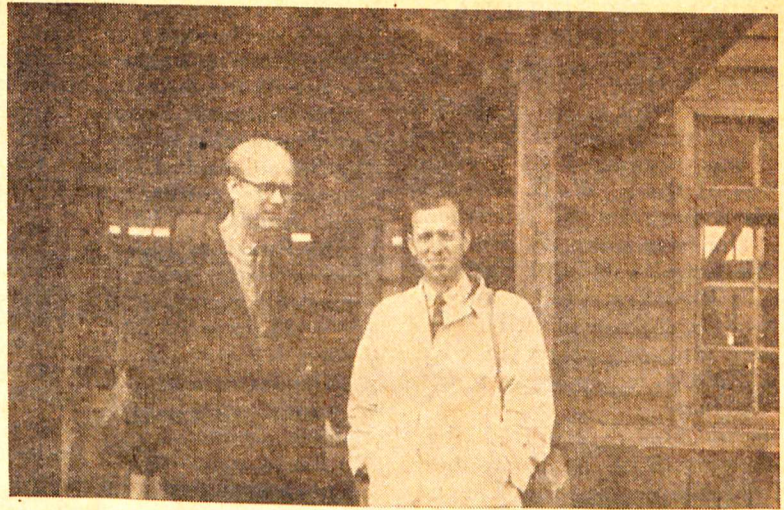
First, our work in Tokyo. There are two mission points in the area of Tokyo. I visited each of them and had the privilege of meeting one congregation and both ministers. One of these ministers is still in school at the Japan Christian College while the other one has behind him four years of college. These men are loved and respected by their people and our missionaries. The Lord is using these fine Japanese ministers in bringing the Gospel message to their people, and I believe that we (FWB) should hold them up in our prayers.

Brother Waid is doing fine in language school in Tokyo, but he really wants to get out on the field. He is, at the present time, the Sunday School superintendent at the Chapel Center in Tokyo. His wife and children are getting along well and soon Mrs. Waid will resume her study of the language. The Waids sure do have a fine little family (they have a new baby girl).

From Tokyo I visited our work and missionaries in Abashiri and Bihoro. Brother and Sister Wesley Calvery and their two fine children are at Abashiri and have their work in Abashiri and around other towns near there. Mr. Calvery has a wonderful ministry with the high school students both in his Church and at the high schools. The Lord is blessing this wonderful work and some souls are being saved. One time while we (Mr. Calvery, Mr. Hersey and myself) were out at one of the mission points, a young man just out of high school walked all the way into town to see us off the next morning (this was a long way for him to come). I believe this expresses the attitude of the Japanese people toward our missionaries.

Sister Calvery is a wonderful assistant to Brother Calvery in his work, and I sure do praise the Lord for the way that He is using them in His work. Brother Calvery and his family will be coming home on leave in November, 1959, and I know that they will be a blessing to any Church that invites them to visit for a service.

While it was a blessing to be able to visit our missionaries, I was sorry for the loss of Brother and Sister Hersey's baby, but I praise the Lord for



Fred Hersey (left) and Wesley Calvery (right) our missionaries in Japan, just before boarding the train at Abashiri, to visit our Mission work.

Mrs. Hersey's faith and courage in the Lord. Pray for her and her family. Brother Hersey is doing a fine work and I had the privilege of visiting his Church at Bihoro and his outer preaching points. I met some of his wonderful Sunday School boys, girls, and also adults.

Bro. Calvery and Bro. Hersey each has a Japanese helper and both know the Lord real well. They are sure working for the salvation of other Japanese souls. One of the young men that Mr. Calvery wrote about in the FWB paper in December 24, 1958, is still going strong in the Lord and is witnessing and passing out tracts as often as he can. Pray for him.

Also, let's pray for our three young men in Japan Christian College: Mr. Osawa-San, Mr. Itani-San, Mr. Taguchi-San. Then there are the minister Mr. Miyatani (Peter) in Tokyo, Miss Mochizuke, (Mr. Calvery's helper), Mr Kobayashi (Mr. Hersey's helper).

Here is the schedule that our missionaries are asking prayer for: July 20-25, Tent meeting at Tsubetsu, Japan; July 29-August 2, Meeting at Bihoro; August 5-9, Meeting at Koshimizu; August 14-15, Bible Camp for all Churches; August 19-23, Abashiri Tent meeting.

Brother Hersey said that these items are hard to get and I believe if we ask the Lord what is our part in this ministry that we would take care of our missionaries: Coffee, cocoa, pudding mixes, canned meats, jello, cake mixes, razor blades (Gillette-blue). There is a need for clothing for our missionaries. Let's pray and ask the Lord what should be our part in supplying these things and I believe we will do something about it. Remember

to pray for their health. There is a sleeping sickness going around and some missionaries have already died this year from it. There is hardly any protection from this disease.

