

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Gem

IN THIS ISSUE

Your Letter
Is A Ballot

The Mission Field

Gleanings From The Field

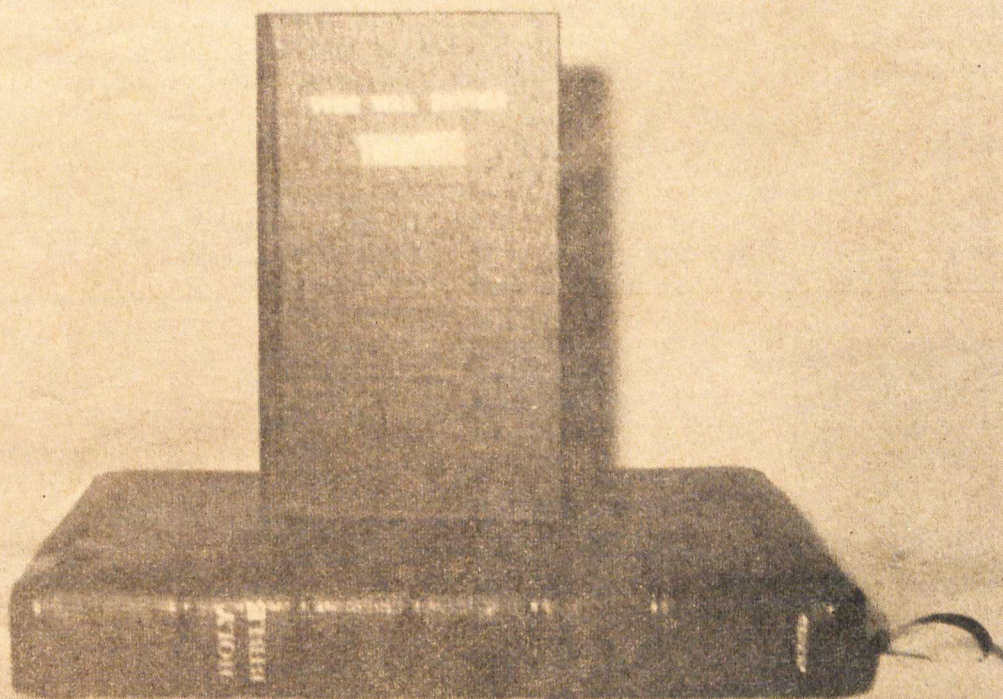
Program—
Missouri State Association

Woman's Auxiliary Reports

Vol. 30—No. 7

Poplar Bluff, Missouri

July, 1961



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:

Fellowship	Rev. James Earl Raper	Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Amity	Rev. Robert Carlson	Neosho	Rev. James McCully
Black Oak	Rev. Wm. Reeves	Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook
New Lebanon	Rev. Ronald Clifford	Union Light	Rev. Curt Johnson
Leadington	Rev. W. T. Turnbough	Bethel	Rev. Davie Combs
Copper Mines	Rev. Willard Darnell	Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Fred Wynn
Myrtle	Rev. Wayne Parsons	Fourth, St. Louis	Rev. Max Courtney
Kirksville	Rev. Lester Jones	Twin Oaks	Rev. Truman Huffman
Overland	Rev. Harry Asher	Victory	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill	Mill Creek	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Joplin	Rev. Paul Williams	Beacon	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Farmington	Rev. James Barker	First, Kansas City	Rev. Alice Dickey
Verdella	Rev. Winfred Davis	New Hope	Rev. James McAllister
Richwoods	Rev. Gaylord Huckaba	Merl's Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred
Old Bethel	Rev. Clarence Burcham	Oskaloosa	
Mt. Zion		Jones Chapel	Rev. Chas. Black
South Side	Rev. Roger Reeds	Pleasant Ridge	Rev. M. K. Cline
Thayer	Rev. W. H. Bostic	New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Carterville	Rev. Archie Buress	Grant Ave	Rev. Grover Terry
Fredericktown	Rev. C. H. Burton	Monett	Rev. Tommy Day
Pleasant Grove		Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Martinstown	Rev. Kermit Crooks	Lebanon	Rev. Cleo Covington
Hannon	Rev. C. M. Hatfield	Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
First, Flat River	Rev. Dale Jones	Liberty	Rev. David S. Jones, Jr.
Alton	Rev. C. A. Dodson	Desloge	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Third, St. Louis	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon	Meremac Heights	Rev. Bud Hill
Salem		Mendota Mission	Rev. Alta Mikel
First, Waynesville	Rev. Cliff Bowman		



Editor: Roger C. Reeds
3120 Mt. Pleasant St.
St. Louis 11, Mo.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

Organ of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Serving the church everywhere. Endorsed by National Association.

Published Monthly at Poplar Bluff,
Missouri

Entered in the Post Office at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, under second class mailing permit.

TERMS

One dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per year cash in advance. Papers will be discontinued when subscription expires.

One dollar per year on the Every Church Family Plan consisting of ten subscriptions or more.

STATE ASSOCIATION

—Officers—

Moderator	Rev. O. T. Allred
	904 Fifth Street, Monett, Mo.
Asst. Moderator	Rev. O. T. Dixon
	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Clerk -Treas.	Rev. Roger Reeds
	St. Louis, Mo.
Statistician	Miss Leona Thompson
	Greentop, Mo.

—Executive Board—

O. T. Dixon, Chm.	Mt. Grove
John Bough, Sec. -Treas.	Stockton
Wm. Buster	Rt. 2, Kirksville, Mo.
W. T. Turnbough	Leadington, Mo.
Tommy Day	Monett, Mo.

SERMON OF THE MONTH

YOUR LETTER IS A BALLOT

by
MARSHALL BILLINGS

How many times did you vote the past year?

Once? Only once?

You could have voted much oftener. Indeed, you should have!

