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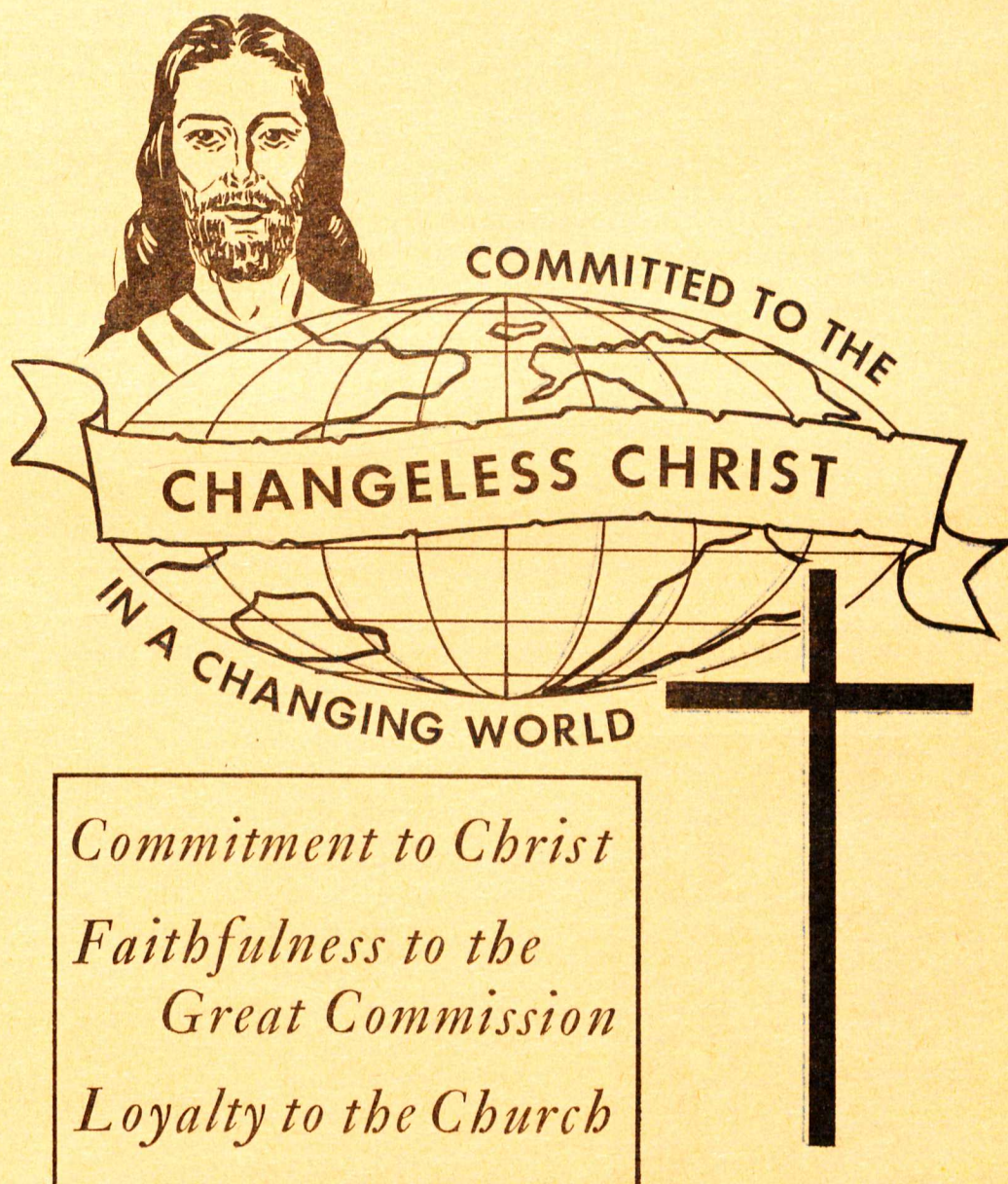
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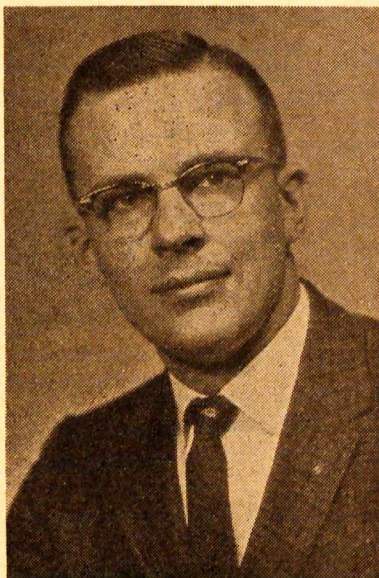
EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Every Church Family Plan is the best plan ever used by Free Will Baptists to keep their membership informed. It is currently being used by the Gem and our national magazine Contact. The plan is simple. The church clerk makes out a list of the names and addresses of all the families in the church. (Be sure each home is represented on the list.) This is sent to the Gem editor and he adds the names to the mailing list of the Gem. As the Gems are sent out the editor bills the church for the amount of copies sent out to their members. Names may be added or dropped at any time. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued. It does not expire. By using this plan every family in every church that subscribes to the plan will be informed of denominational activities. This is the best plan for your church. Why not use it? Here is a list of the churches who are currently active in the Every Church Family Plan:

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New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave	Rev. Grover Terry
Monett	Rev. Tommy Day
Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon	Rev. Cleo Covington
Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty	Rev. David S. Jones, Jr.
Desloge	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Meremac Heights	Rev. Bud Hill
Mendota Mission	Rev. Alta Mikel



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FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 18th

IS

SUPERANNUATION DAY

The Board of Superannuation for the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States of America was organized for the purpose of providing the ministers of the 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 \$2000.00 endowment policy, age 65 or 70 years. The Board hopes that sometime in the near future, the ministers and churches will become so interested in the Retirement Insurance Program that we will be able to offer to each minister a \$10,000.00 policy.

A few years ago the National Association asked that our churches designate the third Sunday in June, "FATHER'S DAY," of each year as "National Superannuation Day." This was done to call our attention and increase our interest for "Superannuation," so we could work together as a denomination and make the program of "Superannuation" a success. If your church does not have services on this Sunday you may choose any Sunday before or after "Father's Day" to suit your convenience.

There are several ways you can use to bring "Superannuation" to the attention of your church and solicit the interest of the members: You could have a "Memorial Service" in memory of a departed pastor who was faithful in serving your church. You might have a "Founder's Day" service in celebration of the date when the church was founded. The pastor could simply announce to the people that today is "Father's Day" designated as "Superannuation Day" in our denomination and receive an offering during the service. Or he could have a special service and prepare a message on the subject of "Superannuation." Some organization of the church could have a special service during the week

centered around the subject of "Superannuation" and at the close receive an offering. With the cooperation of the pastor and different organizations of the church, present a "Drama" centered around "Superannuation" during the morning or evening service. If your church has a movie projector you could select a film on the subject of "Superannuation" and show it during the evening service and at the close receive an offering.

These are only suggestions to the possibilities for a service in your church in interest of "Superannuation." We leave the type and method of service, in your church, up to you. We are only asking that you do in your church what is pleasing to God and for your convenience. Do what you feel led, by the Holy Spirit, for the cause of "Superannuation."

The program of "Superannuation," for some reason, in our denomination has not received the attention it should have in the past.

We should ask and answer a few questions on the subject: Can a young man who has been called of God to preach the Gospel, preparing himself for the ministry in the Free Will Baptist Denomination, look forward with confidence and assurance to the time he will retire that he will be adequately cared for? We do not like for our ministers to be occupied in other fields while they are pastoring our churches. This is sometimes necessary if the minister is to live independently in the community where he serves. He does this for two reasons: His low salary, and because we have no real retirement program. Each minister and church should evaluate this in their planning. This can best be done in our denomination through retirement insurance. The Board of Superannuation offers this insurance. Each minister with the cooperation of his church should take advantage of it.

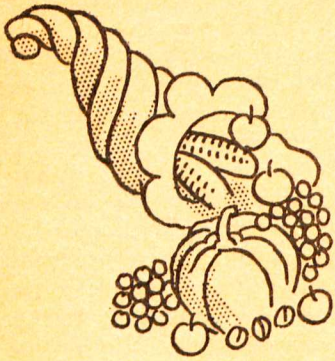
No doubt, many of us look at what some of our brother denomina-

tions are doing along this line. Then we ask, "Why do we not have a similar program?" Most other leading denominations have what is known as the "Ministers' Endowment Retirement Fund." This type of program calls not for a few hundred dollars but for thousands of dollars, because it is controlled to some extent by what the law requires of such a program. In the distant future this may be possible in our denomination, but at present it is not possible. We believe that our program of retirement insurance is the best possible solution at this time. We do not claim to have the complete answer to the problem, but with the amount of money our churches have supplied us with and the unconcerned attitude of a number of our ministers, we believe it is the best under the circumstances.