Tradition plays a great part in the lives of the Japanese people and you don't see it at first, but as marriage, death, etc. comes around them, it takes on a greater meaning and sometimes it is very difficult for a Japanese to become a Christian. Pray that this may not stop these souls from becoming Christians.

Our missionaries have found out it is better to preach the gospel and after the person has shown an interest, then they deal with them personally and lead them to Christ this way. But Satan is using the things that I mentioned above and I believe that we FWBs should pray harder and harder.

Write to our missionaries, not short letters, but letters of encouragement and about things that are happening around you. I praise the Lord for this privilege of seeing our field in Japan. May God help us to supply our brothers' and sisters' needs on the field.

In the Service of our Master,
J. C. Hubert Carter

NOTE: Mr. Carter is with the 3rd Marine Division, stationed at Okinawa.

AN EXPLANATION

We are indeed grateful that Rev. Lester Jones is improving.

In regard to his illness some of our readers have wondered why we did not mention it in the past issues of the Gem. At the National Association Rev. Jones gave permission to inform you that it was at his and Mrs. Jones' request that we did not mention his illness while he was so critically low.

BRIEFS FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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In case you are not acquainted with the purpose of the Board of Superannuation it was organized to provide the ministers of the F. W. B. denomination with a program of retirement insurance. This was done by working with the Ministers' Life and Casualty Union of 3100 West Lake Street, Minneapolis 16, Minnesota. The insurance program now offers to each minister a \$2000 endowment policy age 65 or 70 years.

The League Board reported that since January 1, 1959 the Board had employed a full-time National League Director to represent the work throughout the states. It further stated that due to increased interest in League work the contributions had also increased. The need, however, of the League is prayer and finance in order to continue the progress of the work.

It is recommended that 10 percent of League offerings be sent to the National office, or the sending of a percentage of the regular church budget.

Our National League Director, Mr. Ray Turnage, is scheduled on the Sunday School and League Convention program to convene at Thayer, Missouri, August 17-18.

The Board of Publication and Literature reports that they have made available for our people a book known as "A History of Free Will Baptists" written by Rev. G. W. Million. This book is on sale at the F. W. B. Press in Ayden, N. C. and sells for \$3.00 postpaid. The F. W. B. Hymnal can also be purchased at above office.

The association regrets the loss of Rev. W. S. Mooneyham from the office as National Executive Secretary. Rev. Mooneyham will still hold his affiliation with the Free Will Baptists but he has accepted the editorship of the *Action*, the official publication of the National Evangelical Association.

Rev. Mooneyham's successor will be chosen by the Executive Board.

As to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention we can truthfully report a very spiritual and outstanding program. The message on Tuesday was delivered by Rev. Tommy Willey, missionary to Cuba. Incidentally, Missouri can well be proud of the fact that two of their contestants won first place in National contests. Miss Judy Pogue daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Pogue, of Fredericktown Church, Fredericktown, Missouri placed first in the Y.P. A. declamation contest sponsored by the W. N. A. C., and Miss Linda Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Rolla Smith, of Third Church, St. Louis, Missouri won first in a G. T. A. National Essay Contest. Congratulations to both of these girls!

In this issue you will find resolutions adopted by the W. N. A. C. at the National Convention in Asheville, North Carolina.

PROGRAM OF STATE CONVENTION

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Response	Rev. Wm. Buster
Pastor of Hazel Creek Church, Rt. 2, Kirksville, Mo.	
Moderator's Message	Rev. O. T. Allred
Pastor of Merls Chapel Church, Monett, Mo.	
Introductory Message	Rev. Elro I. Driggers
Pastor of Fellowship Church, Flat River, Mo.	

Wednesday Morning—August 19, 1959

- 9:00—Scripture and prayer
- 9:10—Receive letters and seat delegates
 - Receive letters from corresponding religious bodies
 - Seat corresponding messengers in conference
 - Reading of By-Laws
- 10:00—Election of officers
- 11:00—Worship Hour (Woman's Auxiliary)