You could have voted on every bill considered in Congress and by the White House. You could have voted on every issue debated in your state legislature or city council. You could have voted for or against any television program which you viewed, any radio program you heard. You could have voted on any newspaper or magazine article that you read.

Like voting in political elections, this type of voting is more than a privilege. It is an obligation. Especially for Christians.

And it is easy to vote in these elections. You don't even leave your home. Your writing table becomes your Polling booth. The ballots are your letters—compliments and complaints—that you aim at public officials, editors and advertisers.

Evangelicals complain generously to each other about political developments, about unfair treatment in the news, about morally objectionable radio and television shows.

But are these complaints effective? Do they help to improve the objectionable situations? Of course not—they are made to the wrong people. To be effective, the complaints must reach those responsible for the disappointing political developments, slanted news stories, smutty television and radio programs.

How can these people be reached? By letter, of course. And every letter that you write—every letter of praise

or protest—is a letter that will weigh in future decisions made by the person who receives it.

Do letters really count? Are they really read?

Public officials do read them and do heed their contents, according to two men who speak for organizations in Washington, D. C. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, says: "I presume that as a preacher I wrote as few letters to government officials as anybody. Yet I am now thoroughly sold on the usefulness of this method and we have used it on occasion with excellent results."

This opinion is shared by C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Mr. Lowell cites this example of the power of letters: "Just a few years ago an American President appointed an ambassador to the Vatican. The greatest volume of mail that ever developed on a single issue in the history of the United States descended on Washington. It literally compelled the cancellation of this nefarious enterprise."

How about editors? Are they, like public officials, impressed by letters? Let another authority on letter writing answer that question. The Reverend Bernard Bassett, S. J., director of the Sodalities of Our Lady in England, told a group of sodalists in Cleveland of this experience. "Each sodality," he said, "has at least one institute a year on how to write a letter to the editor of newspapers and magazines. The possibility of bringing Catholic influence on editors of the press is too important to pass up."

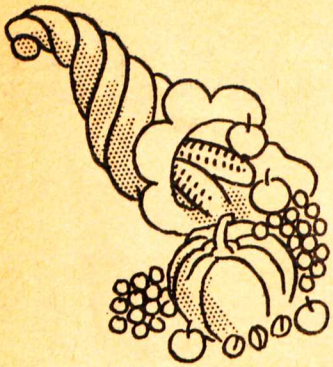
The Reverend Bassett then recounted the success which English Catholics had in writing to editors and store managers to ask that nativity crib scenes be put into windows and public places at Christmas. The campaign was so successful that the government even included a crib in its Christmas decorations on Trafalgar Square. "Letter writing," says Father Bassett, "good letter writing, did the trick."

Are American editors similarly influenced by letters from readers? A Christian newspaperman tells a story which answers that question. A large-city paper began to publish Billy Graham's daily column. The Christian writer naturally was pleased to see Mr. Graham's witness in the paper and hoped that Christian readers would express their appreciation for the column. He discussed it with a friend on the newspaper who told him that not one reader had written to express interest in the column. The paper no longer carries it. There was no evidence that it was appreciated—so it was dropped. (And dozens of Christians doubtless complained to themselves and to each other because newspapers "won't publish anything about evangelical Christianity.")

The other side of the coin is revealed by a little article clipped from the comic page of another paper published in the same city. The article reads in part: "Your favorite comic strip will be back... Several hundred readers have called and written to ask if the Toodles' absence is permanent. It definitely is not..."

And so in this large city a comic strip flourishes in one paper while a

(Continued on Page 5)



GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD



Crystal City Church Breaks Ground—Changes Name

Crystal City, Mo.—

Groundbreaking services were held Sunday afternoon, May 21, by the Crystal City Free Will Baptist Church on their church lot on Cemetery Road in Festus. The service was opened with the singing of "Standing on the Promises." The opening prayer was by the pastor, Rev. Lesley Logsdon. The Scripture reading and message was delivered by the Rev. Chester Weir, evangelist of Little Rock, Ark. Comments were made by the Building Committee and members of the congregation. The first shovel of earth was turned by Pastor Logsdon. Closing prayer was by Bro. James Waymeir. The name of the new church will be, The First Free Will Baptist Church of Festus.

Rev. Weir completed a revival at the church on May 21st with nine surrendering their lives to Christ. Also, there were eight additions to the church. We desire your prayers for these new converts and for our church as a whole, that we may keep the

revival fire burning and that we will have a building of our own to worship in, in the near future.

Vernon Long

South Side Church Reports On Revival

St. Louis, Mo.—

Rev. Tom Malone conducted a successful youth revival at the South Side Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis. There were six decisions for Christ and 10 rededications. One young man, Clyde Berry, announced his call to the ministry. Rev. Malone is a Junior at Free Will Baptist College and is from Roxana, Illinois. Rev. Roger Reeds is pastor of the church.

Youth Camp Reports Successful Sessions

Niangua, Mo.—

The 1961 sessions of the Missouri State Youth Camp have passed into history but will have to be recorded as two of the most successful ever. Some 215 registered for the first week of camp and there were approximately 30 decisions for Christ. In addition there were many rededications. Dur-

ing the second week some 150 registered and there were a total of 47 decisions and rededications. Two young men announced their call to the gospel ministry and two young ladies announced their call to the Mission field. The Camp Grounds looked the best ever this year. Missouri has a camp to be proud of. Our churches of the State need to support our camp financially so that many more improvements can be made.

Berkeley Church Progresses In Their Building Program

Berkeley, Mo.—

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley continues to progress with their new building. The footing and foundation has been poured and the basement partitions have been installed. Contracts are being let for the brick work, heating, and electrical wiring. Members of the church will do some of the work. When completed the new auditorium will be valued at \$150,000.00. It will seat 450 people and have 18 new classrooms in the basement. Rev. Harvey Hill is the pastor.

