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ALCOHOL AND THE HUMAN BODY

By Melvin R. Frey

When an alcoholic beverage is drunk about thirty percent of the alcohol passes directly into the blood stream from the stomach. Alcohol requires no digestion before absorption. The rate at which it enters the blood depends upon the amount of food in the stomach. If the stomach is empty the rate of absorption is greater than if there is food present. This helps explain the "quick kick" from a cocktail taken before a meal, and why some people eat something before they go where cocktails may be served before the dinner. The alcohol which is not absorbed from the stomach passes into the small intestine where it is absorbed quickly. Under some conditions the stomach rejects alcohol and the individual vomits.

The alcohol absorbed into the blood from the stomach and intestines is carried to the liver where the blood comes into contact with the liver cells. Here the first chemical change in alcohol within the body takes place. It is oxidized first to acetaldehyde, then to acetic acid, and finally to carbon dioxide and water. Acetaldehyde is a very irritating substance and its formation may account for some of the changes in the liver found in heavy drinkers. Acetic acid is a relatively mild substance, and carbon dioxide and water are very common substances in the body. This helps to explain why time is necessary to recover from the effects of drinking.

The rate of oxidation of alcohol in the liver is a steady one dependent upon the size of the liver. Since the size of the liver is proportional to the size of the body, it follows that a large person can oxidize more alcohol than a small person. This helps explain why the same amount of an alcoholic beverage produces different effects on different people.

Theoretically it would be possible for the liver to oxidize all of the alcohol absorbed into the blood if the amount of alcohol drunk was small. Dr. H. W. Haggard says this is possible if alcohol is drunk at the rate of one-half to three-fourths glass of beer in an hour's time. Practically, this seldom happens.

From the liver, the blood passes to the heart, to the lungs, back to the heart, and from there to any part of

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I quit school at the ripe old age of 13. I didn't have to of course but I wanted to. I had just finished grade school and was beginning my four years at high. Most young people look forward to this period of life as the best but to me it was the worst. I was possessed with a terrible inferiority complex, I was an avid sports fan but too bashful to try out for any teams. Each day at school was worse than the one before and only because I made it so. To begin with on my first day at school I visited the school cafeteria to obtain my lunch. I observed the rest of the kids scrambling for seats at tables on one side of the room while on the other side were unoccupied tables. Wishing not to attract undue attention to myself I walked over to one of the unoccupied tables and sat down and awaited the waitress to come and take my order. She never came. The lunch room became an uproar with laughter and I wondered what was so funny and then found out that I was. One of the employees of the cafeteria informed me that I was seated at a table reserved for teachers and further more I had to serve myself rather than be served.

I began to play hooky. (This was easy as my parents both worked.) After seven weeks of spasmodic attending I quit. I had my parents permission of course. Perhaps they didn't realize the value of education because they had both been denied it. I didn't know what I would do with my life. I had no goal; no ultimate aim.

I lived out the summer just loitering around and that fall I decided I had to begin making a way for myself in the world. I set out, still equipped with my inferiority complex, and was hired at the first place I inquired as a messenger-boy. I lied about my age. I wasn't shaving yet and I guess the manager noticed it for he kept asking me to bring my birth certificate in or else I couldn't work there. I lied again and told him it was lost and I was applying for a new one. He finally quit asking me and I stayed.

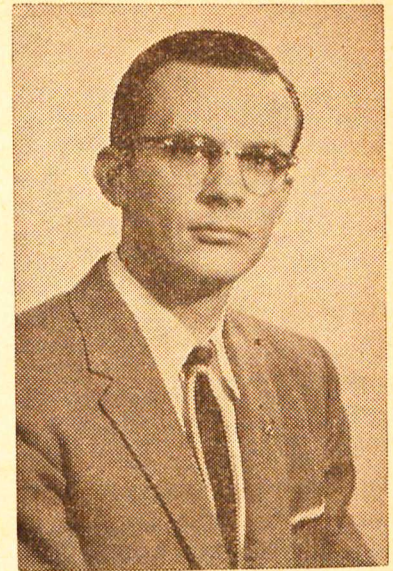
I remained with this firm until I was 16. By then I had worked my way into the position of office boy. My starting wage of \$12.00 per week had grown to \$22.00 per week. I decided to transfer to the factory and learn a trade and the trade I chose was a good one. But after working at it a few weeks I found I didn't like it and took

the road of least resistance and quit.

By now I was old enough to join my father at the factory where he had been employed for some twenty-five or more years. By now I had somewhat of an ambition. I wanted to be like Dad, work in a factory, marry a good woman like Mom, and bring home a steady pay check. It wasn't long until my income doubled and within a few years had triplicated. But by now I could see the mistake I had made in leaving school and I felt it too late to rectify it. What had been somewhat of an ambition now became my doom. I was to work in a factory all the days of my life because of my mistake of quitting school. Mom had tried to talk me out of quitting. She wanted me to go on. To become a doctor or a lawyer. To make something of myself. I couldn't erase these thoughts from my mind and each day at the factory became a drudgery. I was making good money for a kid of 18 but not saving a dime of it. I had already learned how to drink and how to gamble.

One Sunday morning something happened that was to change my whole life. I met God. Heretofore God had been left out of my life. I wasn't brought up in a church attending family. I knew little of the Bible or of anything connected with it. I didn't know what salvation, atonement, justification, or what any of its doctrines meant. On this particular day that I speak of I went forward at the invitation of a minister and received Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. There was nothing remarkable about it. I received no vision. I simply believed. I didn't, at the time fully understand what it was all about but I knew that I had sinned. I had messed up my life and now I was coming to God for Him to straighten it out. He did.

The next day at the factory things took on a different atmosphere. The four brick walls were still there and I had come to loathe them but somehow they looked brighter. What had been drudgery now became pleasant. Not long after my conversion (for that is what happened to me that Sunday morning) I was offered and took a different job. The foreman had decided I would make a good crane operator and I began my break-in period which lasted six weeks. This job afforded me quite a bit of leisure time and I decided to read the Bible through. I began with Genesis and



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God Gave Me A Second Chance

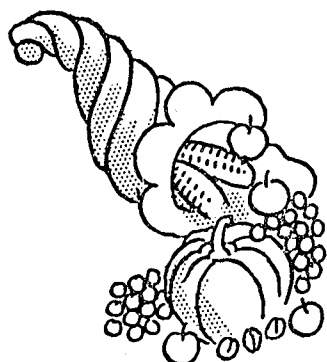
A Personal Testimony From
The Editor . . .

read on through Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, etc. The more I read the more engrossed I became. Here was the greatest Book I had ever read.

Somewhere along the way in this reading I became possessed with the idea that God wanted me to preach. Yes, that's right. God wanted bashful me to become a preacher. The more I read, the more I prayed, the more convinced I became that this was God's will for my life. I discussed it with my minister and then finally made a public announcement at church that God had called me to preach. There were the doubters and they cannot be blamed. They had observed my bashfulness.

I sold all of my possessions, my beat up 1935 Ford included, and headed for Bible College. A Bible College combines the curricula of the Seminary and Liberal Arts college into a four-year course. At 20 I was picking up where I had left off at 13. After my

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CLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

BIBLE COLLEGE TRUSTEES MEET

Nashville, Tenn.

The Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist College met on the school campus November 29 for its semi-annual meeting.

The group spent the day discussing and analyzing the educational program of the Bible College. Committees on curriculum, faculty and library, auditing and public relations, and buildings and grounds surveyed the entire educational endeavor.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, Bible College president, stated that during the course of the meeting one member who has been on the Board since the school was organized observed that there had never been disagreement to the point of hard feelings in a Board meeting. The harmony of this meeting was all that Christians could ask for, he said.

Meeting with the Board for the first time was Delmer Priest, layman from Richland, California, who was elected to the Board at the National Association in Fresno.

Mr. Priest has been an active deacon and Sunday School teacher for the past 10 years, and is an experienced leader with youth, having served in the local police department for 17 years and is at present an officer in the juvenile court of his city.

The new board member replaced Rev. K. V. Shutes of Thomaston, Georgia, who served continuously since the College was incorporated in 1945.

Others of the nine-member Board present were: M. E. Howard, chairman, businessman of Richmond, Virginia; Rev. J. R. Davidson, Atlanta, Georgia; Rev. James F. Miller, Knoxville, Tennessee; Rev. Paul Kettman, Columbus, Mississippi; and Rev. Ralph Lightsey, New Bern, North Carolina.