Wednesday Afternoon

Woman's Auxiliary Program
Associational business as time permits

Wednesday Evening

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

Thursday Morning—August 20

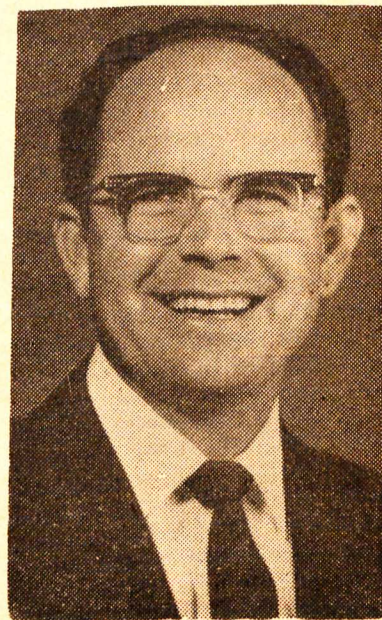
- 9:00—Devotions, Congregational singing, prayer
- 9:15—Business
- 11:00—Devotions
 - Message Speaker to be selected

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—Devotions, singing and prayer
- Completion of Business

Thursday Evening

- 7:30—Devotions, singing, prayer, specials
 - Message Speaker to be selected



Rev. Rolla Smith

Rev. Smith is pastor of the Third Church, St. Louis, and Chairman of the National Foreign Mission Board. He will speak at 11:00 A. M. Tuesday, August 18 at the State Sunday School and League Convention, on the subject of "The Mission of the Sunday School."

The men who build the future are those who know that greater things are yet to come, and that they themselves will help bring them about. They never stop to doubt. They haven't time.

—Melvin J. Evans

WHAT MAKES A MISSIONARY?

By Kenneth Strachan
Latin America Mission

What makes a missionary? We ask ourselves that question repeatedly in the course of our daily work.

There's something of the soldier in every real missionary. It was our privilege to be in the home of one of our families recently. Due to circumstances of the work, the physical conditions were most trying. To add to the discomforts, several of the children were down with measles and the pressure of work on both husband and wife was overwhelming. But in spite of it all, that home was not only a bee-hive of activity (the children wonderfully doing their share, too) but the center for a constant flow of people drawn by the warm atmosphere of friendly hospitality.

"There's a real missionary family" we thought with pride. At the same time there was a twinge of conscience at the reminder of our own many failures along that line. God help us all in these days of overwhelming pressures to be good soldiers. "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Some folks always work quietly behind the scenes, serving, waiting, cleaning, picking up the pieces. The other day we watched one missionary serving tables very quietly—without fuss or feathers—while another missionary (also serving faithfully in her post) occupied the spotlight. There were no plaudits or words of commendation for the one who served. But the silent comment of appreciation rose to our lips, "There's a real missionary." And with it the sincere prayer that needs uttering so very often, "Lord, I am Thy servant; teach me to serve." "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

When we see one of our fellows with a real burden for souls, "instant in season, out of season" in witnessing, we recognize again another mark of the true missionary—perhaps one of the most essential.

In recent months the Lord has been speaking to all of us down here on the need of greater faithfulness in witnessing. This growing concern for those around us has been increasingly reflected—happily—in our seasons of prayer. But we long much more to become missionaries in this true sense of the word. "Give me a passion for souls, dear Lord," prayed Herbert Tovey, "a passion to save the lost." And we need to pray this, too.

Among the many other qualities that make a missionary there is this one also—that his ears be open to the voice of the Lord. "Mine ears hast thou opened," sang one servant, and

ours must be the words of another, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

But only prayer can make that kind of missionaries. And so surrounded by the opportunities and needs and

overwhelmed by the pressures, we ask above all things, "Lord, teach us to pray." For more than anything else, it is prayer—ours and yours—that will spell the difference and make us all what, for Christ's sake and for Latin America, we must be.



MISS JUDY POGUE

Miss Judy Pogue recently received an engraved plaque for winning first place in the National Declamation Contest, sponsored annually by the Women's Auxiliary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. This year's session was held in City Auditorium at Asheville, N. C.

Miss Pogue won the honor of representing the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists in the contest by first winning at the SEMO district meet, and later at the State contest. Her national competition consisted of young people from throughout the states composing the National Association.

The declamation for which Judy won first place was on the subject of "Missions." She was not only judged on subject matter but also on poise, personality and general ability to speak before the public.

On the first day of the contest she was judged as one of the top three contestants. The following day she won the title, appearing before a panel of judges and hundreds of delegates and visitors to the national convention. Judy is an active member in the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church and program chairman of the Young People's Association. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Les Pogue. She attended the contest with the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Scott.

—The Democrat News

No doubt many people have great talents for singing, great talents for teaching, preaching and winning souls, and for doing much and lasting good, but they let the devil use them with which to curse the world.

Attend church every Sunday

Woman's Auxiliary

The resolutions adopted by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention at the National Convention in Asheville, North Carolina are as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) Whereas the Youth Project of purchasing the station wagon has not been completed, we recommend that said project be continued until funds are available for the purchase of the station wagon and the wagon when purchased be given to the Foreign Mission Board and that a policy governing the care and use of the station wagon be drawn up and presented to the Mission Board with the station wagon.