It seems that many of our ministers and churches think that since it is possible for the minister to enter the "Social Security" program of the Federal Government it will be sufficient for the retired minister. If I am informed right the average minister will receive about \$100.00 per month from Social Security when he retires at age 65. In some instances the amount will be much lower per month for retirement income to the minister. As we see it, it is only wise and prudent for a minister, even though he benefits from Social Security, to also take advantage of our insurance program.

At the present time the Superannuation Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is offering to each minister a \$2000.00 retirement policy at age 65 or 70 through the Ministers' Life and Casualty Union, 3100 West Lake Street, Minneapolis 16, Minnesota. For the average minister this will cost about \$65.00 per year. This will vary according to the age and physical condition of the minister at the time of application. It has been the policy of the Board to pay one half of the premium and the minister pay the other half. The half the Board pays comes to the Board by way of gifts from churches and individuals for this purpose. The Board has had to operate at times on a small margin of income because the ministers and churches have not become as interested in this program as they should. Only about one hundred of our ministers have applied for the insurance. Perhaps the reason has been that the minister does not like to

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD



Rev. Floyd Arnold
Lemay Pastor Given
"This Is Your Life" Program.
 Lemay, Mo.—

The Master's Men of Faith Free Will Baptist Church, 9824 Clyde, Lemay, Missouri surprised their pastor the Rev. Floyd M. Arnold, with a "This Is Your Life" program on April 24th. The pastor was presented with an original "This Is Your Life" book, with dates and pictures of his life from childhood to the present. Also presented was a large cake decorated with monograms of his church and U. S. service emblems on it.

The Revs. Loy Smith, Leslie Hansen, the Rev. and Mrs. Jordon Newman, the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Asher as well as the Ladies Gospel Four plus one quartet of Gerald, Mo., containing two childhood schoolmates were present at the gathering. Others present included an old neighbor from Gerald, Mrs. John C. Scrivner, who was like a mother in Pastor Arnold's childhood days; Fred Jost, Jr. a boyhood friend from St. Ann, and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Capps, of Overland, old time friends.

Family members in attendance were his mother, Mrs. Alta Arnold: three sisters, Alice Stephens, Ruby Thebeau, and Bertha Hendricks. Jean Arnold, a sister of North Hollywood, Calif., was unable to attend. Swelling the gathering also were two brothers in-law, nieces, nephews; mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kellerman, brother and sister in-law, Harold and Sharon Kellerman, and many friends and other relatives.

Ned Templeton of Overland, a former member of the church acted as master of ceremonies. A prayer and speech by Rev. M. Arnold concluded the program.

Refreshments were served in the basement. Recordings and motion pictures were made of the complete program.

Kansas City Churches in **Sunday School Workshop** Kansas City, Mo.—

The Free Will Baptist Churches of the Greater Kansas City Area sponsored a Sunday School Workshop, May 8-12 with two class periods daily. The evening class reached an enrollment of 108, and the same number were issued certificates of award. The morning class for Pastors was held at 10:00 a. m. daily with studies on the subjects, Church Administration, and Ministerial Ethics.

The meetings were held at the Skyline Armordale Free Will Baptist Church, 743 Osage, Kansas City, Kansas. Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Instructor; Rev. Elmer D. Russell, Kansas City, Kansas, Host Pastor.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews,
 Reporter

Youth Rally Meets Greentop, Mo.—

The North East Mo. Youth Rally met with the Low Ground church Saturday night April 29th. Services opened by congregational singing and prayer by Jerry Filkins. After another

song Clive Capps read for Scripture lesson the 34th Psalm. Minutes of last meeting were read and the reports from the Y. P. A. and G. T. A. Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek and New Harmony Churches was read. Officers for the coming year were elected. President Jerry Filkins, Vice President Vivian James, Sec.-Treas. Kay Wagoner, Song Leader Kendell Sewits, Pianist Janie Ackerman. The program was as follows: Two exercises and a song were given by the Mendota and Martinstown Churches. Solo, "Hand in Hand," Donald Kelsy. Solo, "Beyond the Sunset," Janis Ackerman. The Chrisman family gave a musical number and sang "Jesus Will Walk With Me." Hazel Creek gave a pageant "The Challenge of the Cross." After a congregational song we were dismissed in prayer by Harold Kelsey.

Master's Men On **The Move** Mt. Grove, Mo.—

The Master's Men of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mt. Grove, Mo., met in the basement of the church at 7:30 p. m. for pot luck supper and fellowship meeting. After the meal was finished the meeting was called to order by Bro. Glen Hunt. Opening song, "I Want to be There at the Roll Call." Opening prayer by Bro. Spig McCarty. Song, "Standing on the Promises" was sung by congregation followed by solo, "Is My Master Satisfied With Me?" sung by Ed Francis. Devotional was given by President Jesse Walker, using 5th chapter of 1st Thess. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A very interesting and inspiring talk was given by Rev. Yought from Springfield, Mo. There were 26 members and two visitors present. The meeting adjourned to meet again on the first Monday night in June, with a fish fry. The wives and families of the members will be guests. Benediction was given by Bro. Foster Hutsell.

White River Conference Meets Batesville, Ark.—

The White River Quarterly Conference met with the Blackland Chapel Church April 28-29th, with 14 churches represented by a total delegation of 63 in all. Included were 12 Ministers, 6 Church Clerks, 6 Deacons, 37 Elected Delegates and two other Officers. A warm welcome was given by the host church and its Pastor, Hoover Lewis. The fellowship was sweet and the service wonderful. Two out-of-State visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Rutledge, of Hayti, Mo., attended the Meeting. A Resolution was passed to have Meetings on a set date each Quarter, coinciding with our Sunday School and League Quarterlies. Dates set were Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October, instead of before the fifth Sundays, to avoid conflicting with our Association dates, and having five Meetings some years. Next meeting is to be with the New Home Church, near Mt. Pleasant, Ark., Friday night and Saturday July 7th and 8th, with Revs. Henry Obarts and J. W. Roach in charge Friday night.

Remember us and the work in your prayers.

Rev. Bob King, Moderator.
Batesville, Rt., Salado, Ark.
Rev. Clarence Campbell,
Assistant.
Grubbs, Arkansas.
Rev. Austin Mullen, Clerk.
Newport Rt., Batesville, Ark.
Mrs. Geraldine Johnston,
Assistant.
Batesville Rt., Salado, Ark.

N. E. Mo. Fifth Sunday Meeting Greentop, Mo.—

The North East Mo. Fifth Sunday meeting convened with the Low Ground Church April 30, 1961, with Sunday School at 10 o'clock. The worship service opened by congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Ackerman. Rev. Cletus Nichols took the stand and read for Scripture lesson Eph. 6:10-18 and II Timothy 4:6-8. He used for his text, "The Man Who Stood and Fought." He brought a very interesting message. At the close of the message an invitation hymn was sung. We were dismissed by Rev. J. E. Corey. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour. The afternoon session opened by congregational singing. Prayer by Sister Myrtle Jones. Following another song, the president,

Sister Mildred Gilliam, read for Scripture lesson from Matt. 14:31. After a short message Sister Gilliam led in prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read and letters from Hazel Creek, New Harmony, Kirksville, and Low Ground were read for information. The next meeting will be with the Mendota Church with Rev. Lester Jones to bring the eleven o'clock message, with Rev. Stella Gales as alternate. The program was as follows, A musical number and song "Blessed Redeemer," Chrisman Family. Playlet, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" Kirksville church Trio, "Jesus Fairest of Ten Thousand," Rigger

Church. Solo, "Wonderful Peace," Rigger Church. Solo, Glenna Lay. The G. T. A. quartet from Kirksville sung "Give Me That Old Time Religion." Eva Pearl sponsor conducted a Bible quiz, between the girls and boys. The girls won 9 to 6. A few choruses were sung by the congregation while Hazel Creek was getting ready for their play "The Woman of Sychar." The Kirksville Trio sang a medley of songs. Marjorie Mallick sang "I Asked The Lord." The Mendota Church presented a reading and an exercise on missions. At the close of a congregation song we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Alta Mikel.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR MAY, 1961

Received:

South Side Church	\$ 45.30
Beacon Church	84.32
St. Louis Dist. Qtly. Mtg.	250.93
Mine La Motte Church	12.05
Copper Mines Church	42.08
Verdella Church	171.12
Merl's Chapel Church	29.40
Myrtle Church	16.00
Carterville Church	31.88
Farmington Church	65.52
Pleasant Home Church	24.88
Oak Grove Church-Cave Spgs. Assn.	10.00
Monett Church	71.89
Fellowship Church	157.87
Victory Church	71.54
Leadington Church	77.50
New Hope Church	60.20
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	\$1,222.48

Disbursed:

National Assn. of Free Will Baptists	\$ 733.48
Missouri State Home Mission Board	207.82
Free Will Baptist Gem Fund	122.25
Missouri Free Will Baptist Youth Camp	61.13
Missouri State General Fund	61.13
Missouri State Superannuation Board	36.67
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	\$1,222.48

The Cooperative Plan is the best plan for our Missouri Churches to use to support every phase of our work. When your church gives to the Missouri State Cooperative Plan they are supporting our Missouri State Home Missions Program; the Youth Camp; Superannuation; the Free Will Baptist Gem; the General Fund of the Missouri State Association. In addition the largest percentage of your gift is sent on to the National Association where it is used to support every department of the work of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. This is a good system, especially for the small church, whereby one check supports every phase of the work. When enough churches support this plan then there will be enough for every phase of our work to operate.