Parker Chosen To Head Oklahoma College

Oklahoma City, Okla.—

The Oklahoma State Board of Christian Education met on June 12, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, to select a leader for the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Bible College. Rev. Daniel W. Parker, a native of Oklahoma, was selected to serve in this capacity.

Rev. Parker is a 1959 graduate of Oklahoma University and a 1961 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

Plans are now being made to offer fifteen (15) hours of study during three days of each week. Future plans will be announced as they are made. For information concerning the school, please contact Rev. Parker at 321 W. Mosier, Norman, Oklahoma.

Board members for the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Board of Christian Education are: Rev. John H. West, chairman; Charles Hinesley, clerk; Rev. Melvin Bingham, Rev. Ralph Hampton, Rev. Wade Jernigan, members.

Oklahoma Church Hosts Conference Tulsa, Okla.—

Oklahoma Free Will Baptists recently convened at the Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa for the first of what is to be an annual Missionary Conference. Rev. Paul W. Inbody is pastor of the Lewis Ave. Church.

The spring conference was attended by denominational leaders, missionaries, and visitors from various parts of the nation.

Principal speakers were Rev. Rolla Smith, General Director and Treasurer of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, Dr. L. C. Johnson, President, Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. Kenneth M. Walker, home missionary to Washington, D. C. Other program personalities included Rev. Harry Staires, chairman of the denomination's Home Mission Board, Rev. Lonnie DaVoult and Rev. N. R. Smith, pastor of the Capitol Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and New Home Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, respectively.

Special music for the well-attended conference was rendered by the church choir, Raymond Lee, director, and the Free Will Baptist Bible College Quartet; also, vocalist Charles W. Snow, the church's newly acquired Youth and Christian Education Director.

The entire missions offering, including pledges for the following year, totaled \$1700.00.

Charles W. Snow

YOUR LETTER IS A BALLOT

(Continued from Page 3)

column expounding Christianity dies in another. Why? Because editors gauged reader interest by reader response. After all, how else could they tell what the readers want?

What about radio and television? Could your letters help to clean up the programs about which you so often complain? Paul Molloy, highly-regarded television editor of the **Chicago Sun-Times** answers that question. Hear him: "A highly placed advertising man once told me that a dozen—repeat: a dozen—letters from viewers

(Continued on page 11)

SINGLE SUBSCRIPTION BLANK FOR THE GEM

Dear Editor:

Please add my name to the Gem Mailing List. I am enclosing \$1.50 for one year's subscription.

Name

Address

Town

HEAR "MEETIN' TIME"

WITH

E
A
C
H



S
U
N
D
A
Y

REV. OTHEL T. DIXON

Bringing You

- POSITIVE PREACHING
- CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANS
- CALL TO SINNERS

12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

KLRS Mountain Grove

1360 ON YOUR RADIO DIAL

Featuring **40 VOICE CHOIR**
with **OTHER SPECIAL MUSIC**

SUPPORTED BY YOUR FREE WILL OFFERING

Send All Correspondence to

"MEETIN' TIME"

Post Office Box 464 Mountain Grove, Mo.

From the wires of Church News Service

Protestant Leader Deplores Lack of Patriotism Among Youth

Wheaton, Ill. (CNS)—Deploping the "lack of patriotism and love for country" which has pervaded the younger generation, a Protestant church leader writing in the July issue of **United Evangelical Action** sharply criticized the "citizens-of-the-world" concept which has produced that attitude.

Citing figures from a national youth research organization which show that 82 per cent of young people felt that patriotism is less important than sports; 82 per cent said that dating outranked it and 90 per cent put clothing ahead of it, Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, said these young people "only reflect the attitudes and basic values of their parents."

He cited the example of a college student who told his ROTC instructor, "My father told me to stay away from the army and let somebody else do the fighting."

"There has developed in our nation the general feeling that patriotism is out-moded and that it, in fact, might be downright sinful since we are 'citizens of the world,'" Dr. Ford said. Agreeing that America has faults, he asserted that "the principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are still realized here in greater measure than anywhere else in the world."

Calling for a great dedication to the basic principles of honor, personal integrity, faith in God and belief in the worth of an individual, Dr. Ford said, "Such a purpose and devotion will not only give us greatness of national character, but will serve as a ray of hope to a world which frightenedly hovers under the long shadow of a Red threat."

Opposition Registered on Amendment Giving Federal Aid to Private Schools

Washington, D. C. (CNS)—The question as to why provisions which are considered unconstitutional in the general bill for federal aid to schools can be allowed in a proposed amendment to the National Defense Education Act has been raised in testimony before the House Subcommittee on Education.

The question was asked by Dr. James Deforest Murch, chairman of the Commission on Evangelical Action

of the National Association of Evangelicals, who presented the testimony. The committee was considering expansion of the NDEA to include aid for private and parochial schools.

"When the Defense Education Act was originally under consideration we were concerned that certain sections might establish precedents in dealing with church-related schools," Dr. Murch said. "These very sections are now being cited as ground for further provisions which plainly encroach upon the principle of separation. . . ."

The amendment before the committee would have restricted government funds for use in providing facilities for teaching science, mathematics, and languages. Pointing out the impractical aspects of such limitations, Dr. Murch said, "Once the government begins building classrooms in church schools it makes little difference which particular classrooms are built with government funds. . . and we doubt that any such system of assistance could be effectively policed."

He concluded: "Certainly there is no emergency upon us which would require a long-range change in national educational policy and the weakening of the wall of separation of church and state. . . National defense must not be used as a means to subvert separation of church and state."