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. Luther Gibosn, Tupelo,

Mississippi; and Rev. Floyd Cherry, Greenville, North Carolina, were not able to be present for the meeting. Emmett Frazier, Ashland City, Tennessee was proxy for Mr. Bingham.

**Rev. John Vick is
Fredericktown Evangelist**
Fredericktown, Mo.

Rev. Johnny Vick of Joelton, Tenn. was the evangelist at a recent revival at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown. Large crowds were reported and a spirit of revival prevailed. There were three decisions. At the close of the revival, Rev. Clarence Burton, pastor of the church, baptized these three converts.

**New Officers Chosen
for Mt. Grove Master's Men**
Mt. Grove, Mo.

One of the Recently most outstanding meetings of the brotherhood of the Mt. Grove Church was enjoyed as the membership met for the annual election of officers. An outstanding message was given by Bro. T. D. "Spig" McCarty after having been introduced by Bro. Lyle Colson, acting president.

The new officers elected are as follows:

President—Jesse Walker, Member Vice President—Francis Elliot, Program Vice Pres.—Hurst Smith, Secretary-Treasurer—Rex Canterbury, Activities Vice President—Roy Elliott-Lynn Hurt, Chorister—Glen Hunt, Publicity—Homer Farra.

The regular meeting nights are the first Monday of each month with potluck supper at the 7:30 hour.

**Fulcher's Available
for Itinerary Work**
St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. & Mrs. Bill Fulcher, Missionary Candidates to Latin America, are available for services in Missouri Churches until sometime in April which is their tentative sailing date. The Foreign Missions Board reports that anyone desiring this dedicated

young couple for services may contact them at 3647 E. Edgar Ave., St. Louis 21, Mo. Mrs. Fulcher is the former Glenda Barks of the Berkeley City Church.

**No Threat to NAE
Tax Exemption**

WHEATON, ILL.—Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Secretary of Public Affairs, have joined here in a statement to the NAE constituency that the organization's tax exempt status is not in jeopardy. Reference was made to recent news stories which indicated that the National Association of Evangelicals was under investigation by the Internal Revenue Service because of the NAE's concern with the church-state issue in the recent political campaign. The inference was that the lost of tax exempt status was involved, which would tend to discourage gifts to the organization.

Text of the statement is as follows: "The NAE has never been contacted by any investigators of the Internal Revenue Service relative to this. Furthermore, we have just been advised on good authority that the Internal Revenue Service will not revoke the tax exempt status of any of the many legitimate religious and other non-profit organizations for statements on 'the religious issue.'"

"The wording of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (C) (3), is so unclear that the widest possible interpretation of it would affect an incredibly large number of the religious bodies of America. Also affected would be such organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, many educational organizations, and undoubtedly certain Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish publications. According to authoritative sources Congress will be asked to reconsider this law so that tax exempt organizations will under

stand the limitations placed upon them. Fair-minded Americans will rejoice in this victory for the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion."

Matthews Conducts Successful Revival Leadington, Mo.

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church of Leadington, Mo., enjoyed a good revival meeting October 17 to the 28. Rev. Woodrow Matthews, the pastor of the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo., served as the evangelist.

There were three saved, two rededications and five united with the church. The Sunday morning following the revival, there were eight baptized. Since the meeting there have been three others who have united with the church. Says pastor Turnbough, "We rejoice because of these blessings God has given to us and for Bro. Matthews and for the soul stirring messages." Rev. W. T. Turnbough is the pastor.

Denominational Sunday School Secretaries Meet Chicago, Ill.

Twenty-six Denominational Sunday School Secretaries met Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 6, 7, and 8 in Chicago's Palmer House Hotel to discuss Sunday School needs and plan phases of the Sunday School calendar year.

High on the list of the crowded agenda was a discussion of present trends in Sunday School. The secretaries agreed that there was a need for a testing device to measure the efficiency of both teaching and learning. The secretaries also recognized the need for more specific helps for the Sunday School student, especially in the area of lesson assignments which would enable and encourage the pupil to study his lesson through the week. It was decided that this improvement would take the combined effort of both lesson writers and Sunday School teachers.

These Denominational Sunday School Secretaries form a commission of the National Sunday School Association. They meet annually to plan National Family Week, National Sunday School Week, March to Sunday School in March and other programs in which most of the denominations cooperate.

Groups represented this year were: American Sunday School Union, Assemblies of God, Baptist General Con-

ference, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Churches of Christ (Christian), Church of God, Church of the Nazarene, Elim Missionary Assemblies, Evangelical Covenant Church of America, Evangelical Free Church of America, First Friends Church, Free Methodist Church, Free Will Baptist, General Baptists, International Churches of the Foursquare Gospel, Mennonite Brethren Church, Mennonite Church, Minnesota Baptist Convention, Missionary Church Association, National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, The Salvation Army, The Pilgrim Holiness Church, United Missionary Church, Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Groups usually represented but absent this year were: Brethren in Christ, Churches of Christ in Christian Union, and Pentecostal Holiness.

NAE Annual Convention To Meet in Grand Rapids

GAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The nineteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held here April 10-14, 1961, according to an announcement by Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, convention chairman. Sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium and Pantlind Hotel.

The convention will open with a great public rally in the Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p. m., Monday, April 10, Dr. Burnett has announced. Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, and past president of the Association, will be the speaker. The convention theme, "Thy Word Is Truth," will be implemented by Dr. Ockenga and other speakers. Among them are NAE President Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo.; Dr. Henry Bast, president Calvin Seminary, Holland, Michigan, and Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, Washington, D. C.

Two major changes in the basic format of the convention have been made this year, Dr. Burnett said. Commission meetings will be scheduled for both mornings and afternoons to make attendance possible for those who find themselves on more than one commission. The other change is the use of Friday morning (closing day of the convention) for "split sessions" to provide time for all newly elected commission members and officers to

re-group themselves and plan their strategy for the coming year before leaving the convention.

A highlight of this convention, as of others, will be the Wednesday night prayer meeting under direction of Dr. Armin Gesswein, chairman of the NAE Spiritual Life Commission.

Dedication of Church Building Kansas City, Mo.

The Beacon Free Will Baptist Church, 7918 Northern Street, Raytown, Missouri held its dedication service Sunday, December 11, 1960 in the New Auditorium. Rev. Lester Jones of Kirksville, Mo., former pastor, brought the dedicatorial message. Rev. Woodrow Matthews, the present pastor prayed the dedicatorial prayer. The History of the Beacon Church was read by Mrs. Greta Carter. (See History on page 11.)

"Surrender to God"

Theme for
National Youth Week,
January 29—February 5
Chicago, Ill.

The native population in the United States is increasing at the rate of three-fold per life span, so the experts tell us. With immigration included, our rate of increase is fourfold: in two life spans it is sixteenfold.

American Youth is in need of Christian guidance. The incidence of crime among young people is on the increase, and delinquency is of national concern. Scenes of violence and lust appear in many forms of recreation, and salacious literature is the order of the day. With license all too often interpreted as freedom, with mass education involving youth in complex problems: youth frequently finds itself at variance with society, out of adjustment with family life and confused by inner conflict.

National Youth Week in 1961 is geared to help the young person prepare of facing these life problems by becoming more conscious of his responsibility to Christ and his relationship to the Christian group of which he is a part.

The National Sunday School Association has made available to churches and to youth organizations bulletins, posters, postcards, pamphlets and hymnal bands for promoting the week. For information write to the National Sunday School Association, 175 North Franklin St., Chicago 6, Illinois.

Is there any way by which one may be sure that his Sunday School will grow? Is there any way in which he may be sure that the school will be on a solid footing? I mention these ten foundation stones of a good Sunday School. These are not the only foundation stones, of course, but they are ten important ones.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A CHURCH-RELATED SCHOOL

This is easy to say but the idea was not always as readily accepted as it is today. You recall that Robert Raikes started the first Sunday School in Gloucester, England, to ameliorate the unhappy state of children who worked in factories through the week. When he heard them running the streets and using foul language on Sunday, he sought to do something for them. So for these children, he started a Sunday School which met on Sunday morning and afternoon. The curriculum was adapted to the need. It included reading and writing and also some Bible. Raikes was a journalist and used his facilities to publicize his work. From here the idea took fire and spread through England and the colonies.

You will note that the Sunday School started outside the church. For years it was not welcome in the church. When it finally got inside the churches, it frequently was a law unto itself. In Norwick Town, Connecticut, a Miss Lathrop gathered children in the gallery of her church after the morning service. The aged pastor drove her out, shouting abuse at her for desecrating the house of God on the Lord's Day. Next Sunday, he found them seated outside on the church steps. "You imps of Satan," he shouted, "you are always doing the devil's work."