From the wires of Church News Service

Catholic Bishops Challenged to Put Demands Before People In A Plebiscite

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS) — The Catholic bishops were challenged to take the direct approach and put their demands for tax support of parochial schools before the American people in "an honest plebiscite" by a leading figure in the church-state controversy.

In a statement before a Senate subcommittee on proposals to amend the National Defense Education Act for the benefit of parochial schools, C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, asked, "Why do not the proponents of aid for church schools seek a constitutional amendment which would enable such legislation? The First Amendment could be repealed and a new amendment could be sought which would specifically empower Congress to legislate in this area of financial aid to church schools. Fortified by such an amendment there would be no question about the constitutionality of any aid to church schools which Congress might approve."

"Therefore, we challenge the Roman Catholic bishops to take the direct approach. Let them put their demands before the American people in an honest plebiscite. It is our opinion that they would be overwhelmingly defeated. The American people have no desire to tamper with the tradition which has wisely separated church and state at the money line," Mr. Lowell said.

There are reports in Washington that among amendments being considered to the NDEA are those that would make possible grants to private schools for construction of buildings in which religion would presumably not be taught and for the salaries of teachers engaged to teach non-religious subjects. The POAU testimony registered "emphatic protest against any effort to enact such forms of sectarian aid into law by slipping them into the Defense Education Act."

In other testimony filed with the committee, Dr. James DeForest Murch, chairman of the Commission on Evangelical Action of the National Association of Evangelicals said, "Once government begins building classrooms in

church schools it makes little difference which particular classrooms are built with government funds, inasmuch as the practical effect for any given school would be general assistance to a construction program.

"There is no doubt about the desirability of strong educational programs in science, mathematics and languages. However, in the present situation the strengthening of these subjects appears to be a pretext for allowing the Federal government to enter upon a program of financial assistance for construction of classrooms in private and parochial schools.

"When the means of strengthening education in these subjects within the private and parochial schools of the nation conflicts with the constitutional principle of separation of church and state, the net effect will be a serious loss rather than a gain, and we strongly oppose any such move."

After meeting strong opposition in their efforts to get outright government grants for parochial schools, the Roman Catholic bishops settled for efforts to get the NDEA amended.

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Medical Education Called One Of Africa's Greatest Needs

OAK PARK, Ill. (CNS)—The need to train medical assistants, laboratory and X-ray technicians, nurses, administrators, and full-fledged doctors is one of the greatest needs in Africa, according to the executive director of the Christian Medical Society which has its headquarters here.

This was pointed out by J. Raymond Knighton upon his recent return from a ten-nation survey of the continent. Accompanying Mr. Knighton were two doctors—Dr. C. Everett Koop, professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Gustave A. Hemwall, a physician and surgeon from Chicago. Included in the survey were the medical establishments of 20 missionary organizations, eight university and government hospitals, and six medical schools.

"Probably the greatest one area of the future medical missionary work is in the field of medical education. If the Church cannot only train qualified medical personnel, but also by precept and example show them that the greatest thing they can give their people is the healing of the soul through be-

lieving and accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, we will have fulfilled our mission."

Mr. Knighton said they were told by the chief medical officer of one of the countries, "We will always need the dedicated, loving, and compassionate care that our people need and receive from the mission hospital."

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Survey Shows That Pentecostals Not Favorable to WCC Contact

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—Leaders of the Pentecostal denominations in the United States generally are not in favor of any contact with the World Council of Churches, a recent survey by United Evangelical Action magazine shows. The possibility of such a contact had been raised in a nationally syndicated story quoting the Rev. David J. du Plessis, a former secretary of the World Pentecostal Council, as saying he was positive that the church unity movement represented in the WCC is "a creation of the Holy Spirit."

The story identified Mr. du Plessis as "a world leader of Pentecostal churches," but Pentecostal leaders pointed out that "he does not represent Pentecostals in the United States nor is he authorized to speak for them."

A sharp re-action was given by Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo., who said, "No individual has been authorized by the General Council of the Assemblies of God to speak in favor of or to support the ecumenical movement. Those who would compromise on the infallibility of God's Word, the virgin birth, the atoning death of our Lord and Saviour, His resurrection and bodily return or who would join hands with those who do are being unknowingly used as tools against us, not for us."

The Assemblies of God, largest of the Pentecostal bodies with a membership of over 500,000, ordained Mr. du Plessis.

Rev. James A. Cross, general overseer of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., said, "We are strictly opposed to any connection whatsoever with the World Council of Churches and have nothing common with them. Nor do I think there will be any future relationship between Pentecostals and WCC."

JUNE — LEAGUE EMPHASIS MONTH

Our denominational calender has June listed as Free Will Baptist League Month. Many State League Conventions meet in the month of June. The Nationwide League Conferences have been meeting in June since 1948. Youth camps sponsored by the League meet in June. Let's really make June, 1961, a real time of improvement and enlargement.

What to Emphasize

First of all, if there are churches in your district which do not have Leagues, suggest that they begin one. Some churches only maintain Leagues for younger groups such as Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. An adult League can mean a great deal to a church, too.

Point out the purpose and value of a League in each church. Help each member to realize fully the purpose of a training program. League is not a duplicate of any other organization in the church. It is distinct and necessary for a progressive church.

Have an attendance campaign. Set your goal to correspond with your Sunday School attendance. Very few churches in our denomination have as many in League as they do in Sunday School. Usually, only about 50% of those attending Sunday School attend League. This shouldn't be. Training is equally as important as teaching.

Evaluate your present organization. Call all the officers together and take a good look at your League objectively. Write to our office for a "Program Evaluation Sheet," also. This will help group captains and sponsors to know the weak spots and make improvements.

Encourage officers to use materials other than the quarterlies. The **Bible, Contact** (the official publication of the National Ass'n.), **The Free Will Baptist** (North Carolina's state publication), **Gem** (Missouri's state publication), **Voice** (California), **Vision** (Arkansas), **The Promoter** (Oklahoma), **Heartbeat** (new publication of the Foreign Missions Board), and **The League Pointer** contain subject matter and news which will prove valuable in planning programs.

Many Leagues subscribe to **The League Pointer** for all officers and have them mailed to one address. This eliminates loss of time and confusion when new officers are elected. Special rates will be offered during the month of June only. They are: 3 to 5 sub-

scriptions—\$1.35 per subscription per year; 6 or more—\$1.25 per subscription per year. Tell your director about this special offer. These rates may also be used for renewing your subscription or extending the subscription you may already have.

Awards To Be Given

Make a special effort to help your state raise its quota for the League expansion campaign. Take up an offering in your assembly each Sunday night during the month of June.

Special awards will be given to Leagues contributing to the "Expanding Our Horizons" Campaign. An attractive certificate will be given to the Leagues which give \$25 or more; a certificate with a gold seal will be awarded when \$50 or more has been contributed. An engraved plaque will be awarded the League contributing the largest amount to this expansion campaign during 1961. Begin contributing now!

Encourage Conference Attendance

There is still time to make arrangements for attending the Ninth Nationwide League Conference in Albany, Georgia, June 20-22. If your group is large enough, charter a bus. This will mean less expense. The bus station in Albany is near the downtown area. You could walk to hotel accommodations in case only one or two can make it. "Where there's a will, there's a way" is still true! But if you can't go yourself, help someone else to go.

Missouri Youth Camp June 19—July 1

Niangua, Mo.—

Rev. William Reeves announces that the 1961 Missouri State Youth Camp will open June 19th for the Pre-Teen session. Most of the Pre-Teeners will arrive on Sunday, June 18th and services will be held at the camp that night. The Evangelist for the Pre-Teen session will be Rev. Tommy Day, Pastor from Monett, Mo. The Evangelist for the Teen-age Session which is scheduled to open June 25th and conclude July 1st is Rev. James Earl Raper of Flat River, Mo. The cost for the Pre-Teen session is \$8.00 which includes Insurance, Room, and Board. The cost for the Teen-age session is \$9.00 and includes the same benefits. A record enrollment is expected this year.