Suggested Policy For Station Wagon

1. To be used for itinerary work only by missionaries on furlough.

2. A charge of 1 cent a mile shall be paid by the missionaries to the custodians to help defray the upkeep.

3. A \$100.00 deductible insurance policy shall be kept on the wagon. In case of an accident, the \$100.00 to be paid by the missionary using it at the time of the accident.

4. When not in use for itinerate work, the wagon shall be stored in Nashville.

5. When more than one missionary is home on furlough, it shall be used periodically by the missionaries as needed, priority to be given to missionary with children.

6. Station wagon to be used by qualified drivers covered by the insurance.

7. If and when the station wagon is not in use and is needed for Home Missionaries serving in areas outside of mainland, Foreign Mission Board shall make suitable arrangements with Home Mission Board for use of same.

(2) Since it is the purpose of our Woman's Auxiliary to teach and promote missions, we recommend our circle meetings to be used as a time for intercessory prayer, for missions, study classes, book reviews and reading circles. Furthermore, we recommend that an officers packet for the Circle Chairman be prepared, giving ideas, suggestions and helps to promote this plan.

(3) Whereas facts present a burden for the work in Mexico, and whereas facilities are completely inadequate to fulfill the opportunities given our missionaries and whereas a badly needed mission station could be built at a cost of around \$12,000,

(this would be on land already purchased and much of the labor to be donated by the members), we recommend that we accept as our 1959-1960 project, the building of a mission Station in Mexico—the same to include living quarters for the missionaries, chapel, school and dormitories.

We further recommend that no state quotas be set, to allow more freedom for the Lord and our people, but that last years quotas be considered as a gauge. Furthermore that all monies received remain with the WNAC Treasurer until needed.

(4) Whereas the WNAC Student Loan Fund not only has helped our students financially but has also helped our Bible College in it's accreditation, we recommend that the auxiliaries be informed of the great need of such a fund and thereby be encouraged to support the loan fund in a greater measure than heretofore.

(5) Whereas the purpose of our auxiliaries is to teach as well as to promote missions, we believe we can best accomplish our purpose by placing our emphasis on the teaching of missions and on intercessory prayer for our missionaries.

Furthermore that the Co-Laborer Plan and its purpose, and value be taught through special articles and visual aids, as a means of support for the WNAC, as well as Foreign Missions, Home Missions and the Bible College.

(6) That all Declamation Contestants be classified according to age at National Contest, not the age they were during the State or District Contests.

(7) That we do not have a National Workshop and the different states be urged to promote workshops in the individual states and districts, and that National Officers be invited to take part where possible.

(8) That we adopt the report given by the committee regarding the Y. P. A. report blanks.

(9) That we change the average 70 percent attendance to 50 percent on the Standard Study Classes.

(10) That the President appoint a delegate to represent the WNAC at the Home Mission Board Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina. (Mrs. Eunice Edwards was appointed. This is in regard to the Home for the Aged.)

(11) That we adopt the recommenda-

tion to sponsor the "Chair in Missions" the week preceding the Missionary Conference. That the instructor be a returned missionary and be given an honorarium of \$75.00, this not to be included in their salary or account.

(12) That the recommendation for the Tennessee State Auxiliary Convention be considered as information to be studied and prayed about.

(13) BE IT RESOLVED:

That the following be the themes for the 1961 Yearbooks:

W.N.A.C. Watchword: "God Is Able" (II Cor. 9:8)

W.N.A.C. Theme: Abounding to Every Good Work.

W.N.A.C. Hymn: "I Gave My Life For Thee."

Y.P.A. Watchword: "Ye Are My Witnesses" (Isa. 43:10)

Y. P. A. Theme: A Lifetime of Living.

Y.P.A. Hymn for the Year: "Here Am I, Send Me."

G. T. A. Watchword: "For God... Hath Shined In Our Hearts" II Cor. 4:6)

G.T.A. Theme: Reflectors for Christ

G.T.A. Hymn for the Year: "Jesus Bid Us Shine."

(14) That the subject "Missions" be retained for the Declamation Contest and that the subject "The Worth of the Family Altar" be retained for the essay contest until a change is made by this convention.

(15) Be IT RESOLVED:

That the offerings of the Pre-Thanksgiving Season of Prayer be designated for National Home Missions and that the offerings of the Pre-Christmas Seasons of Prayer be designated for State Home Missions. (This is to conform with the Denominational Calendar).