Conference on Communism and American Youth Slated for July 4

Wheaton, Ill. (CNS)—A one-day "Conference on Communism and American Youth" will be held July 4 at Winona Lake, Ind., for youth leaders and executives from denominational, interdenominational and independent groups. The conference will be sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals as a part of its "Freedom Through Faith" program. Youth for Christ International, which will be holding its annual session at that time, will be host to the youth leaders.

Representatives from some thirty Protestant denominations are expected to participate as well as leaders from a number of independent youth movements. They will hear addresses by Dr. George L. Ford, Wheaton, Ill., executive director of NAE; Rev. Dave Breese, Chicago, Ill., director of Chicagoland Youth for Christ, and John

Noble, Wheaton, Ill., a prisoner of the Russians for nine years from 1945 to 1954.

Participating on a panel to discuss "Mobilizing Youth to Meet the Threat," will be Rev. Ron Arnold, Portland, Oregon, a former member of the Communist Party in America; Dr. Ted Engstrom, Wheaton, Ill., President of Youth for Christ; Rev. Gunnar Hoglund, Chicago, Ill., director of Youth work for the Baptist General Conference, and Dr. Ford.

The meeting will be preparatory for a full-fledged conference on the same theme to be held in Chicago this fall for national, state and area youth leaders.

116 Protestants Martyred in Colombia During Last Thirteen Years

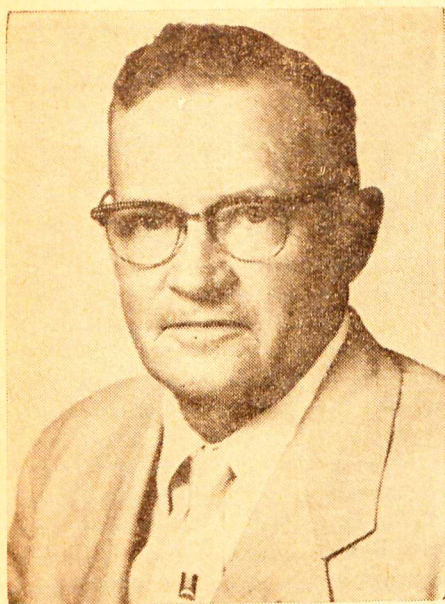
San Jose, Costa Rica (CNS)—"Thirteen years of religious persecution in Colombia have resulted in an appalling total of 116 Protestant Christians martyred because of their religious faith, 65 Protestant churches and chapels destroyed by fire or dynamite, and over 200 Protestant day schools closed," says Presbyterian Missionary James E. Goff, director of a Presbyterian school for boys in Barranquilla, Colombia.

Goff, in the lead article of the May-June Latin American Evangelist magazine published here by the Latin America Mission, says that although persecution has diminished since 1958, its roots of hatred and its pseudo-legal basis have never been removed.

A change in the political climate, he warns, "could produce another blood bath for the Lord's people." In spite of the persecution, Protestant church membership in Colombia has increased more than two-and-a-half times in the past seven years.

Goff, whose duties as information secretary of Colombia's Evangelical Confederation are to investigate and report cases of persecution, says, "A new attitude on the part of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, plus positive action in defense of freedom by the Colombian government, could change the picture almost overnight."

He says continued harassment of Colombian Protestants is supported by highly discriminatory acts of the Colombian government, including two treaties with the Vatican and a set of executive orders.



Rev. O. T. Allred
Moderator

Farmington Church To Host Forty-Eighth Session of Missouri State Association August 22-24

PROGRAM

Of the Forty-Eighth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, August 22-24, 1961.

Tuesday Evening, Aug. 22

- 7:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. W. H. Bostic.
- 7:45 P. M. Music.
- 8:00 P. M. Convening of the Session—Rev. Roger Reeds.
Welcome—Rev. James Barker.
Response—Rev. Lester Jones.
Moderator's Message—Rev. O. T. Allred.
Introductory Message—Rev. R. B. Spurgeon.
- 9:15 P. M. Dismissal.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 23

- 9:00 A. M. Devotional—Rev. Harry Asher.
Receive Letters and Seat Delegates.
Receive Letters From Corresponding Bodies.
Seat Corresponding Messengers.
Reading of By-Laws.
- 9:55 A. M. Adjourn for Woman's Auxiliary Program.

Wednesday Evening, Aug. 23

- 7:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. Henry Long.
- 7:45 P. M. Music.
- 8:00 P. M. Message—Rev. Joseph Ange.
- 9:15 P. M. Dismissal.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 24

- 9:00 A. M. Devotional—Rev. Elmer Turnbough.
- 9:15 A. M. Business Period.
Report of Statistician—Miss Leona Thompson.
Report of Executive Bd.—Mr. John Bough.
Report of Youth Camp Board—Rev. William Reeves.
Report of State Treasurer—Rev. Roger Reeds.
Report of Business Committee (Partial).
- 10:45 A. M. Recess from Business Period.
- 11:00 A. M. Message—Rev. James Earl Raper.
- 12:00 Noon—Adjourn for Lunch.

Thursday Afternoon, Aug. 24

- 1:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. Harvey Hill.
- 1:45 P. M. Business Period.
Report of Business Committee (Continued and completed).
Report of Superannuation Bd.—Rev. John Long.
Report of Missions Committee.
Report of Obituary Committee.
Report of Placement Committee.
Report of Temperance Committee.
Report of Publications Committee.

Report of State Sunday School and League Bd.—Rev. R. B. Spurgeon.
Report of Nominating Committee.

4:30 P. M. Adjourn Business Period.

Thursday Evening, Aug. 24

- 7:30 P. M. Devotional—Rev. James McAllister.
- 7:45 P. M. Music.
- 8:00 P. M. Message—Rev. Clarence Burton.
- 9:15 P. M. Final Adjournment.