In New England Lyman Beecher shocked his people by getting them to support the Sunday School. He called on his most influential prominent members to send their children to Sunday School. Up until this time the Sunday School movement even in New England had been directed primarily to the underprivileged children of the community. But Lyman Beecher was a strong enough man to carry his point, and from then on children of the more well-to-do families were permitted to attend his Sunday School.

This was in 1835.

Today we believe that the Sunday School ought to be under church con-

Foundations of A Good Sunday School

**by Dr. W. Warren Filken, Jr.
Professor-Northern Seminary**

trol. All of the officers and teachers should be elected or appointed, directly or indirectly, by the local church. This can be done, of course, by a responsible body, like the board of education. The board then is responsible to the local church and makes regular reports of progress and activity to the local church.

This will mean, too, that the church will receive the moneys received by the Sunday School, and the church in turn will pay all of the bills, and will seek to provide the best sort of equipment and materials for the school.

If some of the people are slow to acknowledge the validity of such a plan, they may be reminded that it is just a good business proposition. If 75 per cent of the membership of a local church comes through the door of the Sunday School, and 80 per cent of the church workers, and 90 per cent of the ministers and missionaries come to the church through the door of the Sunday School, then any church can well afford to subsidize the Sunday School. The hope of its future lies in the Sunday School. As the Sunday School prospers, the local church prospers.

THE GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE DISTINCTLY A BIBLE SCHOOL

I believe in Bibles brought, Bibles taught, Bibles studied, and Bibles used. There is no book like the Bible. It has been loved as no other book, hated as no other book, studied as no other book, and thank God, victorious as no other book.

Some of the other agencies will of course teach subject matter related to the better understanding of the Bible and related subjects, but the morning hour will be primarily for the teaching of the Word of God.

A. T. Pierson well wrote, "While many books inform, and some few reform, only this One Book will transform."

THE GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A GRADED SCHOOL

The good Sunday School will be graded in all departments—including the adult groups. We accept this in principle today, if not in practice. C. P. Hargiss used to do Sunday School promotional work in Kentucky. He had been brought up in Mississippi. He says that the Sunday School in which he was first a member had only two classes—infant and adult. The infant class was from birth to 21. He said, "Every Sunday I used to get up in my number 11 shoes with the rest in my class and sing, 'Little Feet Be Careful Where You Go.'"

Today we acknowledge the differences between those of different ages—almost everywhere except in church. We acknowledge the difference between first graders and second graders, and third graders—on week days—and then sometimes (because there aren't very many) we group them together on Sundays. Farmers who raise lots of chickens keep the little chicks right out of the incubators from those a few weeks old and the old hens. We ought to be as smart on Sundays with our boys and girls—and their daddies and mothers—as the farmers are all through the week with their poultry.

I will come back to this matter later.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A GROWING SCHOOL

In recent years there has been a lot of loose talk on the general vein that we are interested in quality and not

quantity. Actually, we ought to have both, and we can have both. Dr. Elmer Palmer is pastor of the Judson Baptist Church of Oak Park Illinois. He made his school's motto, "a bigger school and a better school for 1956." This is on the right line.

Now the strange thing is that many a church is satisfied just to endure the Sunday School, year in and year out, little realizing that a thriving Sunday School will vitalize the entire church program.

The growing school stimulates all of the workers and all of those who have been coming for years to new activity for Christ. General MacArthur never helped to win anybody's war just being satisfied to hold his own, yet many a Sunday School appears well pleased if it just keeps up with last week's and last year's record. We must do more than this. We can do more than this. As long as there are lost people in your community and mine, we dare not rest on our past efforts, or even dare be satisfied just to "hold our own." I remind you that you can have a big Sunday School anywhere there are people, anytime you want one. My job is to make people's want to-ers to function. My job is to seek to create a holy—but optimistic—dissatisfaction. Vance Havner says, "Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comforted."

When those who claim to believe the gospel are not active in the work of seeking systematically to reach lost people for Christ it is no wonder that lost people feel the way that I did about the truths of the gospel—that they are just so much "church talk."

If you will discover your responsibilities in your neighborhood, multiply classes and departments, enlist and train new workers and step up the training program for present workers, provide place and space for those whom you wish to reach, and then step up the program of visitation and publicity, you can build a larger Sunday School, which with such a program will at the same time produce a better Sunday School.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A WELL STAFFED SCHOOL

A well staffed school requires training of present and future workers. Some use the term "teacher training program," but this term is not broad enough. The officers need to have a philosophy and vision of Sunday School work just as much as the

teachers. The officers need to know about the proper administration of the school. For one thing, the teachers, of the lower age group especially, must be their own truant officers. I do not like the term, but it emphasizes a phase of a teacher's work which is frequently overlooked.

The teacher needs to multiply out-of-class contacts with the members of his class. He needs to visit those whom he would reach who have never yet started to attend, and he needs to visit those who are sick or under some particular stress or strain. This gets him into the administration side.

And the officers need to understand children, or young people, or adults, as they work in one division or the other of the school, and like the teachers they need to be specialists with their particular age group. The superintendent may become the supervisor if he knows what good teaching is and how to coach his teachers so that they become better teachers.

All of this at least suggests the importance of planning the work with such care that will guarantee the growth of all the workers so that they become better workers. Somebody asked, "How do you get rid of poor teachers?" The answer was, "Make good ones out of them." Now of course it is much easier to give the answer than to do the work involved in the answer, and yet the fact ought to be apparent to all of us that many, many Sunday School workers could become much better and more efficient workers if they were given proper guidance and encouragement.

Someone commented one day that teachers are born and not made, and someone else added, "Well if it is true that teachers are born and not made, it is also true that they are not born made."

A good school will be a well staffed school because provision is made for the discovery, enlistment, and development of workers into the best workers they can become.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL MUST BE A SOUL-WINNING SCHOOL

Sunday School must be an evangelistic school. As one man put it, "We are not interested merely in making fishing tackle, but in teaching men to tackle fish."

A. C. Dixon, who for years was pastor of what is now the Moody Memorial Church, said that a harvest

of souls was no more of a miracle than a harvest of wheat. What he meant was that there are laws for the harvest of wheat and there are laws for the harvest of souls. In the work of the Sunday School we recognize the principles of seed-time and harvest and we seek to become cooperative laborers together with God. The Sunday School can be the greatest evangelistic arm that the church has. Many Sunday Schools have yet to reach their potential here. My philosophy of evangelism is that the teaching and preaching services of the church ought to prepare the hearts of the unsaved in attendance for those who love Christ to go to them and speak the word of pardon and press the claims of Christ on their hearts.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A STRONG MISSIONARY SCHOOL

The task of world missions, which includes neighborhood missions, city missions, state and home missions, ought to be presented educationally and inspirationally throughout the year. This will mean graded presentations of the idea in general, and of specific fields and tasks and areas of responsibility in particular.

I believed in missions before I became a Christian, I did not need to be sold on missions, either home missions or overseas missions, after I was saved, because I had been taught this as a junior age and junior high school boy. Dr. W. C. Carver wrote a book titled, "All the World in All the Word." Like the teaching of tithing, this should be taught to youngsters very early—certainly earlier than I just suggested. I am not saying that I remember being introduced to the cause of Christ around the world as a junior and junior high.

And the starting of new Sunday Schools and new churches shows those of your own constituency that you believe in missions abroad by actually engaging in the same sort of endeavor here at home.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A PROPERLY EQUIPPED SCHOOL

I have special reference here to the whole problem of rooms and equipment. We now know that the rooms teach, and the equipment teaches. We can see this especially with regard to certain visual aids—both projected

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THE MISSION FIELD

Missouri Exceeds Foreign Missions Quota of \$15,000

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—With December receipts still to be tallied Missouri has exceeded the budget of \$15,000 that was set for this year by the Foreign Missions Board. This makes 1961 by far the greatest Missions year in the history of our State Association. If the present trend continues Mo. will place second in our denomination with gifts to Foreign Missions. Now let's get ready for 1961 and go way over our proposed budget of \$15,500. Here is a list of those who gave in November, 1960.