THE MISSION FIELD



THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS of the National Association of Free Will Baptists are pictured in annual session recently in Nashville. Clockwise from left foreground are the Rev. Reford Wilson, the Rev. Raymond Riggs, General Director Rolla Smith, the Rev. Joe Ange, and the Rev. Eugene Waddell. The Rev. Mark Lewis, board chairman, was called home during the session for a funeral. Promotional Secretary Jerry Ballard, taking the above picture, was present also. Main business considered during the three-day meeting was the 1962 Foreign Missions Budget to be presented to the National Association meeting in Norfolk, July 11-13.

Home Missionaries Accounts in the Red Nashville, Tenn.—

The National Home Mission Board lists the accounts of the following missionaries as deficit, and prayerfully asks the concern of God's people.

Rev. & Mrs. Luther Sanders	\$600.97
(Serving in Hawaii)	
Miss Bessie Yeley	351.78
(Serving the Latin American Mission)	
Rev. & Mrs. Melitino Martinez	571.56
(Serving the Latin American Mission)	
Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Walker	230.82
(Serving the new work in Washington, D. C.)	
Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite	773.76
(Serving the Northwest Mission Field)	
In addition to these immediate	

needs the "Remember Pearl Harbor Fund" is short about \$3,000.00 of the goal of \$5,000.00. Also the "Miami Spanish Building Fund" is short over \$2,000.00 of the goal of \$4,000.00.

We need your prayer support now for these accounts. If people will pray, God will provide.

Homer E. Willis
Director-Treasurer

The Palmers Write. . .

May 9, 1961

Lausanne, Switzerland

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have been in Switzerland a month and a half now and have been taking French lessons for about three weeks. Of course, that isn't long enough to tell how long it will take us to learn it well enough to go on to

Africa, but it has not been especially difficult as yet, for which we thank the Lord. However, most of the missionaries who learn French here spend about a year or more getting their diplomas, but we need to be in Africa in about seven more months. Brother Sparks is due a furlough in December, and he doesn't want to leave his work unattended while he is away. I am sure that he is praying that the Lord will give us a knowledge of the language in a shorter time than usual, and we want you to strive together with us in this prayer.

I am sure that you have been noticing the outbreak of lawlessness in other countries of Africa. The paper tells of the death of several Protestant pastors in Angola. This is what the Christians in America can expect in the not too distant future unless there is a nationwide revival that will drive out the sin and lukewarmness from our churches. However, I have heard by means of the missionary grapevine that the persecution has only served to burn out the dross and refine the gold. It is not for us to set dates, but it appears that if we are to reach the people in other lands with the gospel we must do it quickly.

The reports that I hear about the progress of our churches there at home makes me rejoice and kindles a spark of hope in my mind for the salvation of our country during this time of unrest and deceitfulness. Then I remember the lack of concern for the lost, the absence of zeal for the Lord's work that is so prevalent in many of our churches, and my only rejoicing is, that our citizenship is in Heaven and that all things work together for good to those who love God. In the midst of these thoughts I remember you who have given evidence that the Spirit of God dwells in you, both by your work in your churches to win the lost to Christ and your gifts to foreign missions to win those whom you have neither known nor seen to

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FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

MISSOURI

April, 1961

Missouri State Ass'n., St. Louis	\$ 74.31
Anonymous	5.00
South Side F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	329.44
Big Creek F. W. B. League, Yukon	4.35
Mr. Walt Pirtle, Flat River	6.00
Faith F. W. B. Church, Lemay	9.99
Marvin A. Mills, Winigan	7.00
Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings	50.00
Leadington Woman's Aux., Leadington	28.05
Fellowship F. W. B. Church, Flat River	135.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Mikel, Lancaster	53.60
Young Marrieds Class of New Harmony Church, Greentop	50.00
F. W. B. Church of Berkeley, Berkeley	75.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Crystal City	24.80
S. S. Class—Oak Grove Church, Mtn. Grove	10.00
First F. W. B. Church, Kansas City	28.29
Grant Avenue Y. P. A., Springfield	5.00
The Ladies Mission of Desloge F. W. B. Church, Desloge	7.29
Beacon F. W. B. Church, Raytown	3.40
Grant Avenue F. W. B. League, Springfield ..	10.00
Willow Springs Church, Mtn. Grove	10.00
Mo. State Woman's Aux. Conv., Independence	2.50
Mrs. E. C. Wise, Springfield	2.00
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirksville	61.56
First F. W. B. Church, Mtn. Grove	25.00
J. Geraldine Arnold, Florissant	15.00
Southside F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	50.00
Kirksville F. W. B. Church, Kirksville	10.50
Union Light F. W. B. Church, Patton	14.05
Edith Gibson, Desloge	5.00
Martha Coffman & Oma L. Scott, Mtn. Grove ..	2.00
Leadington F. W. B. Church, Leadington	35.00
Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings	50.00
Aulsbury Chapel Church, Bonne Terre	22.00
F. W. B. Church of Berkeley, Berkeley City ..	30.95
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Patton, Springfield	20.00
N. Rock Springs F. W. B. Church, Cabool	5.00
New Harmony S. S. Greentop	42.95
The Women's Mission of First F. W. B. Church Flat River	3.00
Leona E. Hold, Mtn. Grove	1.00
First F. W. B. Church, Mtn. Grove	1.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Huggins	15.00
Pleasant Grove Church, Anderson	14.47

Myrtle F. W. B. Church, Myrtle	8.75
Cooperative Plan	147.72
W. N. A. C.	5.00

\$1,515.97

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS

MISSOURI

MARCH

Receipts:

Southside F. W. B. C., St. Louis, Mo.	\$ 39.15
Myrtle F. W. B. C., Myrtle, Mo.	5.00
H. S. Vandivort, Rt. 2, Cabool, Mo.	20.00
Ben Vandivort, Rt. 2, Cabool, Mo.	10.00
Daniel Vandivort, Rt. 2, Cabool, Mo.	10.00
Finis E. Sorrell, Rt. 1, Myrtle, Mo.	1.00
F. W. B. C., Rt. 2, Fredericktown, Mo.	10.00
Grant Ave., F. W. B. C., 835 S. Newton, Spring- field, Mo.	5.00
N. Rock Springs F. W. B. C., Huggins Star Rt., Mtn. Grove, Mo.	18.29
Richwoods F. W. B. C., Richwoods, Mo.	20.00
Arthur Williams, Bloomfield, Mo.	10.00
Ruth Altis, 1222 E. 79th St., Kansas City 31, Mo.	22.00
Leadington F. W. B. C., Leadington, Mo.	20.00
Co-op Plan of Support	142.38
	\$342.82

APRIL

Finis E. Sorrell, Myrtle	\$ 1.00
Mastinstown F. W. B. C., Worthington	25.00
Mendota F. W. B. Mission, Greentop	50.00
Mo. State Assoc., 3120 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis 11, Mo.	10.00
Southside F. W. B. C., St. Louis, Mo.	43.65
Mo. State W. A. Conv., 16509 Second St., N., Independence	16.38
H. S. Vandivort, Rt. 2, Cabool	20.00
Rock Springs F. W. B. C., Huggins Star Rt., Mtn. Grove, Mo.	8.16
Southside F. W. B. L., 3120 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis	15.00
Leadington F. W. B. C., Leadington	15.00
New Harmony F. W. B. S. S., Greentop	39.75
No. 1 F. W. B. C. of Christ, Huggins	15.00
Co-op	111.25
W. N. A. C.	5.00
	\$375.19

The Palmers Write. . .

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Him who died for them. I am reminded of the good Samaritan who gave his time and money to help a stranger whom others that professed to be servants of God passed by. But the Scripture tells us that God knows those that are His.