* * * * *

Program Personalities

Allred, Rev. O. T.—Pastor, Merl's Chapel Church and Moderator of Convention.
Asher, Rev. Harry—Pastor, Overland Church.
Ange, Rev. Joseph—Pastor, Central Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.
Bostic, Rev. W. H.—Pastor, Thayer Church.
Barker, Rev. James—Pastor, Host Church.
Bough, Mr. John—Member, Jones Chapel Church.
Burton, Rev. C. H.—Pastor, Fredericktown Church.
Dixon, Rev. O. T.—Pastor, Mtn. Grove Church and Assistant Moderator of Convention.
Hill, Rev. Harvey—Pastor, Berkeley Church.
Jones, Rev. Lester—Pastor, Kirksville Church.

(Continued on Page 15)



THE MISSION FIELD

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

May, 1961

Fourth F. W. B. Church, Maplewood	\$ 20.00
Anonymous	5.00
F. W. B. Church, Desloge	43.61
Woman's Auxiliary, First F. W. B. Church, Joplin	10.00
F. W. B. Church of Berkeley ..	75.00
Grant Ave. Y. P. A., Springfield	10.00
Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary, Independence	2.50
First F. W. B. Church, Aurora	12.00
F. W. B. Church, Frederick- town	75.00
Oak Grove Sunday School, Mountain Grove	10.00
Missouri State Association, St. Louis	75.93
Marvin A. Mills, Winigan	7.00
Clifford and Rutha Altis, Kansas City	25.00
South Side F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	282.10
Farmington F. W. B. Church, Farmington	210.70
Fellowship F. W. B. Church, Flat River	135.00
Willow Springs F. W. B. Church, Mtn. Grove	13.80
Grant Ave. F. W. B. Church, Springfield	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jessie L. Walker, Mountain Grove	10.00
F. W. B. Church, Farmington	45.15
Oma L. Scott, Mtn. Grove ..	3.00
First F. W. B. Church, Mountain Grove	25.00
Intermediate League Group, West Plains	12.00
Oak Grove F. W. B. Church, Mountain Grove	10.00
Larry Maxwell, Cabool	4.00
Meramec F. W. B. Church, Manchester	10.30
Louis Wilhite, St. Louis	1.00
Fourth F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	11.00

F. W. B. Church, Berkeley	7.00
Third F. W. B. Church, Mary- land Heights	127.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Duke, Arnold	5.00
Mrs. E. C. Wise, Springfield	4.00
W. N. A. C.	95.64
Cooperative Plan of Support	341.02
Total	\$1733.75

HOME MISSION OFFERING

May, 1961

First F. W. B. Church, 1240 N. Jefferson, Lebanon	\$ 25.00
Co-op	72.52
Myrtle F. W. B. Church, Myrtle	5.00
First F. W. B. Church, Aurora	12.00
Mo. State W. A. Convention, 16509 Second St. North, Independence	2.50
Finis E. Sorrell, Myrtle	1.00
H. S. Vandivort, Rt. 2, Cabool	20.00
Rutha Altis, 1222 E. 79th St., Kansas City	25.00
Mo. State Association, 3120 Mt. Pleasant St., St. Louis 11	87.39
South Side F. W. B. Church, St. Louis	38.32
Farmington F. W. B. Church, 305 W. Columbia, Farming- ton	45.15
Grant Ave. F. W. B. League 906 E. Normal, Springfield	5.00
Mrs. Louise Lewis, Rt. 3, West Plains	26.25
N. Rock Springs F. W. B. Church, Huggins Star Rt., Mtn. Grove	27.15
Olga Helsley, Rt. 3, Hartville	10.00
Total	\$402.28

Catholic Paper Puts Protestants On Notice In Spain

Barcelona, Spain (MNS) — Christians in Spain are taking a hard look at a little publicized statement made earlier this year in *Ecclesia* (official organ of Catholic Action in Spain) in

which the Bishop of Madrid-Alcala warned that in spite of the ecumenical movement and the week of prayer held in the Catholic Church for the union of the churches, "we must deal without any human consideration against Protestants when these try to spread their errors and heresies, because after all, true ecumenism means only to return to Rome."

Protestants in Spain do not know what connection these words might have with the new wave of repression they are suffering, but facts which speak for themselves show that the precarious situation under which the Evangelical movement lives in Spain is deteriorating instead of improving.

On June 9 the Plymouth Brethren Church in Zaragoza was closed by the authorities despite the fact that it had earlier been given permission to function by the "Direction General de Seguridad."

During the past few weeks several leaders of the Protestant work, both pastors and laymen, have been interrogated concerning their activities. Everybody feels they are being watched by the police as if they were delinquents.

On June 7 government authorities confiscated some five thousand pieces of evangelical literature in Barcelona (see MNS, June 15). Later reports reveal that the official representative of *Ediciones Evangelicas Europeas*, Mr. Jose Grau, and the printer, Mr. Salvador Salvado, have been questioned on several occasions, and after seizure of the books were arrested on the charge of writing and printing "clandestine literature." They are now awaiting trial. One of the confiscated titles which was being published for Christians in Spain was the "Child's Hymn-book."

Some letters to the Spanish Embassy, 2700 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., deploring the arrest of these men and the confiscation of the books would not seem out of place.

The Palmers Write . . .

June 9, 1961

Lausanne, Switzerland

Dear Friends:

We are reminded of the story of Jacob working seven years for Laban in order to marry Rachel. His love for her was so great that the seven years seemed to him as but a day. The time is passing very quickly for us too. We enjoy very much the feeling of being His ambassadors. Is this not an office of honor? Men covet the office of ambassador for their particular countries and are honored by the countries to which they are sent, but every Christian has been made an ambassador for Christ.

It is true that we ambassadors from the New Jerusalem are often treated with contempt and even put to death as was our King, but after the resurrection the very same people who hate us now will be made to come and worship at our feet. (Rev. 3:9) However, won't it be much more wonderful to have someone to joyfully embrace you and exclaim, "I'm saved because you cared enough for me to send me the Gospel," than to behold the death of the wicked?