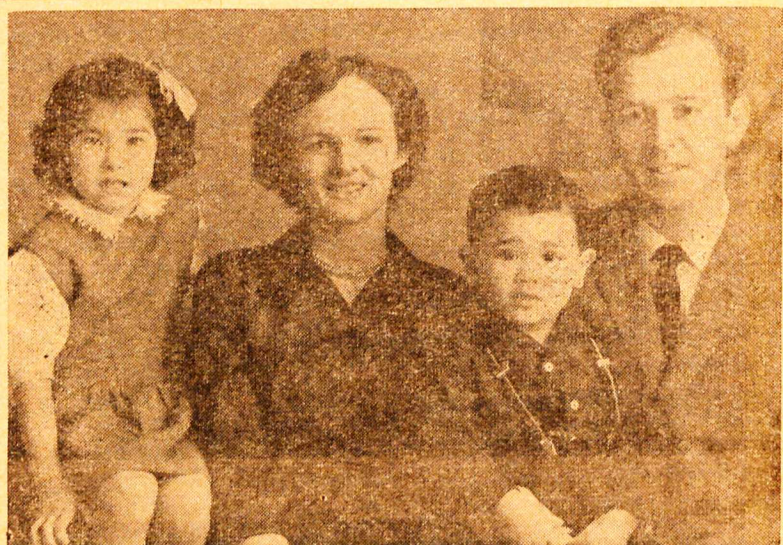
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| Virginia Wilhite, Overland | \$ 2.00 |
| Robert D. Burcham, | |
| Flat River | 5.00 |
| Free Will Baptist Church, | |
| Berkeley | 75.00 |
| Oak Grove F. W. B. Church, | |
| Mtn. Grove | 10.00 |
| South Side F. W. B. Church, | |
| St. Louis | 159.15 |
| Young People's Class, | |
| Greentop | 50.00 |
| Jackie Sue Wantland, Niangua .. | 5.00 |
| Farmington F. W. B. Church, | |
| Farmington | 184.95 |
| Mrs. Ollie Smith, Flat River .. | 1.00 |
| Fellowship F. W. B. Church, | |
| Flat River | 155.00 |
| Mo. State Woman's Aux. | |
| Convention, Independence .. | 112.50 |
| Senior League—First F. W. B. | |
| Church, Mtn. Grove | 9.00 |
| Overland F. W. B. Church | |
| League, St. Louis | 56.70 |
| Third F. W. B. Church, | |
| Maryland Heights | 105.00 |
| St. Francois County S. S., | |
| Desloge | 20.00 |
| First F. W. B. Church, | |
| Mtn. Grove | 25.00 |
| F. W. B. Church, Frederick- | |
| town | 75.00 |
| Rev. Elmer Turnbough, | |
| Maplewood | 25.00 |
| Willow Springs Church, | |
| Mtn. Grove | 12.87 |
| Indian Creek Association | |
| Quarterly Meeting, Monett .. | 32.50 |

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| Overland F. W. B. Church, | | Springfield | 3.00 |
| St. Louis | 11.93 | Fellowship F. W. B. Church, | |
| Overland F. W. B. Church, | | Flat River | 90.00 |
| St. Louis | 35.93 | Woman's Aux. of Leadington, | |
| Kirksville F. W. B. Church, | | Leadington | 42.05 |
| Kirksville | 20.00 | Grant Ave. F. W. B. Church, | |
| First F. W. B. Church, | | Springfield | 118.26 |
| Kansas City | 10.00 | First F. W. B. Church, Monett .. | 67.43 |
| Free Will Baptist Sunday | | Merl's Chapel, Monett | 25.25 |
| School, Buffalo | 14.98 | F. W. B. Church of Berkeley, | |
| New Harmony Sunday School | | Berkeley | 75.00 |
| Greentop | 45.53 | W. N. A. C. | 25.00 |
| Grant Ave. F. W. B. League, | | Cooperative Plan of Support .. | 25.04 |
| Springfield | 10.00 | | |
| Leadington F. W. B. Church, | | Total | \$1853.06 |
| Leadington | 35.00 | | |
| F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary, | | | |
| Monett | 10.00 | | |
| First F. W. B. Church, | | | |
| Kansas City | 10.00 | | |
| Beulah Midyett, St. Louis | 10.00 | | |
| Edith Gibson, Desloge | 5.00 | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wise, | | | |
| Springfield | 2.00 | | |
| Overland F. W. B. Church, | | | |
| St. Louis | 10.99 | | |
| Aulsbury Chapel F. W. B. | | | |
| Church, Bonne Terre | 30.00 | | |
| G. B. A. — Deanne Wantland, | | | |

Evangelical Magazine Makes Special Offer to Missionaries

W. S. Mooneyham, editor of **United Evangelical Action**, has made a special offer to evangelical missionary agencies by which they may subscribe to the magazine for their missionaries at the rate of \$2.50 a year. The usual overseas price is \$4.00, so this is an opportunity for real savings.

For detailed information mission executives may write: W. S. Mooneyham, Editor, **United Evangelical Action**, P. O. Box 28, Wheaton, Ill.

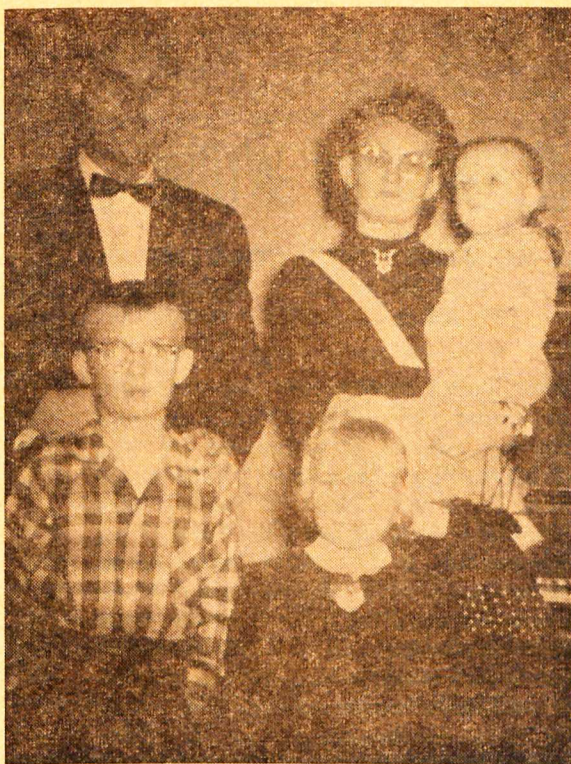


Wesley and Aileen Calvery, Rebecca and Jonathan, Nashville, Tenn.

CALVERYS RETURN TO JAPAN

The Wesley Calverys have returned to Japan for their second term. They were our first missionaries to this country.

For Your Information- Free Will Baptist Northwest Missions News



This Home Mission field was first entered in 1955 by Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie J. Postlewaite, under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the National Association. Now it is 1960. During these five years there have been many trying times. We have had some real battles with Satan. However, our blessings and progress have far exceeded all hardships. God has given us three established works for His glory. We have found new friends in Christ. Most important we have been able to reach souls with the Gospel. May the following give you insight into our work.

I. OUR FAMILY: We have four children. Joseph Laverne, will be 10 years old December 22. He has been saved and baptized. He likes school and is active in Boy Scouts. He plays the accordin. Like most boys though, I can't say that he likes music lessons. Mary Susan was 8 September 14. She too is a Christian. She enjoys school and is active in Brownies. She plays the accordin and likes it. Samuel Jon will be 4 January 14. He is our red head with dimples and plenty of freckles. His mother asked him one day, "Sammy do you have any troubles?" His answer, "No I only have dimples and freckles." Leah Ruth, 2 months, born September 29. She is a nice little girl, we think the nicest!!

II. OUR TYPE OF WORK. We

pastor the church here in Wenatchee and also do survey work, making contacts where ever we have leads for Free Will Baptist work in the Northwest. If you have any information concerning Free Will Baptist people in our area please notify us.

III. FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON: Was organized May 30, 1956. The Lord has blessed wonderfully. The membership is now in the seventies, with a Sunday School enrollment of 137. There is a good League, Women's Auxiliary and a very strong youth program. The church enjoys worshipping in a new building, built by much sacrifice on the part of the members along with gifts from many of our friends. You who have supported missions have every right to thank God for this church and to rejoice in the fact that you helped place it here with your prayers and gifts.

IV. LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCKPORT, WASHINGTON: Was organized in 1959. God is blessing there also. They have a membership of 22 with a good Sunday School. They are erecting a new building into which they hope to move by Christmas. Rev. Fred Dellinger, is pastor. He is a native of North Carolina. The Dellingers have four children, two boys and two girls, all grown. They are a wonderful Christian family.

V. FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION YAKIMA, WASHINGTON: Was started in 1958. They conduct regular preaching services and carry on an active Sunday School. Rev. Ernest Snowder, is pastor. He is a native of Oklahoma. The Snowder's have six children. We thank God for the privilege of working with this fine family. Their membership is in the Wenatshee Church.

VI. THOSE WHOM GOD HAS CALLED: In our Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, are the Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Goldy and family, from the Wenatchee Church. He is preparing for the ministry, the first to be granted a license from this field to preach the Word. Also Miss Annis Foreman, is enrolled there training for full time Christian service. We are proud of them and praise God for their calling.

VII. PROSPECTS OF THE FIELD: Other places in the Northwest are waiting for a Free Will Baptist witness. Our hands are tied. We do not have workers to move into these places. Please pray that God will send more laborers into this part of His vineyard.

VIII. OUR THANKS TO GOD: Only five short years ago, Northwest Free Will Baptist Missions had its beginning. Now to look upon the accomplishments which God has made possible, it makes us humble our hearts before Him and ask for renewed faith and strength to carry on for His Glory.

IX. OUR REQUESTS: Friends, pray for us and all the workers here. The way grows so lonesome at times—away from our people and loved ones. This truly is a mission field, and a real challenge for Free Will Baptists. Support us with your prayers and gifts. Help us to win souls to Christ, "the fields are white unto harvests."

X. CORRESPONDENCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OUR ACCOUNT:

Personal:

Rev. Johnnie J. Postlewaite
137 North James Ave.
East Wenatchee, Wash.

Earmark Gifts:

Home Mission Board
3801 Richland Ave.
Nashville 5, Tenn.

We would be so happy to hear from you. Don't forget when sending gifts to our account through the Board, earmark them for the POSTLEWAITE'S.

New Co-Laborer Magazine Ready

The Assistant Recording Secretary Writes...

MISS LEONA THOMPSON, ASST. SEC., MO. STATE AUX. CONVENTION

What is stewardship? Webster defines it as one who manages the property or financial affairs as the agent of the owner. We find stewardship is more than the sharing of money, it includes the sharing of time, talent, as well as possessions, with God, and with man. It is living on the principle that God comes first, others second, and oneself last. It is the personal acceptance of the ownership of God and partnership with Him in the care and use of time, abilities, and possessions.

Each one of us as Christians becomes one of God's stewards. Each of us should be alert and watchful at all times and do all we can each day for the Lord, since we do not know when our Lord will come for in Matthew 25:13 we find, "Watch therefore for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh." Then we will have to give an account of our stewardship.

In Romans 12:1 we find, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." God doesn't ask for something we can not do, but just asks for our reasonable service. The setting of a definite goal for each day under God's guidance lends a glory to all the day and lifts the most humdrum existence into the realm of partnership with God as we do His will. But don't think the devil won't do all he can to discourage such planning. If you plan to rise early and study the Word and pray, the devil will suggest it is foolish to get up so soon, that the poor body needs more rest. Overcoming the temptation to go back to sleep, we will find him next trying to make us doubt the reality of the impression God gives for a particular service. Then he will try (if we determine to do the thing we feel God wants done) to make us perform it in an unloving spirit, or make us become puffed up once some past success, or discouraged and doubtful because we cannot see

immediate results of our activity, or more effective still he will use his weapon at urging us to "Put it off until another time." The Bible says, however, "Today if ye will hear my voice, harden not your heart." for the present is the only time we have, never again will the situation which needs our ministry be exactly the same as it is today; and if God impresses us to do a certain thing, now is the accepted time and to delay is dangerous.

So in our Auxiliary work if we see something that we can do or something that needs doing let's not put it off to some other time but let's do it now while there is time to do it, for we know not how soon the day may come when we can't do it.

The Scripture plainly says our duty in Christian stewardship is "to walk worthy at the vocation where with we are called." Each one of us will have to give an account of our stewardship. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of the Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." (Matt. 16:27) Some one has said, "All too many Christians apparently take it for granted that merely being saved is all that is involved in the Christian life," which according to our understanding of the Word of God, a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will guarantee one a place in heaven in the hereafter. Merely getting to heaven is not enough. If we wish to be rich in the world to come, find large rewards waiting us in heaven, we must employ our time, talents, means, energies, personalities and all else that we possess in the service of God and humanity. Not only will such whole-hearted service to God win for us a rich reward in heaven; it is the only method by which we can be supremely happy here on earth.

We can be stewards of the gospel, of prayer, our means, time, and talents. If we are all good stewards we will find our Auxiliary work going forward by leaps and bounds, our membership being increased and our National Project

NASHVILLE Tenn.—The first of the Co-Laborer magazine, new program material for the Woman's Auxiliary, came off the press last week. The magazine, a quarterly publication, replaces the familiar Yearbook of Programs and contains monthly programs, special programs, program ideas, missionary information, and youth helps plus special features of interest to the Auxiliaries.

Due to the number of late orders which arrived since December 1, our stock for the first quarter is completely depleted. Auxiliaries ordering now will therefore need to order only for the second and subsequent quarters. If your Auxiliary needs more copies of the Co-Laborer during the year due to an increase in enrollment, drop us a note asking us to add the number required to your original order. Cost will be only 25 cents per subscription per quarter for any additions to a standing order. Regular subscription rates are \$1.00 per subscription per year when ordered in lots of five or more. Single subscriptions are \$1.25; single issues 35 cents.

goal being met. We could have an increase in tithers, our study course classes well attended, and our benevolence activities well cared for.

We could have a growing and glowing young people's auxiliary. Don't you think it would be worth a try for each of us to try to be a better steward?

EFMA Annual Meeting Announced

The annual meeting of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 10-14, 1961 in conjunction with the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

In addition to participating in many excellent programs of the NAE Convention, delegates to the EFMA meeting will hear reports from men just back from travels in many of the troubled areas of the world and will participate in forums dealing with current missionary problems.

This year's convention promises to be a very fruitful one. Mission executives are urged to set aside the dates April 10-14 and make plans to attend.

History of the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church

Kansas City, Mo. . . .

The Beacon Free Will Baptist Church started from the home of Delbert Carter on Friday night before the first Sunday in February 1957. The group met to discuss plans for organizing a church in the Raytown area. There were six families represented. They had been visited previously by Rev. Lester Jones. Those attending this service were Rev. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knapp and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Binkley, Mr. & Mrs. Vick Jenkins and daughter and the Carters.

The following Sunday, February 2, 1957, the first Sunday School and worship service was held in the Carter home. Each Sunday following the group met in different homes.

On March 28, 1957, the church was organized at the Victory Church in North Kansas City, Missouri, with 16 charter members. Rev. R. B. Spurgeon brought the message in this service. The Constitution and By-Laws were made up at this time, also the Advisory Board, Trustees and church officers were elected.

The church continued to seek a regular place to worship in and on Sunday, April 7, 1957, the church met in the Boy Scout Hall in Raytown. They continued to have prayer meeting in the homes.

January, 1958, the Beacon Church purchased property for their permanent place of worship. During the next year the group experienced many mountain-top and valley experiences while they rejoiced to see the church building erected. Sorrow was brought to them by the sudden serious illness of the pastor, Bro. Jones. But on Feb. 8, 1958, they were finally worshipping in their own basement.

Because of his health, Rev. Jones resigned his pastorate and again the Lord directed a man of God to be the shepherd of the Beacon flock in the person of Rev. Woodrow Matthews. He and his family moved here from Kirksville, Missouri and he brought his first message to the church March 6, 1960.

The growth of the church continued. A vision has become a reality. On December 11, 1960, the people of

Beacon Church began to worship in their own auditorium with 53 members and other regular attenders, who have meant much to the church.

The church owes much to both Rev. and Mrs. Jones and Rev. and Mrs. Matthews, for their spiritual guidance. Mrs. Gerta Carter

FOUNDATION STONES OF A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

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and nonprojected visual aids, which would include maps, charts, blackboards, flat pictures, objects, specimens, models, as well as the use of slides, filmstrips, and movies.

We are reminded that if we believe in a graded school, we must also believe in equipment which matches the bodies and the needs of the youngsters. And the equipment ought to be at least as good as the children and youth have in their public schools. Early impressions are very lasting. I believe that one of the reasons youngsters drop out of the Sunday School in their early teens is that they have learned that the oldsters do not really take the teaching ministry seriously at all. If they did they would provide buildings equal to those provided for the teaching of reading, writing, arithmetic, and all of the rest. So by a grand, year-after-year object lesson, adults demonstrate what they would not dare to voice—that they do not believe that reading the Word of God according to proper educational procedures is as important as the teaching of reading, writing, arithmetic and the like. Why? Because they are careful to provide proper staff for these. But when it comes to teaching the greatest Book in all of the world,—why just anything is good enough for Jesus.