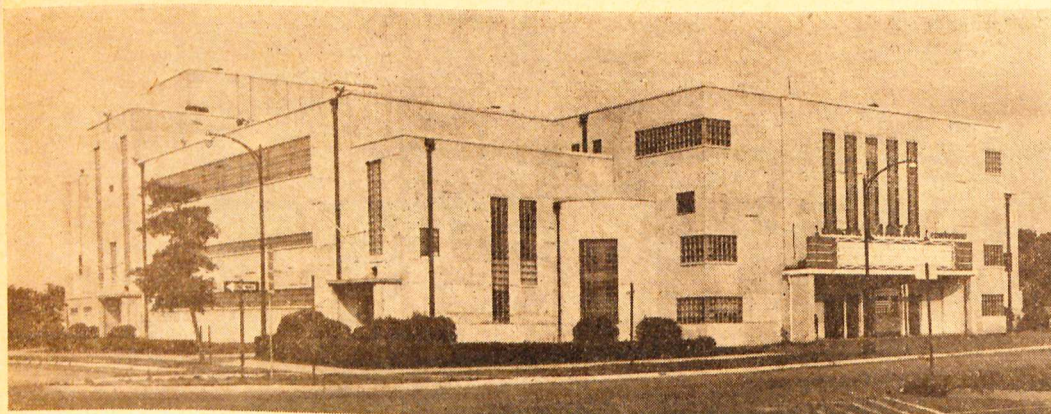
I promised some of you that I would write and tell you if it were possible

for you to send gifts to us here in Switzerland. I have talked to several persons about it, and they say that is is not very expensive to get anything out of the customs office that is marked as a gift. Any packages that are sent should be addressed as follows:

Lonnie Palmer, Jr.
24 Bugnon
c/o Customs office
Lausanne, Switzerland

Pray for us that we might be used of the Lord to win souls here in Switzerland. May our Lord, Jesus Christ, use you and your godly lives as a testimony and a rebuke to a wicked world.

Yours in Christ,
Lonnie and Bernice Palmer



Your Invitation To Attend A Convention Of Historical Significance July 10-13

SPECIAL FEATURES

Pastor's Dinner

A new feature on our convention program this year will be the dutch-treat dinner on Tuesday evening at five o'clock for the pastors and their wives. Tickets are \$1.00 per plate and must be secured in advance from the Executive Department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. The deadline for securing tickets is June 28. No tickets can be made available after this time, so please write early for your tickets.

All former moderators of the National Association will be honored guests at the dinner and words of greeting will be given by the heads of all departments within the National. Special music will be rendered by Mr. Don Clark.

Our speaker for this dinner will be the Rev. W. Stanley Mooneyham, former Executive Secretary and now editor of Evangelical United Action. The title of his address will be "A Seat In The Balcony."

Pageant

The opening service of our convention will be highlighted by the presentation of a historical pageant. Written by the Rev. Billy A. Melvin and directed by Mrs. Charles A. Thigpen, the pageant will unfold the Free Will Baptist story from the 1700's. The rich heritage of our faith, the merger of 1910, the struggle for survival, early heroes of the faith, and the outreach and ministry of our present-day National Association will be seen. You cannot afford to miss this pageant on this historic occasion.

Morning Prayer Service

On Wednesday morning at seven o'clock in the Club Room of the Golden Triangle we will have our early morning prayer service. This prayer service is a vital part of our convention

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HOTELS AND MOTELS

Golden Triangle — Headquarters Hotel—(Three blocks from Auditorium.) Monticello and Brambleton Avenues.

Singles — \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00; Doubles — \$12.00, \$14.00, \$16.00 (All doubles can accommodate four people.) Example of double accommodation: Using the \$14.00 double, two others may stay for \$4.00 making a total of \$18.00 to be divided four ways or \$4.50 per person. An additional person may stay in a double for only \$2.00. T. V., Radio, Air Condition, Parking, Swimming Pool.

Monticello Hotel (Approximately 16 blocks from the Auditorium.) 116 E. City Hall Avenue.

Singles — \$6.00, \$7.50; Doubles — \$9.50, \$10.50; Twin Beds — \$11.50, \$12.50. T. V., Radio, Garage Parking, Air Condition.

Commodore Maury Hotel (Approximately 8 blocks from the Auditorium.) Granby and Freemason Streets.

Singles—\$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00; Doubles—\$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00., T. V. Radio, Parking \$1.00 per day.

Cavalier Motel (Approximately 15 minutes from the Auditorium.) 1125 S. Military Highway.

Singles — \$6.00; Doubles — \$8.00, \$9.00 with two beds. T. V., Radio, Air Condition.

Country Club Motel (Approximately 15 minutes from Auditorium.) 235 Military Highway.

Singles—\$9.00; Doubles—\$12.00. T. V., Radio, Air Condition.

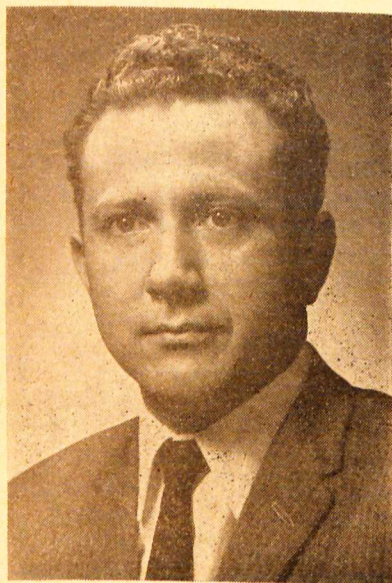
Delmar Motel (Approximately two miles from Auditorium.) 5578 Virginia Beach Blvd.

Singles—\$6.00. Doubles—\$8.00 to \$10.00. T. V., Air Condition.

El Rancho Motel (Approximately four miles from Auditorium.) 800 N. Military Highway.

Singles — \$7.00; Doubles — \$9.00. T. V., Air Condition.

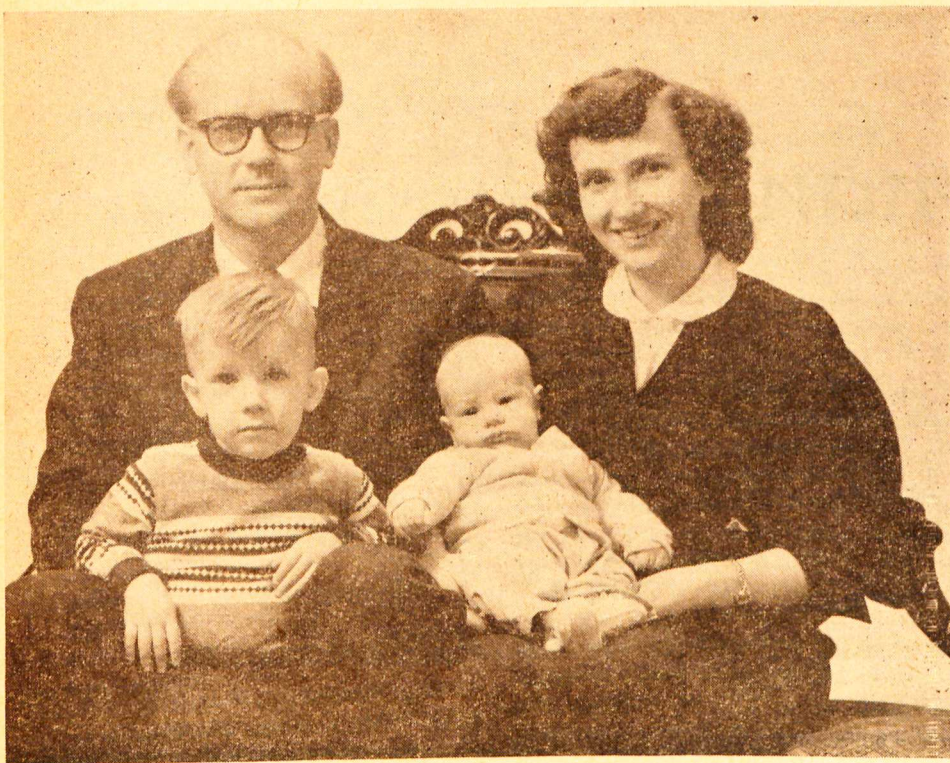
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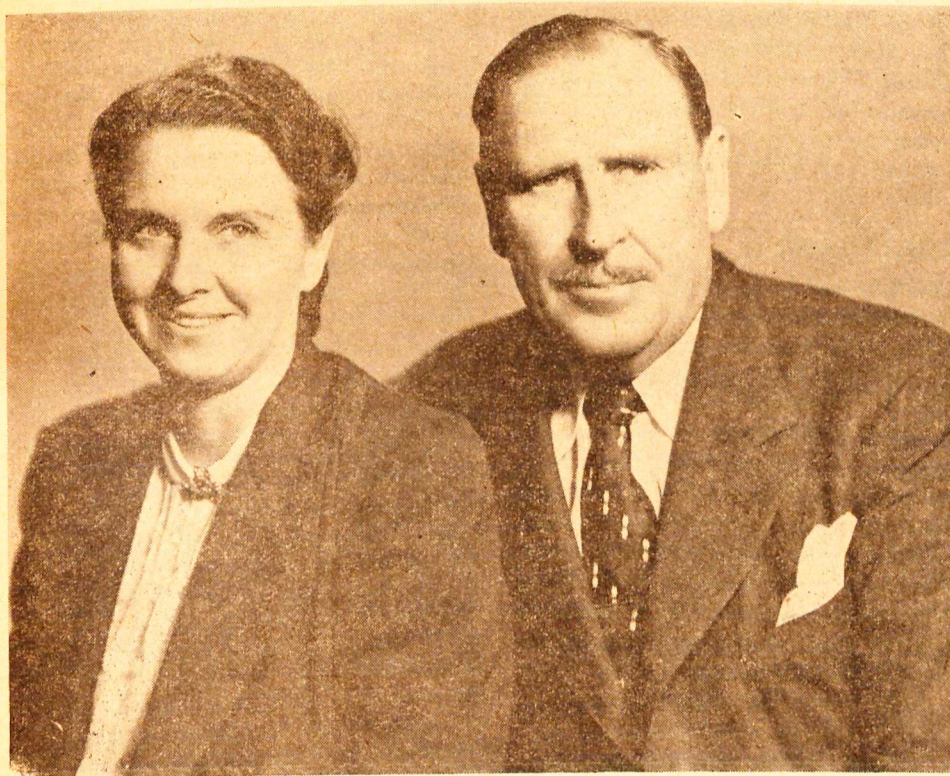
Rev. William J. Hill, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park Mich., and Wednesday morning speaker at the Convention.