We are here in Switzerland tonight because Christ loved the world and gave Himself a ransom for us and His love abides in you and reaches out to those who are still lost in the blackness of sin through which we once blindly groped. Without you there is no hope for the millions who are daily falling from their blind wanderings in this life into the outer darkness of an eternity of torment. Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if the horrible cries of anguish that are being torn from the lips of those forever doomed could pierce our ears now we would be driven to our knees in tearful, continuous prayer for them. But, alas! We, like they, too often do not realize the dreadful reality of the torment until it is too late. They are dead, their fate is forever sealed. No amount of pleading or sacrifice will help them then.

Let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us render to God the things that are God's and to Caesar the things that are Caesar's that we might be the children of God without reproach in a sinful world, redeeming the time for the days are evil. As our Lord said in

Luke 12:35-37, "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching."

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be poured out abundantly upon you that you may abound in every good work.

Yours in Christ,

Lonnie and Bernice Palmer

New Violence In Colombia

Arboletes, Antioquia, Colombia (MNS)—On May 23 an evangelical pastor, Gabriel Acosta Yanez, visited this village and in the evening conducted a worship service with some 200 attending. As the meeting progressed the parish priest, Eriberto Zapata, came into the meeting and interrupted the proceedings by insulting the evangelicals who were present. He grabbed Bibles from two men and ripped them up. The police came to the scene, but even at their orders the priest would not leave.

At midnight Father Zapata left the service, only to return a little later without his clerical vestments. Dressed as an ordinary citizen and wearing a revolver at his belt, Father Zapata resumed his harassment of the evangelicals. Continued police vigilance prevented him from harming them.

* * * * *

Repelon, Atlantico, Colombia (MNS)—When Protestants of this town gathered for a religious service in a private home on May 17 they were attacked by a mob of school children and adults accompanied by Father Jeremias Contreras, the parish priest.

Shortly after 2 p. m., Father Contreras arrived with a crowd estimated at over 300 persons. The children surrounded the house, and the priest spoke to them about the danger of Protestantism in Repelon. He said that Protestants were not wanted there, and he referred to Protestant pastors as "damned dogs." The crowd sang the hate song which has been so widely used in Colombia, "We Don't Want Protestants," and shouted "daughters of whores" and other obscenities at the Protestant women.

The crowd then began throwing stones at the house and several of the worshippers were injured. The stoning continued for about an hour and a

half. One of the men was able to escape and report the incident to the mayor, who came immediately and restored order.

After the attack the priest commented he would prevent the spread of Protestantism by any means necessary, even by "blood and fire."

International Church Ministers to Visitors in Cambodia

Phnom Penh, Cambodia (MNS)—The U. S. Foreign Aid program has brought scores of Americans to live and work in this out-of-the-way country. Some come as families, usually for a two-year term. Many are single persons, who stay one or two years.

Missionary Arthur Hammond (Christian and Missionary Alliance) was challenged by the arrival of these Americans and other English-speaking people, and in 1954 he initiated a worship service in English. Other missionaries have shared in the responsibility of the work, and in 1962 Rev. W. H. Holton took over its supervision. There is now an active Sunday School and church attendance averages about 65.

Some Viet Nam Visas Granted

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—The Embassy of Viet Nam has received authorization to grant visas to six missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Some of those receiving visas are new missionaries and others are returning to service in Viet Nam. Other applications are still pending.

Bob Pierce Welcomed by Korea's Ruling Junta

Seoul, Korea (MNS)—Arriving in Seoul after the Tokyo Christian Crusade, Dr. Bob Pierce was welcomed by the ruling military junta. General Do Yung Chang, chairman of the junta's Supreme Council, received him at an official luncheon to which cabinet members were invited and at which Dr. Pierce gave a Christian witness.

The General also dropped in unannounced at a Sunday evening service at Yung Kak Presbyterian Church where Dr. Pierce reported to an interdenominational gathering the results of the Tokyo Crusade.

Public opinion in the Korean Church continues to support the military government's strong measures to restore honesty and integrity to Korean politics. Some 500 civil servants have been fired since the May 16 coup for having concubines, and police have ordered a crack-down on Seoul's rampant prostitution.



Bible College Summer Session Has Record Enrollment . . .

Bible College officials are thankful for the increased interest in, and rapid growth of, the annual summer session as shown by the 1961 session.

Almost doubling last year's record of 32, 61 students enrolled for the two-week summer session at Free Will Baptist Bible College, May 23 through June 2.

Seventeen states and one foreign country were represented in the session. North Carolina headed the list with 14. Eleven came from Oklahoma, nine from Tennessee. Missouri had five and Alabama four.

Kentucky, Michigan, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia were each represented with two students.

One student came from each of the following states: Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, Mississippi, Ohio and Texas. One student represented Cuba.

YOUR LETTER IS A BALLOT

(Continued from page 5)

on the sponsor's desk were sufficient to raise old Harry all the way down the line, through the company's advertising representative to the office of the network exchequer."

Just imagine what you and eleven other action-minded Christians could accomplish!

Letters are effective, according to these authorities in three different fields. Why is this true? It's simple. The politician wants your vote at the next election. The editor wants you to buy his newspaper or magazine. The advertiser on television or radio wants you to buy his product.

Complimentary letters to them lets them know that you are a satisfied customer and encourages them to continue as they have been doing. Your complaint to one of them tells him that you are dissatisfied with his service. It is a warning that you are likely to quit patronizing him.

The question then: Why do so few Christians witness in this manner? Why didn't at least one Christian among the dozens who doubtless enjoyed the Billy Graham column write these six simple words: "Thanks for the Billy Graham articles"?