These same people would not think of having a church without a pulpit, or without song books. They believe that these are necessary to the proper running of a church. But when it comes to educational equipment worthy of the name—just anything is good enough for Jesus.

I ran across a line the other day to this effect: When it comes to providing for adequate building and equipment for the Lord's work—in this case, specifically the educational phase of the Lord's work—we must always consider present times as normal times. Many there are who would want to wait for "normal times" to build. But what we fail to do now will mean that

some within our grasp for Christ will go unreached. Who knows whether living in your neighborhood right now is another Adolph Hitler, or Stalin, or an Al Capone? And who knows whether in your neighborhood today is another potential Billy Graham, or Jack Shuler, or even a William Carey, or Adoniran Judson?

But before you can provide adequate building and equipment in your church and community for Christ—somebody must care! Will you be that one? Will you be one to pass on this burden or responsibility to others who will see that the job is done in your church and community? This matter of making adequate physical provision for the teaching ministry of the church is no optional matter. Rather this is an imperative matter.

If this were a secular enterprise, and if it were needed, somehow, money or no money, it would get done. What is your reaction to this? Will you not agree that adequate provision in the way of building and equipment for those of all ages is no luxury, but rather a present necessity?

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A PROPERLY PROMOTED SCHOOL

My great text on method is, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." (Luke 16:8) Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins in *Building Better Churches* (pp. 25, 26) has written one of the finest bits on the problem of the ministry of publicity and promotion that I have seen anywhere, as it relates itself to the cause of Christ. Let me quote:

"Perhaps the sensitive minister will shrink from the inclusion of publicity and promotion as a definite part of his responsibility. Is there not something incongruous in the use of means associated with the things of the world in the carrying on of the church enterprise? Theaters and circuses and dance halls advertise their offerings, but churches are in another class. Professional men do not advertise; should not the ministers maintain an even higher standard? Manufacturers and merchants promote the sale of their wares, but what has a church to sell that would justify a promotional campaign?

Other institutions may utilize publicity and promotion as adjuncts to their main business, but the business of a church and its minister is that of publicizing and promoting. Quite properly we would shrink from that

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Woman's Auxiliary

FROM KIRKSVILLE:

First Church Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Sis. Elfie Dare with 14 members, 4 visitors and one child present.

The meeting opened with the president, Sister Myrtle Jones in charge. The opening hymn was sung by all. Prayer by Sis. Grace Lawson. Scripture reading by the president from Isaiah 45:22, with comments.

Several requests for prayer were given and the prayer was given by Sis. Elfie Dare and Sis. Myrtle Jones.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered with a Scripture verse. The business consisted of plans for Christmas baskets, a box to be sent to the little by the Auxiliary sponsors in Arizona and Mexico school and for pre Christmas week of prayer.

Topics were given by Sisters Ethel Thompson, Velma Wellman, Maude Elsea, Celia Loy and Dorothy Houston. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Alma Scriveus. We are looking forward to great things for the Lord in 1961.

Mrs. Russell Wellman, Reporter

FROM WEST PLAINS:

Bethel Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church met Dec. 13, with 11 members present. Opening Song, Silent Night, Prayer by Betty Bell. In our business meeting the following agreed upon: To have Study Course in Jan. on the manual of the Auxiliary. Five dollars was sent to our "Project" the Medical Center in Africa. Two dollars was given to buy a Christmas gift for Eddy Brewer one of our Sunday School children in the hospital. The Sponsor of the G. T. A. Gracie Stephen gave a report of success of the G. T. A. program. The Auxiliary had 2 comforts made and are making a quilt and sending some clothing to F. W. B. Orphan's Home.

We had an interesting Christmas program. Scripture, St. Luke, 2nd chapter was read by president. Prayer by Ruby Blankenship, and interesting talk on the Life of Christ by Addie Adkisson. Prayer by Hattie Sims, A

poem, "They Crowded Him Out" by Willie Mae McVay, A poem the "Wise Men" by Gracie Stephen. The lesson was then discussed by all present. Dismissed by Helen Peterson.

Hattie Sims, Cor.-Sec.

FROM LEBANON:

Hannon Auxiliary

Today, Dec. 6, has been a wonderful day in the Lord's work. Our Hannon Auxiliary was hostess to our sister church, Oskloosa and Verdella. Our District Study course chairman: Jean Williams, our Dis. Vice. Pres., Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, our assoc. clerk: Greta Carter, met with us to hold a study course clinic. The above ladies are from the Beacon church in Raytown.

Our meeting opened by singing, "Jesus Saves" led by Jean Crockett with Virginia Burton at the piano. Then Sis. Greta Carter led our thoughts to our first study course, "Romance of Child Evangelism." She opened our eyes and hearts to how important it is to win our children to Christ. Whether they be our children, grandchildren or neighbors. Following our morning service Mrs. Hazel Bowman, of the Verdella Church, dismissed us by prayer and asked the Lord's blessing on our noon meal. The ohstess church served sandwiches, pie and coffee in the church annex.

After an hour of fellowship we reconvened by singing, "Work for the Night is Coming." Then we were led in prayer by Sis. Olive Smith. Sis. Woodrow Matthews brought devotional thoughts reminding us as Christians we are the Light of the World and encouraged us to be an A-1 Auxiliary. Our afternoon course, "Stewardship of Woman" was led by Jean Williams. She reminded us the meaning of stewardship and how we can use it by using our homes, hands, time, money and the gospel for the glory of the Lord. Following this enlightening lesson we took up a love offering for the ladies who travelled so far and helped make such a wonderful day possible. We sang "Love Lifted Me" and Mrs. Mary Peck prayed the benediction. We were honored by a visit from Verdellas pastor, Rev. Winiford Davis

and evangelist Rev. Tommy Brashears. Following the service we packed a box of Christmas presents for our orphanage. We also sold Christmas cards and sent the proceeds to the orphans.

Alice Hoover, Cor.-Sec.

FROM KANSAS CITY:

New Hope Auxiliary

The New Hope Women's Auxiliary met Dec. 6, 1960 by singing "When the Roll is called up Yonder." Prayer by Barbara Stephens. Scripture and devotion was from Isaiah 45:22 by Norma Ussery. Prayer by Kathrine Barclift. Program introduction by Edith Blair. Topics were discussed by Kathrine Vanzant, Carrie Ross, Norma Shannon, Virginia Statling and Lora Barclift. Topics were assigned for next meeting. Prayer by Virginia Stallings, Roll call by saying Bible verses. New business, discussion on finding a needy family for Christmas. Dismissed by Edith Blair.

FROM LEBANON:

First Church Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met Dec. 13, 1960 for regular meeting, with 12 members and one visitor, Mrs. Doyle Allen, present.

The president called the meeting to order and the group sang, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," followed by prayer by Mrs. Dorothea Mosier. The devotional was given by chaplain, Mrs. Ruth Garrett reading from the Book of St. Luke, chapter two, the first 16 verses. The lesson was on the birth of Christ and Christmas. Scriptures and poems were given by each member. A reading, "Picture Window," was read. It was based on a "Faith to Live By" written by Florence Derby. Secretary report was given and approved. Flowers and cards were sent two of our members who have been in the hospital. Namely, Mrs. Josie Berry and Mrs. Clifford Brawley. Both are back in services again. New officers were elected. President—Mrs. Esther Sutton, Vice Pres.—Miss Ila Mae Garrett, Chaplain—Mrs. Sue Cook, Treas.—Mrs. Dorothea Brawley, Song leader—Miss Jean Mosier, Pianist—Mrs. Frieda Hayes and Correspondent to the Gem—Mrs. Gladys Montgomery.

During business session activities for

future were discussed and plans made for after holidays. We are glad to report our pastor's wife, Sis. Hazel Covington is very much improved and hope to have her with us in the near future. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Sybil Agan. Group retired to the basement where refreshments of cake, jello, coffee, and punch were served. An exchange of gifts followed. Each member received a gift. We are grateful for this season as our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was born, that we may have life everlasting. Merry Christmas to all.

Henrietta Garrett, Cor.-Sec.

FROM KANSAS CITY: Beacon Auxiliary

The Beacon Auxiliary reports for the months of Oct., Nov. and Dec. In Oct., Jean Williams taught the study course, "First Steps in Prayer." The project for this month was an offering of \$22.00, for the Children Home.