The winners of the National Essay Contest for this year are as follows:

Y. P. A. 1st Place—Janice Saunders, North Carolina.

2nd Place—Pauletta Sawyer, Virginia.

G. T. A. 1st Place—Linda Smith, Missouri.

2nd Place—Lynn Everton, Virginia.

List of Contestants:

Y. P. A.—Pauletta Sawyer, Janice Saunders.

G. T. A.—Myra Marlin, Cleo Singleton, Linda Smith, Gene Wilfong, Lynn Everton, Phyllis Stratton, Sandra Holliday.

The winners of the National Decla-

mation Contest for this year are as follows:

Y. P. A. 1st Place—Judy Pogue, Missouri.

2nd Place—Ann Everton, Virginia.

3rd Place—Janice Jones, South Carolina

G. T. A. 1st Place—Brenda Green, Georgia.

2nd Place—Emily Thigpen, S. C.

3rd Place—Wayne Patrick, N. C.

FREDERICKTOWN AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, July 21 with 17 members and one visitor present. Following the devotional by Genelle Scott, the new officers for the coming year were elected.

President, Helen McGraw; enlistment chairman, Blanche Pogue; youth chairman, Verna Smith; study course chairman, Hallie Dettmer; benevolent chairman, Lula Freeland; recording secretary and corresponding secretary, Jaunita Skaggs; treasurer, Margie Hahn; pianist, Jaunita Skaggs; assistant pianist, Kitty Edminston; song leader, Easter Graham; assistant song leader, Verna Smith; circle chairman 1, Jaunita Skaggs; circle chairman 2, Kitty Edminston; circle chairman 3, Helen Gamblin.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Our auxiliary met at the church for the regular meeting with twelve present. After prayer and song, we had our election of officers for the coming year. They were as follows: President—Nancy Driggers, First Vice-President—Edith Brooks, Study Course Chairman—Ruth Burcham, Program and Prayer Chairman—Wanda Ragsdale, assistant, Sister Turley, Youth Chairman—Ruth Wilfong, Personal Service Chairman—Bernice Dodd, assistants, Sister Milburn and Sister Violet Horton, Recording Secretary and Treasurer—Katy LaBrott, Social Committee—Mrs. Frank Johnson, Della Getz and Mrs. Baker, Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Hilderbrand.

We have enjoyed our auxiliary this past year and have been drawn nearer to God by the study of our different books. Pray that God will lead us in our work, and help us to be better stewards in His service.

After the election of officers we had our Year Book Study. The theme of our study was "Sunday School," something that should be dear to everyone. It is wonderful to train boys and girls in the Sunday School and see them grow up and take their place in the church and out on the mission field.

I say God bless our Sunday Schools and every one who has a part in them.

Let us pray for one another that we may be willing to work wherever He leads us. God bless everyone is my prayer. —Mrs. Hilderbrand, Cor.

COPPER MINES AUXILIARY

The women of the Copper Mines Auxiliary met at the church Tuesday night July 14, for their regular program meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sister Evelyn Rehkop, with singing of hymns "Jesus Loves Even Me." and "Oh! How I Love Jesus" followed with prayer by Sister Edith Underwood. The president read Mark 13:16 for Scripture lesson. After the roll call and business session, officers were elected for the coming year.

Our lesson for the month was "Missionary multiplication." Topic 1, "Are Children Important?" was given by Sister Lillian Hovis. Topic 2, "We Grow by Sharing" by Sister Edith Underwood. Topic 3, "How to Start" by Sis. Esther Hovis. Topic 4, "The Lesson Period" by Sis. Marie Graham.

Benediction by Sister Mildred Killian. —Madge Hovis, Cor.

OUR VIEW OF MEXICO

Mrs. Edd Gilliam

We visited the Nogales Mission on our vacation in May, and I wish I could express in words how I feel about it, but I can't do so. The work that Brother and Sister Elliston are doing is wonderful. Words fail me when I try to speak of it. I felt like I wanted to shout for joy at the wonderful way they are holding up Christ, our dear Saviour, to those poor, hungry, tired, and discouraged people; and then, in the next moment I wanted to cry when I thought of how those people are so destitute in a land of plenty.

We heard Brother Elliston deliver a message in Spanish on Sunday morning, and the mission was filled with folks that were eager to learn about our dear Lord. Brother Elliston, his wife Gladys, and little daughter Mary Bell, carry on as much work in the mission as it would take 30 people to do here in our churches.

Brother and Sister Elliston took us over into Mexico, and let us see for ourselves the conditions as they really are there. And, as I said before, words just can't describe it. Our church, here in Huntington Park, has adopted a little boy to sponsor in the Nogales Academy. His name is Tony De La Torre. Mr. Gilliam and I went with Bro. and Sis. Elliston and Mary Bell to visit in his home.