That question is answered by the same Christian newspaperman who related the incident. "Protestants," he says, "particularly evangelical Protestants, tend to have an inferiority complex when it comes to writing letters to newspapers. Or maybe its just laziness."

Inferiority complex... laziness... both reasons probably figure large in the lack of Christian witness by mail. If you haven't voted regularly by mail, quite likely "inferiority complex" is the main reason. You just didn't know how influential your letters can be. You didn't know that your votes really count in these continuing elections.

Of course, you can't plead that excuse after reading this article. You now know that your letters do count. That leaves you just one excuse!

FROM KANSAS CITY:

First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met June 6, 1961. Opened by singing, "I Gave My Life for Thee," prayer. Topic I, by Sis. Edna Carder; topic II, by Sis. Fielding; topic III, by Sis. Alma Mason; topic IV, by Sis. Ann Smieker; topic V, by Sis. Rutha Altis. Benediction by Sis. Rutha Altis. Cor.-Sec., Allene Painter

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR JUNE, 1961**Received:**

Beacon Church	\$ 55.76
South Side Church	43.20
First Church, Kirksville	30.00
First Church, Kirksville	30.00
Fellowship Church	85.62
Carterville Church	11.20
Victory Church	42.73
Farmington Church	55.63
Myrtle Church	14.40
Hickory Grove Church	19.82
First Church, Monett	63.76
Grant Ave. Church	27.59
Grant Ave. Church	37.10
Hickory Grove Church	15.41
New Hope Church	45.70
Victory Church	53.58
Aulsbury Chapel Church	75.90
Merl's Chapel Church	21.70
Twin Oaks Church	71.00
Mine La Motte Church	10.00
St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting	113.22
Copper Mines Church	30.14
Hannon Church	22.00
Total Received	\$975.46

Disbursed:

National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$595.28
Missouri State Home Missions	165.82
Free Will Baptist Gem	87.54
Missouri State General Fund	48.78
Missouri Free Will Baptist Youth Camp	48.78
Missouri State Superannuation Board	29.26
Total Disbursed	\$975.46

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.

**Successful Bible School
At Mt. Grove Church**

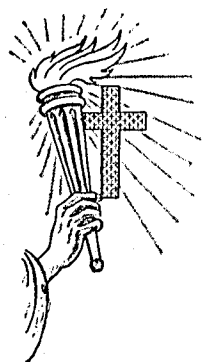
Mt. Grove, Mo.—

The commencement exercise for the Vacation Bible School which is being completed Thursday and Friday will be held Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock in the main auditorium of the church.

During the two weeks of school one hundred and forty-five students were enrolled. Conversions were recorded along with rededications and a general moving close to God by students and

faculty as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the entire school. Some one hundred and seventy individuals attended the school either as students, helpers, teachers or directors.

The administrative board consisting of: Bonnie Maxwell, Ruth Sheppard, Wahneeta Parsons, Velma Elliot and Maxine Hagan joins the pastor and the official board of the church to express heartfelt thanks to the entire teaching staff, students and parents for making the necessary contributions for the fulfillment of a great Bible School.



Woman's Auxiliary

FROM THAYER:

The women of Thayer Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met Tuesday evening, May 23, at 7:30 p. m. for their monthly meeting. Meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Dorlene Fields. Opening song, "I Want to be a Worker," prayer by Sis. Jane Fuller, Scripture reading, Matthew 18:1-14. Officer's reports were given and approved. Old business from last meeting was Vacation Bible School. It was voted that the Woman's Auxiliary sponsor the school. In the new business we voted to send two dollars per member from our treasury to our 1960 and 1961 project, the supplying of medical supplies and equipment for the field of Africa. The enlistment chairman, Sis. Louise Caldwell, gave the invitation for new members. Sis. Maxine Bostic joined the Auxiliary. We welcome Sis. Bostic to our Auxiliary. We feel she will be of great help to us in this work of the church. A committee of three was appointed by the president to nominate officers for the new year, beginning July first. They are: Sis. Louise Caldwell, Sis. Gean Lau, and Helen Underwood. Business meeting adjourned with prayer by Sis. Ina Bennett. Sis. Maxine Bostic served as program prayer chairman in the absence of Sis. Elsie Worel who is in Chicago with her daughter who is ill. Program for the evening was, "Building Bridges." Topic I: "The Importance of Teaching Children," by Helen Underwood. Topic II: "Teach by Precept,—The Word of God," by Sis. Gola Carroll. Topic III: "Teach by Practice," by Sis. Louise Caldwell. Topic IV: "Teach In a Language they Can Understand," by Sis. Ina Bennett. Topic V: "Teach from a Heart of Love and Compassion," by Sis. Clara Allen. Sis. Maxine Bostic gave us some thoughts on the neglect of a Mother's love in many homes today. There were 20 members and 3 visitors present for this meeting. We are always happy to have you visit with us in our Auxiliary meetings. Benediction by Sis.

Lorene Pohnert. Following the program the church pastor, Rev. W. H. Bostic, wife and children were surprised with an old fashioned pounding. We welcome them. Bro. Bostic will be the pastor for the coming year. Refreshments were served to about 50 people, including children.

—Helen Underwood

FROM ST. LOUIS:

Greetings from the Marie Hanna Auxiliary of the Third Church in St. Louis. The Auxiliary met June 15th for the regular monthly meeting with fifteen members and five visitors present. The program was presented in a very interesting manner. These officers were elected for the coming year: Lois Depriest, president; Wanda Huett, vice president; Elaine Spurgeon, Youth chairman; Joan Harrol, Study Course chairman; Norma Conway, Program Prayer chairman; Betty Camp, Personal Service chairman; Anna Livingston, recording secretary; Edith Hanbury, corresponding secretary and treasurer. After the program, a pink and blue shower was given for Mrs. Eugene Ward. On May 15th the Auxiliary sponsored a Mother—Daughter banquet for the G. T. A. Girls and their mothers. Instead of our regular program on May 18th we had two very interesting guest speakers, Mrs. Loraine Getters from the Police Department told about her work as an officer with the juvenile delinquents in the St. Louis Third District. Mrs. R. F. Schramm told about her work in Child Evangelism through the "Good News Club" in the homes of individuals or other organizations wherever they have permission to work with the children. Pray for us that the Auxiliary will do a greater work in the coming year.