Rev. J. L. Welch, pastor for over a half-century at Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee and first moderator of the National Association. He will bring the Thursday morning message.



Rev. & Mrs. Fred Hersey and children



Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Willey Sr.

Mrs. Thomas Willey Sr. and Rev. Fred Hersey will be the featured speakers at the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in Norfolk, Virginia, July 10, 11th, 1961.

Mrs. Willey, with her husband, pioneered the Free Will Baptist work in Cuba and is now in the States doing itinerant and missionary conference work while awaiting re-entry into Cuba.

Rev. Hersey is home for his first furlough after having spent five years as a missionary in Japan.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

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Hacienda Motel (Approximately 15 minutes from Auditorium.) 525 N. Military Highway.

Singles—\$8.00 to \$10.00; Doubles—\$10.00 to \$12.00. T. V., Air Condition.

Wayside Motel (Approximately 15 minutes from Auditorium.) 220 S. Military Highway.

Singles—\$8.00; Doubles—\$10.00.

SPECIAL FEATURES

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and it is hoped that many will share in this hour as we pray for the Lord's direction and blessing in the proceedings of the convention. Rev. Raymond Riggs, pastor of the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Norfolk, will be in charge.

Master's Men Breakfast

Laymen from across our church will enjoy the Thursday morning breakfast sponsored by the Master's Men. As usual, another fine speaker has been secured for this occasion. Mr. T. E. McCully, father of Ed McCully who was slain by the Auca Indians in South America, will be the guest speaker. Not only will you be challenged by the dedication of this man, but you will thrill at the last minute reports of what God is doing among the Auca Indians as a result of the martyrdom of five dedicated young men.

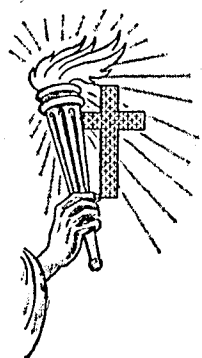
Miss Mary R. Wisehart, Rev. Kenneth Walker, and Mrs. Fred Hersey will bring devotional thoughts. Mrs. Billy Melvin is to serve as organist, Mrs. Dale Burden as organist and Rev. Henry Vankluyve as song leader.

As in previous Conventions, one of the outstanding features will be the Declamation Contest by the YPA's and GTA's. The run-offs will be held on Monday afternoon, July 10th, and it is open to the public.

We are hoping and praying that you will attend this session of the WNAC in Norfolk and that the Lord will give us the most glorious missionary convention in our history.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

"Say," said the proud purchaser of a sports car to the salesman, "I don't have a garage yet. Would you mind leaving it right in the box?"



Woman's Auxiliary

FROM GREENTOP:

The Hazel Creek Womans Aux. met May 2nd, with Mrs. John Filkins with 12 members, 3 visitors and 4 children present. The meeting opened by singing "At Calvary." Mrs. Herman Miley read for scripture lesson Matt. 18:1-14. Mrs. Lester Jones led in prayer. We then sang "Glory to His Name." The roll call was answered by a verse of scripture. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and an offering of \$7.54 was received. There were 795 Bible chapters reported read, 31 sick calls made and 21 cards sent. Our lesson was "Building Bridges." Topics were given by Leona Thompson, Sandra Morton, Minnie Thompson, Lizzie Filkins and Wanda Riley. The study course chairman, Mrs. Dora Sponsler, gave two study course lessons one on missions and one on evangelism. We were dismissed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Sec.-Treas Leona Thompson.

FROM LEADINGTON:

The Woman's Aux. of the Leadington F. W. B. church are reporting their work for the month of May. We met at the church May 11th, for study in the Co-Laborer. The name of the study was, "Building Bridges." The meeting was opened and Scripture read from Matt. 18:1-14 by our president Iva Treaster. We sang "Jesus Calls Us," and were led in prayer by Mrs. Hammor. Our subject for discussion was teaching children early in life. Children are different therefore teaching methods must vary. First teaching is most important; Teach by practice: Teach in a language they can understand: Teach from a heart full of love and compassion. All members participated in this important discussion. Following this a report was given on the work of the G. T. A. by their leader Mrs. Doris Milburn which was most gratifying. The afternoon session was opened by prayer, by Allie Penrod. This was followed by a wonderful lesson on Stewardship.

Thoughts we retained were; True Christian stewardship demands all of one's life in service to God: How important time is when we are serving God. In John 9:4 Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." Read Psalm 24:1, also 19:1. In Matt. 7:7 the Lord promises that we will find His will if we seek Him, therefore a good steward must pray often and fervently. As stewards in God's service, how do each one of us rate? We also met on May 18th, for the Circle program. We heard discussions on some of the devoted mothers of the Bible, also about some of the evil mothers. We always learn and grow in knowledge from these studies. We are praying much for all of our Missionaries everywhere and giving what we can.

FROM LEBANON:

The Ladies Aux. of the First Free Will Baptist church of Lebanon, Mo., met for the regular meeting April 11th with ten members present. Opening hymn "At the Cross." Prayer was offered by Sybil Agon. The devotions were given by Sue Cook. Reading a scripture lesson from the book of Cor. The lesson theme was Something about the Cross. The roll call was given by each member taking part talking on the subject or reading a poem or scripture verse. A birthday party was planned for our minister's wife, Tuesday April 25th. Sis. Hazel is improving and has been able to attend services some. A gift was presented to her from the president. A shower of cards and hankies were also given, a birthday cake baked by our president Esther Sutton was much enjoyed by those attending. A report was given by the visitation Committee. The president announced a bake sale to be held Saturday May 6th at 9:00 o'clock. Also a wedding shower will be given in the church dining room Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30 for Miss

Jean Mosier and Mr. Jerry Bowman who will be married in June. Refreshments of Banana cake and coffee were served by Miss Jean Mosier and Gladys Montgomery. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Montgomery.

Reporter, Gladys Montgomery

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Woman's Aux. of the First Free Will Baptist church of Kansas City met May 2, 1961. Meeting called to order by vice-president Sister Emoline Moser. Scripture reading Matt. 18:1-14. Prayer by Sister Ann Smicker. Topic I Sister Ann Smicker, Topic II Sister Emoline Moser, Topic III Sister Alice Dickey, Topic IV Sister Fern Smith, Topic V Sister Rutha Altis. Letter was read from Foreign Mission Board thanking us for our offering we sent for Hersey's return home on visit. Plans were discussed for Bible School. Sister Alma Mason and Mrs. Carder will be our supervisors.

Cor.-Sec. Allene Painter

FROM THAYER:

The Woman's Aux. of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met on Tuesday evening April 25th, at 7:30 p.m. with 13 members and 2 G. T. A. girls as visitors. Meeting opened by group singing, altar prayer was offered by each member around the altar. Vacation Bible School was discussed and decided to wait and make further plans when our new pastor arrived and could help with further plans. Program "The Book That Lives," was given by Nettie Bennett, Betty Jewell, Charlene Janes, Jean Lau, and Clara Allen. At the close of the meeting members of the Aux. and Master's Men enjoyed a fellowship together in the church dining room. Our next meeting will be May 23rd at 7:30 p. m. at the church, pray for us that we may go forward in the work of our Lord.

Cor.-Sec. Helen Underwood

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The members of the Woman's Aux. of the Beacon F. W. B. church were happy to bring some happiness into the lives of those at County Home May 13. Decorated cup cakes were supplied for the dessert for the evening meal. A short service was held for those who cared to attend. Carmen Smith personal service chairman made arrangements for this meeting, and La Rue Horn was in charge of the service. Songs were sung by all, specials by the children and Sis. Blanch Matthews brought the devotion. The Aux. has supplied money for more silverware for the church and is helping to sponsor the D. V. B. S. The project for the months of May and June is money to help send the youth, who otherwise could not go to youth camp.