They live in a little hut, but it was clean. Tony's father had a job as a mechanic and welder for a salary of \$8.00 per week, and many of the people can't get any work at all. Some of them live in one or two rooms with dirt floors. The sanitation is awful. A newborn baby is lucky if it can survive the first few weeks. Since Sister Elliston has been working with them, she has tried to supply the expectant mothers with vitamins, and also the newborn babies with the proper medication to help them survive.

I sincerely believe, as Brother Elliston said, that if we are going to keep communism out of that country we are going to have to try to keep the Spirit of God in that country. When Brother and Sister Elliston drive into canyons in the Mexican city, both adults and children throng their car. We could see them emerge from all sides of the roads, and their faces would light up with joy when Brother and Sister Elliston would speak to them; as if they were angels of mercy, and to my way of thinking, that is what they are.

I would like to say to all of the churches that if you have not as yet adopted a child to sponsor there, please do. And please support our mission there with both your prayers and dollars, I know our Dear Lord and Saviour will bless you for it.

From A. M. Missionary

FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

Flat River, Mo.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Prov. 1:7) "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4)

The theme of our program was "Missionary Multiplication" from the Year Book. We sang the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me." Prayer by Mrs. Lizzie Williams followed by hymn "Jesus Loves The Little Children." The introduction was given by the president, Mrs. Scott. Topic 1, "Are Children Important"; by Allie Thurman. Topic 2, "We Grow by Sharing" by Gussie Hamblen. Topic 3, "How to Start" by Bertha Hovis. Topic 4, "The Lesson Period" by Mrs. Dale Jones. There were nineteen present.

We thank the Lord for His blessings on our work and may the Lord bless all our auxiliaries and churches is our prayer. Jesus said, "Occupy till I come."

Benediction by Sister Goldie Black. —Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Cor.

News From Our Churches

PARK VIEW CHURCH

Desloge, Mo.

Mr. John Long has resigned as pastor of the Park View Church. He and Mrs. Long have purchased a home in Fredericktown and are now residing there. They are driving up to Desloge every week to be with us in services until the last of July. The Lord wishes them well and prays for the Lord's blessings upon them.

St. Francois County Sunday School convention met with us on May 15. Rev. Elro Driggers of the Fellowship Church gave an inspiring and encouraging message on the obligations of Sunday School officers and teachers.

Vacation Bible School began June 5. The school was well attended and everyone was blessed by being there. It closed on Friday, June 5, with an annual Bible School picnic, which was held at the Farmington park. Five churches, four of them Free Will Baptist churches, were at the park for the picnic. There was over 500 people there, mostly boys and girls who had taken time to come to the Bible School.

Our church is as yet without a pastor for the coming year. We ask that you pray with us that the Lord will lead and call of the One He would choose to be our pastor.

—Mrs. Alice Bowen, Cor.

THE PREACHER'S WIFE

You may think it quite an easy task,
And just a pleasant life;
But it really takes a lot of grace
To be a preacher's wife.

Supposed to be a paragon
Without a fault in view,
When in the parsonage
As in the pew.

Home must be a small hotel
That lacks that chance to roam,
That lacks peace and harmony—
The perfect preacher's home;

Groups are called to meet,
Presence must be there,
That the members all agree
Should live a life of prayer.

Hearing people's burdens,
Grief both night and day,
Supposed to spread but sunshine
Along the way

Must lend a sympathetic ear
To every tale of woe,
When forget it,
To others go.

Children must be models rare
In dress and poise
Stay on the level
Whether girls and boys.

You may think it quite an easy task,
And just a pleasant life.
But it really takes a lot of grace
To be a preacher's wife.



Rev. James McCully

Rev. James McCully, better known as Bro. Jimmy McCully, 1003 Frisco, Monett, Mo., and telephone number BE 5-3852, is available for a revival in your church. He also has equipment for a tent meeting. Rev. McCully has been conducting revivals continuously since August 1957.

MISSIONARY NEWS BULLETIN

Hong Kong. On April 27 Miss Helen Willis arrived here, the latest missionary to be expelled from Red China. She reports that the Communist campaign of brainwashing continues unabated. Many pastors have been tortured or intimidated until they have succumbed to Red domination. She indicated however, that many Christians remain true in spite of attack and constant surveillance. Miss Willis feels that we cannot write off the Church of China, but that "God will preserve a strong remnant in China in spite of all Communist efforts."

—M. N. S.