In Nov. we observed the Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer and sent an offering of \$28.10 to the National Home Missions. Our project for the month was food for a needy family.

The project for Dec. was handmade toys for the Children's Home in Tenn. The Pre-Christmas week of prayer was observed and an offering sent to State Home Missions. The Auxiliary also purchased and made drapes for the new auditorium.

Greta Carter, Cor.-Sec.

FROM LEADINGTON: Leadington Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington F. W. B. Church observed Pre-Thanksgiving prayer week. These services were held in the various homes of our church members. The meetings were well attended and a wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the week.

We were very glad to have Rev. and Bobby Aycock, our missionaries to Brazil, with us on Monday night, Nov. 21. Rev. Aycock brought the message that night. Other messages thru the week were brought by Ruby Campbell, Iva Treoster, Freda Pirtle and Doris Milburn.

Our average attendance was 34 and our offering was \$71.65. We gave an offering to Rev. Aycock and the remainder to Home Missions.

We have received our first new book, Co-Laborer and am sure we are going to like it very much.

Anna Lincoln, Cor.-Sec.

FROM FREDERICKTOWN: Copper Mines Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church met at the church, Dec. 13, for their year book program. The meeting was called to order by the Pres., Sis. Edith Underwood, with singing of Christmas Carols, followed with prayer by Madge Hovis. The roll call was answered with Bible verses. Then the minutes were read. Plans were made for the Pre-Christmas week of prayer. Topics were given by Sis. Mildred Killian, Sis. Lillian Hovis, Sis. Elma Henson, Sis. Madge Hovis, Sis. Margaret Darnell. We were dismissed with prayer by Sis. Marie Graham, after which we exchanged Christmas gifts; and then gathered in the basement where refreshments were served of cookies, cake and coffee.

Madge Hovis, Cor.-Sec.

FROM THAYER: Thayer Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church had their Pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer services Nov. 10, to the 16th, with a good attendance. We received great blessings and spiritual strength from these services.

On Tuesday evening Nov. 22, at 7:30, the Auxiliary met for their regular monthly meeting, with 15 members and 2 new members, Mrs. Mary Cole and Miss Betty Robinson.

Meeting was opened by singing Jesus Saves, prayer by Lorene Pohnert. Scripture reading, Psalms 96 and Acts 5-32, Officers reports were given and approved. It was decided to have our Pre-Christmas week of prayer the week of Dec. 5th, Monday evening through Thursday evening with a fellowship supper Thursday evening in the church dinner room.

Following the business meeting, Elsie Worl gave the program introduction. Those on the program were Golda Carrol, Della Bryan, Louise Caldwell and Jean Lau. Meeting was closed with prayer by Della Bryan.

Refreshments were served by the Masters Men in the church dinning room.

Helen Underwood, Cor.-Sec.

FROM FLAT RIVER: Fellowship Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. met at the home of Mrs. William Barker on Thursday,

Dec. 15, for their Christmas program and party. There were 17 members, 1 visitor and 9 children present. Song, "Silent Night," prayer by Zelma Barker. Song, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks." Service turned over to Edith Brooks for our program, "Home Missions Among Spanish Speaking People" in the U. S. Prayer by Minnie Burcham. Topic I—Ratchel Milburn, Topic II—Hilda Nichols, Reading, "Christmas and It's Legends" by Willa Mae Barker. Duet, Wanda Ragsdale and Hilda Nickols. Poem, "That Holy Thing", Lucille Wilt. Dismissed by Alberta Turley. The group then stood in a circle and sang a song. Gifts were passed and when the song ended the gift you had was yours. Refreshment of Christmas cookies, candy, ice cream and coffee or cocoa were served to the following: Bernice Dodd, Jose Johnson, Wanda Ragsdale, Florence Burcham, Mildred Hilderbrand, Hilda Nichols, Willa Barker, Alberta Turley, Zelma Baker, Edith Brooks, Lucille Wilt, Katy LaBrot, Minnie Burcham, Ratchel Milburn, Cora Wann, Ruth Ann Barker and the children. Everyone enjoyed the blessing that God gave them.

Della Getz, Cor.-Sec.

FROM KANSAS CITY: First Church Auxiliary

We are glad to report an inspirational Thanksgiving week of prayer. This year we invited a guest speaker Rev. Mrs. Alta Mikel, who brought good messages every night. This week was a great strengthening to all Christians. We hope Alta and Gene can come our way again soon as we learned to love them the short time they were here.

The Woman's Auxiliary of First Church met December 6, 1960. Meeting was called to order by the president, Alma Mason, and we sang, "Jesus Saves." The Scripture reading was Isaiah 45:22-25. Prayer by Sis. Edna Carder. Topics were given as follows:

I. India's Attitude toward Foreign Missions, by Sis Edna Carder.

II. The Government Regulations that affect our Missions, by Sis. Emolyne Moser.

III. The move to unite all churches on the mission field, by Sis. Alma Mason.

IV. The answer to church union, Spiritual Revival by Sis. Saxa Fielding.

Prayer by Sis. Dickey. Sis. Fielding reported on our package sent to Japan

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Dear Bro. Reeds: I am enclosing an obituary, which we hope will find a place in the Gem. Many times I have meant to write something for the Gem, but have allowed circumstances to defer the effort. I will soon be 91 years of age, but still want to help our F. W. B. cause to grow and prosper. Could you use articles if they are written in long hand? God bless you Bro. Reeds, and use you to accomplish great things to the glory of His name. I am with you in spirit and remain your brother in Christ.

Rev. B. F. Brown
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OBITUARY

Grace Irene Topping was born in Washington County, Illinois on May 14, 1867, and departed this life Nov. 23, 1960 at the age of 93 years, 6 months and 9 days.

She gained what education was available at that time and taught school for several years.

She married Rev. S. L. Morris and heartily joined with him in his work for the Lord. As a pastor's wife she was a happy, willing helper for the Lord. After a few years in Illinois and in Michigan, they moved to Texas where they entered into a very busy life of service for the Lord with the Free Will Baptists of Texas.

Now at a time when the Free Will Baptist work was booming and Bro. and Sis. Morris were busy day and night with pastoral and revival work, they were persuaded to start publishing a Free Will Baptist paper.

About 1916 the Co-operative Association of Free Will Baptists established Tecumseh College at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and the Morris' were called to come to Tecumseh and they accepted. Bro. Morris, to pastor the college church and publish the Morning Star. Sis. Morris was employed to teach in the college and help Bro. Morris in all his work.

In the summer of 1922 Rev. B. F. Brown was elected president of the college and Sis. Morris remained as one of the teachers. It was soon after this that Bro. Morris departed this life.

Then on April 15, 1925, Mrs. Morris became Mrs. B. F. Brown. After marriage they both continued to do their best for the success of the work at Tecumseh, but in 1926 the

college building burned, and soon after this the school was discontinued. Only the publication remained.

It was in 1928 that the Free Will Baptist Gem was authorized by the Missouri State Association and B. F. Brown was elected editor. But of course the editor could not succeed without the help of his faithful life companion, so they worked together, feeling it was the Lord's work and must succeed.

It was May 1, 1930 that the equipment, together with the editor and his faithful helper arrived in Purdy, Mo. From that time till May, 1939 the editor and his wife worked early and late to put out the Gem paper each month. Then they moved the equipment to Monett, and resigned.

In October, 1939, B. F. Brown and Grace Brown moved to their farm north of Cassville, where they spent 19 happy years together. On December 4, 1958 they moved to the Black Rest Home at Monett, where they remained until Wednesday evening, November 23, 1960, when after four months of total helplessness Sis. Brown was called to her heavenly home. Thus ending a long, busy life. But this is only the end of the physical life, for her life was lived by the direction of her Heavenly Father.

Even near the end of her long life here on earth she didn't remember when she was not a Christian. Her father was a consecrated man, and loved his little girl as only a real Christian can love. He was determined that she should know God, and love and serve Him all her life; so to live a devoted life in the service of God was her deepest concern in this life.

Grace Brown was loved by nearly everybody who knew her, and there were very few she ever said anything against. It was her desire to love everybody. She was a loving faithful wife, always ready and willing to do her part for the good of her home. She had no children of her own, but she had several step children, whom she loved as she would have loved her own children.

In her passing Mrs. Brown leaves behind: Her husband, B. F. Brown of the home at Monett, Missouri; two sisters, Louella Topping and Linnie Topping, both of Purdy, Missouri; and

besides step children, nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

She is gone from our sight, but she is not forgotten. For the life she lived here will remain an influence to bless people of this generation, and of the generations to come.