Cor.-Sec. Greta Carter

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Ladies of the West Plains Free Will Baptist church met at the church May 9, with 11 members and 1 visitor present. Opening song "I Love to Tell The Story," was sung by the group. Prayer by Lillian Brooks. Scripture reading of Matt. 18th chapter by president Claudia Combs. The lesson "Building Bridges" was well discussed by the group and topics were given by the following. Topic I by Mrs. Beulah Gilliam. Topic II by Hattie Sims. Topic III by Lillian Brooks. Topic IV by Grace Stephens. Topic V by Ella James. Mrs. Effie Lou Moss became a new member of our Auxiliary. Each Officer gave in good reports and made arrangements for the following. Set May 19th, as wedding shower for Eva Lee Combs. May 24th, as Study Course on our G. T. A. Aux. Lillian Brooks and Louise Lewis were appointed to select a rug for the new part of our church building. The Committee, Ella James, Eudeen Adkisson and Louise Lewis had ordered 5 of our F. W. B. Church road signs to be placed on the 5 leading highways from West Plains. June 11, was set as a date for our V. B. S. with Claudia Combs, Addie Adkisson and Ella James as committee for ordering the literature for the V. B. S. We had refreshments furnished by Gracie Stephens and Claudia Combs. Thanks over the refreshments was offered by Hattie Sims. We were dismissed by Willie Mae McVay.

Cor.-Sec., Hattie Sims

THE PERSONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN

by
Mrs. Bernice Cantrell
State Personal Service
Chairman

The Personal Service Chairman, should of course be a true Christian with a generous Christian heart, willing to sacrifice, if necessary to lead her Aux. in giving, especially giving of time for service to others as the need arises.

She should be a lover of people to the extent that she can see in all people the prospects of something good. Even though they may not stand very high in society they are God's creation. They can be something through Christ Jesus. Remember Jesus went to those whom others cast out. (John 9: 35) and He is our example. She should be a soul winner for many of the people who need help in our communities are not Christians, and may feel neglected and that no one cares for their soul.

The Personal Service Chairman is responsible for point nine of the Standard of Achievement. Of course she should be in charge of the benevolent activities of the Auxiliary. She could sponsor special drives to get food and clothes for the needy. And this not only includes members of Auxiliary and church but any in her community who need a helping hand. They might not be in need of food and clothes, but a service that you can give at a time of sorrow or sickness. A service rendered or a word spoken in Christian love at a time like this might cause some one to decide for Christ. "As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men," Gal 6:10. "But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifice God is well pleased." Heb. 13:16, also read Heb. 13:13, Acts 20:35, Rom. 15:1 and I Tim. 6:18.

What community doesn't have some one who needs words of cheer or some small personal service rendered? We, many times, think it is not important enough for us to take the time as we hurry scurry through the day such as visiting an orphanage, Rest Home or an old person or some one shut-in. They would enjoy so much someone stopping in every few days. If there are those older Christians who can no longer go to church but have meant much to the church

and community and, especially the aged ministers of our denomination, we should share our appreciation of what they have done, by remembering them at Christmas, a card on their birthday, or just words of encouragement anytime, they would enjoy so much now that they feel so useless.

She can also, with her committee, distribute literature and tracts and Bibles to rest homes etc, anywhere they are needed. And take a stand against the sale of unclean literature on the news stands. I am sending this poem "Visit The Sick," that should make us think more about doing just that. May God bless each of you as you go in His name.

Mrs. Bernice Cantrell
State Personal Service Chair-
man

VISIT THE SICK

There is no person lonelier
Than he who lies in bed,
And must depend on others to
be comfortable and fed.
Who never has a visitor
to talk to him and smile,
And make the life he has to live
a little more worth while.
He does not ask for magazines,
for candy, fruit and such,
But just a friendly visit and
the words that mean so much.
He wants to see the sun come out
in place of all the rain,
And know that someone cares about
His trouble and his pain.
And surely somewhere out of all
the moments made for play,
There must be time to call on him
And say hello today.

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Woman's Aux. of the Victory Free Will Baptist church in Avondale, met Tuesday evening of May 2, 1961, with 7 members present. We opened our meeting by singing, "I am Resolved" and prayer by Dorothy Randleman. We were reminded to pray each day for our Missionaries. Our program chairman, Lorna Blacksher took charge of the program and read the scripture from Matt. 18:1-14. The program topics were discussed by Dorothy Randleman, Reva Prinz, Carlene Clevenger, Rena High and Eula Payne. Meeting closed with prayer led by Carlene Clevenger. Mrs. Reva High was appointed program chairman for June.

Cor.-Sec., Lorna Blacksher

LETTERS *to the Editor*

Dear Gem Readers,

Over two months have gone by since hearing from us here at the ParkView F. W. B. Church, Desloge. We are happy to report many good things have happened here since our last writing. Our revival with Rev. Lawrence Thompson, has come and gone, but many blessings remain. All our hearts were revived and made to rejoice by the two weeks of soul stirring messages Bro. Thompson brought to us. Five persons came to the Lord, also an 85 year old man was saved in his home and one was saved in the hospital. We are sorry to report our pastor's wife, Sister Gladys Turnbough, was quite ill and hospitalized during our revival, but at this writing she is much improved and able to be back in service again, through much consecrated prayer.

At this writing our pastor, Rev. Elmer Turnbough, and some men of our church are working at our youth camp, building a concrete block cabin for our church. It is to accommodate the women and girls. Up until now those from our church attending youth camp, have had to share cabins that other churches have been so kind to share with us. And to all the churches being so kind to us we want to send our sincere thanks. Needless to say we are very proud of our cabin and are so grateful to all who contributed toward it and for all those who so willingly gave of their labor.

We begin our Vacation Bible School here May 29th to June 9th. We are looking forward to a wonderful two weeks with our young folks. D. V. B. S. is such a golden opportunity to get the gospel of Jesus into hearts and homes that even Sunday School doesn't reach. As I have written before, we are very proud of the fine group of young people in our church. But oh, how our youth needs the prayers and support of our older Christians. This "space age" is putting far too much space between our youth and Christ. There is far too much tampering with God's handiwork. How long is He going to allow this? How much longer do we have to be about the things that will gain us eternal life? Where will we stand when the sins of omission must be accounted for? Our children are building on the foundations we lay

for them. Will their building stand through the judgement? Let's attack Satan with God's Holy work as our strategy, Christian living as our weapons and much, much prayer as our ammunition. God's richest blessings to all who uphold the blood stained banner of Christ.

Reporter, Hazel Morris

Dear Reader,

This is a God given plan, that came to me several months ago. It seems that we are moving so rapidly we don't have finance to put things over, so in prayer this is what God showed me; put it before our people and see how many we could get to fast every first Sunday morning in each month and give to our National Treasury. Those that could not fast give the price of their breakfast and in this way we could raise thousands of dollars and it might be later we could fast every Sunday morning, but say we begin with 1 Sunday morning. Let every pastor put it before their church and see how many they can get to do this. Then write to the papers the number that they have in their church, not the names but just the number. It will encourage others to join this prayer and fast band. This has nothing to do with our financial plan, it is a sacrificial gift added to what we already have. Please every Christian join me in this wonderful plan. The time is short and we must get the gospel to souls that are lost. The first Sunday in July is set to begin. Now may God bless every one who reads this.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

Fredericktown, Mo.
May 8, 1961

Dear Bro. Reeds,

For the past several months our Sunday School averages haven't been sent in and I've been asked to get them in. I'm bringing them up to date now. We do enjoy the Gem and items from various churches are interesting. Maybe someone would enjoy reading something about our church, Twin Oak. In May 1960, we burned the mortgage on our building and dedicated it to the Lord. It was a glorious time for us all. In less than five years the Lord gave us the means of paying off the debt.

Then in December of last year we purchased new pews for our church. They add much to the beauty of God's House and we thank the Lord for making it possible for us to have them. We realize, however, that a lovely building is nothing without a dedicated people working for the glory of God. Our small group does have a zeal for the Lord and we are growing in grace. The Lord has blessed in so many ways. I think one of the greatest blessings is our missionary ladies. From the time we started our work a little over a year ago, He's been blessing mightily. We sponsor two children in the Arizona—Mexico Missions, keeping them in school and clothing them. We've sent boxes of new and used clothing, quilts, and gifts of cash. We pray the Lord will open more doors for us to serve Him.

I sincerely believe we're living in the last days and time is precious. How we need to redeem the time and to work to bring the lost to Christ. Let's awaken from our slumber and be up and about our Father's work while we have the time.

May the Lord bless you.

Mrs. J. T. Dowd

Miami, Florida
May 9, 1961

Dear Brother Reeds:

In view of the extremely bad situation here in Miami, we have felt led to write to you.

You know about all the refugees here. Many people cannot find work and are badly in need of food.