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Kotagiri, South India. July 1, 1959. We had a fine service Sunday. Everyone seemed so blessed by the message and the offering was the best ever received for one Sunday morning's service. In every department of the work there is progress and blessing. I wish you could read Tamil, as our pastor

now edits a prayer circular for our work and this gives all the news. Perhaps some day we shall be so well organized we'll be able to keep you informed properly.

—Volena Wilson

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Suggested Budget for 1960. A suggested Foreign Mission Budget of \$222,990.08 is being presented to the National Association for approval for 1960. This is \$18,000.00 more than the budget for 1959. The question arises: "Can we meet it?" I'm sure we can if all of us do our best.

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Brazil. It has been reported in Washington, D. C., that a United States syndicate has bought 3 and one half million acres astride the Amazon River in Brazil for about \$10 million. They expect to spend an equal amount developing the area which consists chiefly of wood-lands rich in Brazil nuts and inhabited by a few friendly Indians. It is to be developed for farming, ranching, and whatever mining proves feasible. The tract is almost three times as large as Delaware

—M. N. S.

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1959 is one-half gone! Even though 1959 is half gone we lack \$20,757.57 having one-half of the suggested quota for Foreign Missions for the current year. In other words, if we meet our quota for Foreign Missions this year, we must raise \$123,097.82 by December 31. Please check your state balance and let's all go over the top by that time.

"BEES" FOR A BUZZING SOCIETY

1. BE at the Meetings—rain or shine.
2. BE on time.
3. BE a pray-er.
4. BE appreciative of the efforts of those in charge.
5. BE willing to accept office with a prayerful "I'll do the best I can."
6. BE an "I'd love to" participant on the program.
7. BE actively interested in the business discussions.
8. BE a worker—together.
9. BE diligent in inviting guests and getting new members.
10. BE prompt in the payment of financial obligations.

—The United Evangelical.

Don't worry is always a good motto, even when you add the word—others.

HONOR ROLL

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor
Fellowship	Rev. Elro Driggers
Amity	Rev. Cliff Bowman
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
New Lebanon	Rev. Cliff Bowan
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 Burress
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
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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July
Cuba	40	40	45				
Mt. Pisgah	47	51	67	57	54	66	53
Copper Mines	104	106	123				
Fellowship, Flat River	185	188	203	203	200	204	198
Leadington	67	68	96	79	78	79	
Farmington	56	63	78	67	60	67	
Fourth, Maplewood	60	65	57	65	54	49	
Old Bethel	26	24	28	21	23	28	
Berkeley City	154	177	207	163	185		
Richwoods	45	44	53	55	59	50	51
Oak Grove	48						40
Joplin	64	70	86	70	70	79	66
Kirksville	91	91	96	101			
Grant Ave., Springfield	78	80	90	94	68	88	
Hazel Creek			44		46	52	
Twin Oak	63	44	65	57	60	61	73
South Side Church	141	163	170	186			
New Hope, Kansas City	35	35	49	42			
Mine La Motte	31	39	62	49	48	39	41
Mill Creek	53	55	65	64	65	63	
First Church, Kans. City	60	55	64	65			
Liberty	29						
Overland Church	78	90	102	101	117	128	
Third Church, St. Louis	90	100	104	108	108	109	
Bethel, West Plains							
Faith, St. Louis	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
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
Rev. & Mrs. N. Melitino Martinez 447 S. W. 6th Street Miami, Florida (one child)	First Spanish F. W. B. Church	September Mrs. Ma September Rev. Ma
Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite 645 Highline Drive East Wenatchee, Washington (three children)	Northwest United States	October 25 Mrs. Pos April 5 Rev. Pos
Rev. & Mrs. D. Lee Whaley P. O. Box 277 Anchorage, Alaska (two children)	Alaska	January 8 Mrs. Wh November Rev. Wh
Rev. & Mrs. Luther Sanders 3801 Richland Ave. Nashville 5, Tennessee (one child)	Hawaii	December Mrs. Sar May 18 Rev. Sar
Rev. & Mrs. Mack Owens 14 Hill St. Littleton, New Hampshire (one child)	New Hampshire and Canada	February 1 Mrs. Ow November Rev. Ow

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

April, May, June, 1959

Received—Co-operative Fund:

Alton Church	\$ 6.00
Aulsbury Chapel	66.85
Beacon Church	250.67
Carterville Church	43.41
Copper Mines Church	122.51
Desloge Church	139.63
Dutch Chapel	37.68
Farmington Church	130.80
Fellowship Church	381.63
First Church, Flat River	263.75
Fredericktown Church	263.96
Grant Ave. Church	72.15
Hazel Creek Church	32.12
Hickory Grove Church	53.86
Hurryville Church	61.60
Kirksville Church	60.00
Leadington Church	164.00
Martinstown Church	20.00
Merls Chapel	62.21
Mill Creek Church	78.60
Mine La Motte Church	31.37
Mountain Grove Church	375.00
Mountain Valley Church	25.83
Monett Church	216.92
Myrtle Church	41.97
Pleasant Home No. 1 Church	18.96
St. Louis District	
Quarterly Meeting	850.97
Twin Oaks Church	30.00
Verdella Church	138.89
Waynesville Church	19.82

Total Received \$4061.17

Disbursed as Follows:

National Co-operative Fund	\$2436.70
State Home Missions	893.45
Free Will Baptist Gem	203.05
Youth Camp	203.10
State General Fund	203.05
State Superannuation	121.83

Total Disbursed \$4061.17

Foreign Missions:

Beacon Church	\$ 1.50
Berkeley Church	10.00
Carterville Church	11.00
Fellowship Church	50.00
Farmington Church	113.15
Graysville Church	26.75
Jewell Sunday School	26.60
Low Ground Church	19.45
Mendola Church	15.00
Mine La Motte Church	36.73
Mine La Motte League	3.00
Mrs. G. E. Wade	5.00
Union Light Church	27.70

Total Received \$377.64

Total Disbursed \$377.64

National Home Missions:

Beacon Church	\$ 1.50
Berkeley League	10.00
Carterville Church	11.43
Farmington Church	48.50
First Church, Flat River	56.67

South Side League 15.00

Total Received \$143.10

Total Disbursed \$143.10

Missions:

Fredericktown Church	\$ 50.08
Merls Church	14.00
New Harmony Sunday School	52.84
Rock Chapel Church	39.80

Total Received \$156.72

Total Disbursed \$156.72

Orphanage:

Fredericktown Church	\$ 52.31
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Total Received \$ 52.31

Total Disbursed \$ 52.31

Youth Camp:

Hazel Creek Church	\$ 7.13
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Total Received \$ 7.13

Total Disbursed \$ 7.13

Shepherd Station:

Farmington Church	\$145.58
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Total Received \$145.58

Total Disbursed \$145.58

Alaska Missions:

Farmington Church	\$ 62.39
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Total Received \$ 62.39

Total Disbursed \$ 62.39

College Kitchen:

Kirksville Church	\$ 11.18
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Total Received \$ 11.18

Total Disbursed \$ 11.18

Gem:

Subscriptions	\$658.94
Supplies	13.92
Books	3.00

Total Received \$675.86

Signed, Rev. Albert Halbrook
Clerk-Treasurer

MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

July—Ninety-two percent of Mount Olive Junior College graduates have continued their education in four-year colleges or universities, President W. Burkette Raper has disclosed.

He said that 23 of the 25 students who have received Associate in Arts degrees from Mount Olive Junior College were enrolled last year or have been accepted for admission this fall in senior colleges or nursing schools.

This number of graduates does not include business education graduates who took terminal work, nor does

it include students who transferred to other colleges before graduating from Mount Olive Junior College. President Raper explained that a number of students transferred to other colleges before graduation.

"Our records show," Mr. Raper said, "that no graduate of Mount Olive Junior College has ever had academic difficulty after transferring. Our graduates have consistently maintained grades in senior colleges equal or superior to those made in our college."

Senior colleges in which graduates of Mount Olive Junior College have enrolled are: Atlantic Christian College, Wilson; East Carolina College, Greenville; Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tennessee; Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone; the University of North Carolina; and the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Winston-Salem.

JUST TALKING

By Mae Wells

Sometimes I wonder what we do really mean when we talk. Just talking on and on. Just wasting our breath. We say so many words that don't amount to anything at all, but if we would stop and think for just a little while we might not say so much.

A lot of the little things we say hurt people, and we may never know we have hurt them. People teasing someone near may not even think that the people standing near may not understand. Do they think you are trying to hurt that person or what do they think? The things that are said to us, about us, don't hurt us so much. What hurts is what the listeners standing by think about you.

They may even wonder what kind of life you are living, if you just talk on and on always talking and not thinking. You may be hurting people. Even you hurt children by teasing sometimes, maybe they won't understand.

Not long ago we were getting ready for church. Not thinking very much of what I was saying until it was already said, I was complaining about what I had to wear, and that I would love to be able to dress like other folk. I was just talking. Our little son was sitting near me, and for a little while nothing was said. Then he spoke up and said, "Mother, don't worry about what you have, for when you get to heaven you will be dressed like everyone else." Then I realized I was just talking and not thinking. Sometimes a little child has to remind us of the things we are doing and saying.