Written by B. F. Brown
November 26, 1960

Dear Bro Reeds:

We greet you in Jesus' name from the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church, Desloge. Since our last writing our hearts have been both sad and glad. On November 11, we lost one of our oldest and dearest members in a car accident, Jesse (Pappy) Jones. He was one of our deacons and a charter member of our church. Words cannot describe how he is missed.

On December 4, Rev. Elmer Turnbough came to us as our pastor. On December 5, he opened a two weeks revival at the church. And a wonderful two weeks of service it was. There were no souls saved during the revival, except one, at the Bonne Terre Hospital. But all who have heard Bro. Turnbough preach, know we go from one good service to a better one. This past Sunday night one young man gave his heart to God and 12 of our young men and women of the church were reclaimed in the most glorious service we were ever in.

We truly thank God for sending Bro. Turnbough and his family our way. We can understand now the loss their leaving was to the Fourth Church, St. Louis. Pray much for us that our church will grow for the glory of God. We from this church wish you all a most blessed and glorious New Year

Church reporter—Hazel Morris

OBITUARY

Jesse Jones, son of the late James and Mary (Stewart) Jones, was born in Calhoun County, Illinois, December 8, 1878, and died November 11, 1960, at the Bonne Terre Hospital, being 81 years, 11 months and 3 days of age. He was united in marriage to Lulu Scott November 3, 1903. She preceded him in death, July 26, 1933. To this union two sons were born. Raymond Jones of Desloge; one son, Chester Jones, preceded him in death in infancy. He is survived by his son,

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ALCOHOL AND THE HUMAN BODY

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the body. In the lungs, alcohol is eliminated from the blood into the air, as anyone knows who has smelled the breath of a person who has been drinking. This rate of elimination is very steady, one part to every twelve hundred fifty parts in the blood. This serves as the basis for the use of the Alcoholmeter to test the possibility of intoxication in traffic accidents. When the blood containing alcohol passes through the kidneys from one percent to six percent of alcohol is eliminated in the urine. A very small percent of alcohol is eliminated through perspiration.

From Christian Civic Foundation Newsletter.

GOD GAVE ME A SECOND CHANCE

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first year I returned to my home state and secured my high-school diploma via a State sponsored equivalency test for such people as me who make the mistake of quitting school. I am now the proud possessor of my Bachelor of Arts degree, having majored in Bible.

It is a golden opportunity that has been given me by God. I shall ever be grateful to Him and intend to serve Him the rest of my life. I am married now and have three lovely children and the joy of pastoring a church. My parents are now church members and needless to say proud of their son. I want to live up to the expectation of their pride. Oh yes, those doubters have become believers now for they have heard me preach. My inferiority complex has been left by the wayside for whenever God calls a man He includes the equipment.

FOUNDATION STONES OF A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

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advertising of a church or its minister for the sake of notoriety or special advantage; but the church that goes out of the publicity and promotion business has gone out of business! Publicity is the art of reaching the public with a message. That is what the prophets of the Old Testament did. That was the mission of John the Baptist, forerunner of Jesus. That was the chief work of Jesus who went about publishing the gospel. Paul was a skilled publicist using the means at his

disposal to attract great crowds to hear him preach. Those who were saved published their experiences far and wide. The Bible itself is an illustration of the indispensable value of publishing the redemptive plan.

" 'A noun,' someone has said, 'is known by the company it keeps.' The word 'promotion' and 'propaganda' have fallen into bad company. Yet in themselves they are noble words. 'Promotion' is the act of causing to go forward. 'Propaganda' is organized method and system of propagating or disseminating principles and doctrines.

"The work of a minister is that of causing the church to go forward by organized method and system, and of propagating the principles for which it stands. The work of publicity and promotion is both an art and a science. While the minister may not ordinarily achieve distinction in this difficult specialized field, he should at least know certain underlying principles and develop certain necessary abilities. He will then be in position to give guidance to those specialists whose services he may secure for the high purposes of the church."

The whole idea involved in the "mousetrap philosophy" is so pertinent I quote a paragraph from a book by George E. Sweazey, **Effective Evangelism**, which I believe is a classic even though it is recent:

"The witness of our church's life and ministry is our evangelism—we don't have to go out after people." This is the church form of the old fallacy that if a man builds a better mousetrap the world will beat a path to his door. It was never true of mousetraps, and it is not true of churches. A church's good influence in a community will produce well-disposed outsiders who will remain outsiders until someone says, 'This is for you.' Oscar Wilde wrote of his Aunt Jane, who died of mortification when no one came to her grand ball. She died without knowing that she had failed to mail the invitations. That is the story of many a fine church which has wonderful worship services, a splendid program, everything in fact, save a way of making some connection with those outside, who always assume that what the Church has is for someone else."

Advertising and publicity will help here. Somebody wrote:

"The codfish lays a million eggs, the homely hen but one; But the codfish never cackles to tell what he had done.

And so we scorn the codfish, but the homely hen we prize, Which demonstrates to you and me, IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE!

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A MAGNETIC SCHOOL, GROWING BETTER ALL THE TIME

The teaching and the Spirit are of such character and quality that people who come once will find it hard to stay away any more. And the school will be growing better all of the time. Other things being equal, the greatest day and the best days of your school will lie not in the past but in the future. Mr. J. L. Kraft once told me that he was chairman of the board of the Krafts Food Co. He then added, "That means my future is behind me!" So many are like the gazooloo bird. That's the bird that flies backward to keep the sand out of his eyes. He doesn't care where he is going; just wants to see where he has been.

The Apostle Paul saw the danger of having one's future behind him when he said:

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13-14)

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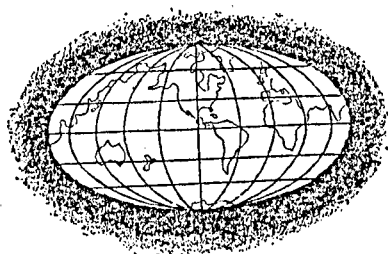
Raymond Jones, his daughter-in-law, Pearl Jones, of Desloge, one brother, Harmon Jones, of Barnhart, Missouri and the following grandchildren: Norma Jean (Mrs. C. W. Smith) Raymond D. Jones, Betty (Mrs. Curtis Hulsey), Edgar Jones, Helen (Mrs. Donald Price), Margaret (Mrs. Elmer Wells). 10 great-grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends. He was a retired employee of the Missouri-Illinois Railroad and a charter member of the Parkview Free Will Baptist Church of Desloge where services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 by the Rev. John Long. Burial was in the Herod Cemetery under the direction of Murphy Sparks Funeral Home of Flat River, Missouri.

The right temperature at home is more surely maintained by the warm hearts and cool heads of those who live there, than by electric thermostats.

"A SOWER WENT FORTH..."

MAT. 13:3

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valued at \$19.65 and \$20.00 in cash with a total of \$39.65, for the Calverys. Our Christmas basket for a needy family in this area will be made up this year in the same manner as last year, the Sunday morning devotions will be, "Gifts for Jesus" service, in which every person, young or old, will bring a gift and place it in the basket.

The president appointed a nominating committee for 1961. Officers are Alice Dickey, Saxa Fielding and Emolyne Moser. Vivian Mason to make a list for church cleaning. Number present, 8, visitors, 1. Offering \$4.80.

Dismissed with prayer by Emolyne Moser.

Acting Sec., Fern Smith

FROM KIRKSVILLE: First Church Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met at the "fellowship" house for an all day meeting. The morning was spent in fixing baskets for the shut-ins.

At the noon hour a covered dish luncheon was served. It was the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lawson. The table was decorated with two cakes baked by Mrs. Elfie Dare. The cakes were decorated in gold with their names and mounted in a gold foil platform with an arch of ribbon and a miniature bride and groom under the arch with a cluster of golden bells hanging in the arch. We all wish Bro. Albert and Sis. Grace many more years together.

In the afternoon we had our prayer service, being the pre-Christmas week of prayer. The introduction was given by Sis. Ethel Atkins and topics were given by Sisters Dorothy McElhinney, Laura Glaspie and Elfie Dare. We all enjoyed a letter from Dr. and Mrs. Lavern Miley, read by Sis. Myrtle Jones.

I would like to say that we also observed the pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer. These prayer services are a great inspiration and I'm sure anyone that would attend would feel the same way.

Our regular meeting of the Auxiliary is the first Thursday in each month and the third Thursday in each month is an all day meeting with study and personal service project.

Mrs. Russell Wellman, Cor.-Sec.

Attend Church Sunday