We feel that we should be able to do a little to help also. The Catholics have a big relief center. The Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists etc. have their centers also. We feel that if perhaps when you send out your bulletins you could put in a paragraph telling the people of the need, and perhaps packages of food could be sent to us so we could have a center on a small scale.

Much good can be done by this for it also will give us entrance to more homes, and more opportunity to present the Gospel. Folks will know that we have an interest in them. There were three or four families that used to come to our services, but some other churches helped them in their need and

naturally they are now going to the churches who helped them.

Food is needed more than clothing now, although clothing could be sent, but in small quantities. As it is costly to send food packages, there may be those who would rather send money in place of food packages, this could be put in a fund to buy food here as needed. Of course this all is only a suggestion on our part and we are not dictating, but in view of the great need we felt that folks should know about it. We feel that it would help in our work for the Lord here.

Do pray for the situation here both materially and spiritually. Pray that we will be able to reach many of these refugees for the Lord.

Yours in His Service,
Bessie Yeley

Melitino Martinez
Home Missionaries

NOTE: Food and clothing should be sent postage paid direct to:

Rev. Melitino Martinez
Free Will Baptist Missions (Cuban Relief)

447 S. W. 6th Street
Miami, Florida

Money should be sent to:
Home Missions Office (Refugee Relief)
3801 Richland Avenue
Nashville 5, Tennessee

FATHER'S DAY

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talk to his congregation for himself on this matter. The solution to this problem is for the churches to take the lead and during "Father's Day" make your offering as great as possible then ask your minister to apply for the Insurance Protection that the Board of Superannuation is offering.

It is the policy of the National Board that when a state has a program of "Superannuation" to work with them. This saves overlapping and makes for better cooperation. If your state has a "Superannuation" program please cooperate with it and send all your "Superannuation" funds through it, even if you ear-mark it for the National Treasury. If your state does not have a "Superannuation" program you may send your funds to Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Secretary-Treasurer, 323 Avenue East, Thomaston, Georgia.

Please cooperate with us in the "FATHER'S DAY" giving for "SUPERANNUATION" and let's make this the greatest year for "SUPERAN-

NUATION."

Please pray and give to "SUPER-ANNUATION."

David W. Hansley, Chairman to the Board of Superannuation for the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Catholic Long-Range Strategy

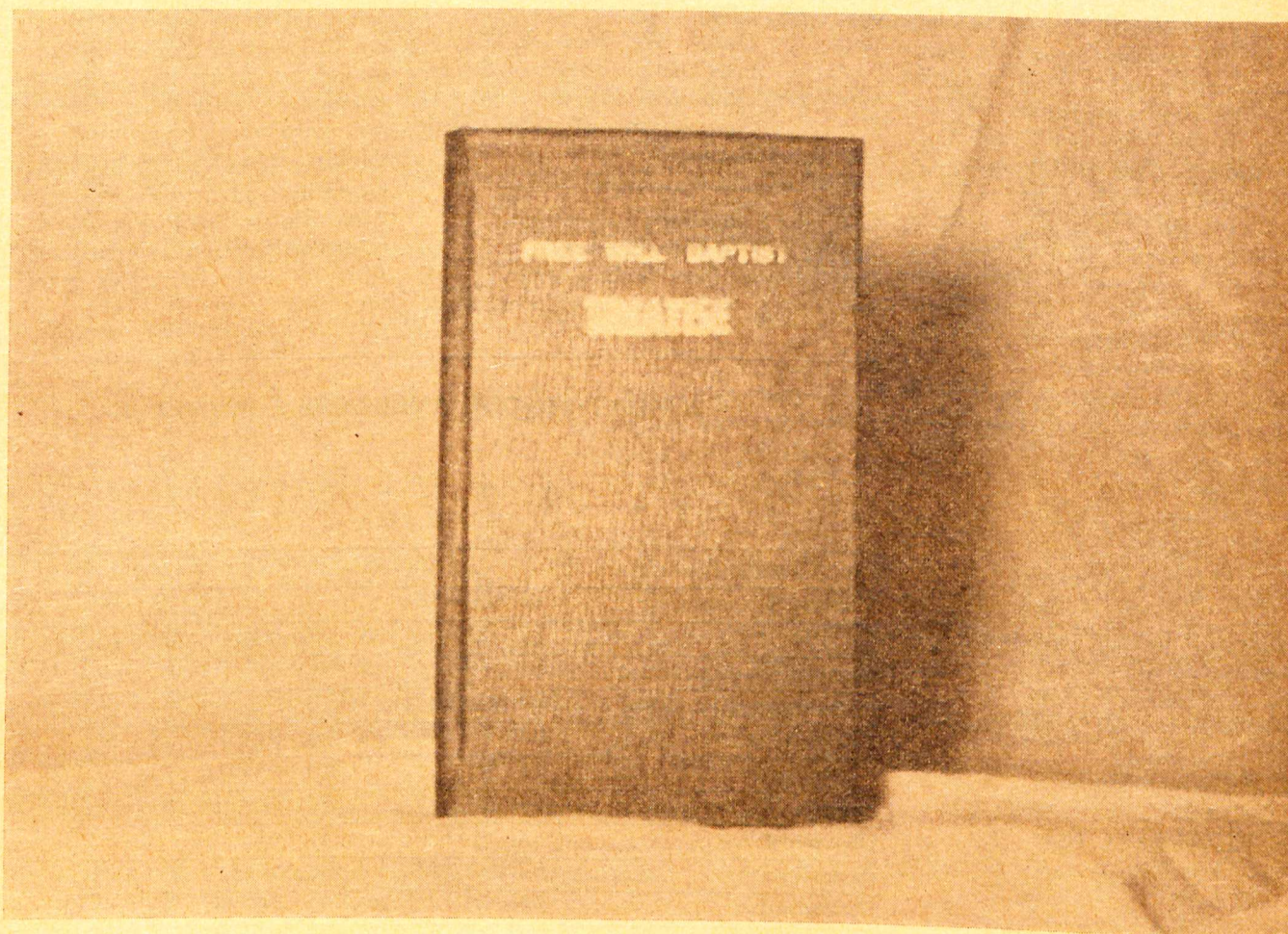
Paying Off In New Guinea

Netherlands, New Guinea (MNS)—A missionary from the interior of New

Guinea reports that the Roman Catholics are moving into their area in full force. With the use of teachers they are bringing to fruition a program initiated ten years ago. At that time young men were taken from the interior to the coast where they were thoroughly trained. The trained teachers move into an area and teach the children Malay, thus leaping the tribal language barrier and making it possible to secure excellent materials for teaching.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1960 - 61

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
First Church, Springfield ..			160	165								
Victory, Kansas City	52	60	68				68	70	72	72		
Mt. Pisgah	77	67	68	68	57	60	66	69	73	62		
Copper Mines	88	90	86	89	81	88	95	87	97			
Fellowship, Flat River	209	202	201	198	198	188	202	201	196	210		
Leadington	84	75	76	90	96	91	77	83	80	87		
Farmington	89	91		77	83	82	76	77	81	103		
Fourth, Maplewood	59	54	57	59	50	40	48	57	59	53	44	
Pleasant Grove												
Berkeley City	157	177	215	211	266	218	217	222	211	256		
Richwoods	68	70	65	62	62	58	47	52	55	61		
Hannon	54	41	50	49	46	34	49	56	45			
Joplin	70	74	75	82	76	70	89	76	80	87		
Kirkville	93	85	83	76	83	81	80	83	79			
Grant Ave., Springfield	85	90	84	87	93	86	102	105	106	116		
Hazel Creek		47	42	38	46	47	51	47		50		
Twin Oak	71	55	55	55	59	52	52	55	52	59		
South Side Church	136	152	140	162	135	151	146	141	140	146	120	
New Hope, Kansas City ...	82	83	87	109	96	88	100	109	98			
Mine La Motte	41	49	50	41	40	41	29	22	39	26		
First Church, Waynesville ..	50	49	52	63	66		69					
First Church, Kansas City ..	50	57	57	77	64	56	67	68	69	76		
First Church, Lebanon							62	63	60	69		
Overland Church	113	114	134	142	161	131	142	146	144			
Third Church, St. Louis							99	109				
First Church, Flat River ...												
Myrtle	63	58	64	64	67	59	61	61				
Crystal City	25	31	32	27	26	20	21	22	23	35		
Bethel, West Plains	96	96	103	97	105	114	126	139	117	125	116	
Salem	29	23										
Desloge	93	91	90	99	106	114	109	105	114	124		
First Ch., Fredericktown ...	161	171	162	165	174	182	164	172	167	169		
Thayer	92	104										
Meramec Heights							22	33				
First Church, Mt. Grove ...	353											
First Church, Monett	104	108	121	124	114	104	116	119	118			



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