Cor. -Sec., Edith Hanbury

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The ladies of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met June 13th

at the church with 9 members and 1 visitor present. President, Claudia Combs, read for Scripture lesson, John 4:34 and Rev. 7:9-10. Prayer by Louise Lewis. Lessons on Bible Teachings were well given by the following: Topic I, by Addie Adkisson; topic II, by Louise Lewis; topic III, by Grace Stephens; topic IV, by Willie Mae McVay, and topic V, by Beulah Gillihan. Each officer present gave good reports. The group decided to have a rummage sale in the near future. Mrs. Gillihan was to check on the place for the sale. The committee had received the church road signs for the 5 leading highways coming into West Plains. Dismissed by Lillian Brooks. Refreshments were furnished by Lillian Brooks and Beulah Gillihan.

Cor. -Sec., Hattie Sims

FROM SPRINGFIELD:

First Free Will Baptist of Springfield Auxiliary met at the church June 5th. The meeting was opened by singing, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Rock of Ages." Rev. Henry Long read the Scripture, reading St. John 4:34, in the absence of our president. We were led in prayer by Clara Bell Lemons. The meeting was then turned over to Sis. Lola Long. Topics were given and read by: Mrs. Jessie Crowder, Bertha Wolf, Clara Bell Lemmons, Mattie George and Lolita Woods. We are happy to report that our Vacation Bible School is in progress and we are having a nice attendance. Our young people's meeting on Sunday night is gaining in attendance. We are so thankful to see them come and take part. Bro. Hershel and Sis. June Freeman have the young people. We thank the Lord for them as they have been so helpful in our church. Eight members answered the roll call by memory verse. Two visitors were present, most all members had visited the sick. We gathered at the altar and were dismissed in prayer by Mattie George.

Cor. -Sec., Loleta Woods

FROM COPPER MINES:

The ladies of the Copper Mines Auxiliary met at the church June 20th for their program study with 9 members present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Edith Underwood, with singing of songs, "Bring Them In" and "Everybody Ought to Love Jesus." Scripture lesson from St. John and Revelations. Sis. Mildred Killian led in prayer. The lesson was, "What Does the Book Say About Missions?" Topics were given by Sis. Lillian Hovis, Sis. Marie Graham, Sis. Elma Henson, Sis. Christina Halbrook, and Sis. Esther Hovis. Topics were well given and each received a blessing. Election of officers for the coming year were: President, Sis. Esther Hovis; vice president, Sis. Marguerite Darnell; secretary and treasurer, Sis. Mildred Killian; Study Course chairman, Sis. Christina Halbrook; Program Prayer chairman, Sis. Marie Graham; Benevolence, Sis. Edith Underwood and Sis. Lillian Hovis; song leader, Sis. Elma Henson; corresponding secretary, Dorothy Hovis. Benediction was given by Sis. Marguerite Darnell. The Lord blessed in our recent revival with 2 souls saved. Rev. Dale Jones was our evangelist.

Cor. -Sec., Dorothy Hovis

BERKELEY JUNIOR G. T. A.

Berkeley, Mo.—

The Junior G. T. A. made a visit to Mrs. Pfiefer's Nursing Home for Ladies on May 13th to present a Mother's Day Program. A corsage with a single red rose was presented to each of the elderly ladies as the group sang, "Mother." Bouquets of

Iris, Snowballs and Columbine were also placed in the rooms of the bed-fast patients. The Scripture from Proverbs, telling of a virtuous woman, was read by Donna Young. A prayer of thanks for mothers was led by Sis. Hill. The group then sang, "Victory." Donna Plummer read the poem, "A Watch for Mother," after which the group sang, "I'm Glad I'm A Christian." The poem, "Rock Me to Sleep," was read by Mrs. Deatherage. The program was concluded by everyone singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Linda Plummer added to the singing by accompanying the group on her accordin. The ladies enjoyed the program and participated by joining in the singing, clapping their hands, and a few tears were shed by almost everyone present. The group received a rich blessing by trying to bring a little happiness into some lives in the sunset of life. The ones taking part in the program are as follows: Louie Maesson, Jackie and Linda Stephens, Diane, Donna and Florence Young, Donna, Linda, Jerry and Calvin Plummer, Sylvia Hill, Linda Delaney, Dana and Bonnie Deatherage.

BERKELEY YOUTH CHOIR ORGANIZED

Berkeley, Mo.—

The prayer meeting on May 24th was conducted by Rev. Gaylord Huckaba and assisted by a group of young singers. The group sang so well and their singing was enjoyed so very much by everyone that Mrs. Marie Wood and Mrs. Ilene Hovis have organized a youth choir. This choir will practice


every Monday night after G. T. A. The Lord has blessed our church with an abundance of talent and willing workers.

FROM KIRKSVILLE:

The Kirksville Women's Auxiliary greets you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, "For there is none other name under heaven among men whereby we must be saved." I have failed to report for some time, but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy. The time has gone by fast and it seems we haven't accomplished everything that we planned. After looking back over the past year we can report meeting every month, (first Thursday in the month), with program from Co-Labor books. Then, every third Thursday of the month, we have an all day meeting at our fellowship house with a study at 10:00 a. m. with the Study Course chairman in charge. After a covered dish luncheon, in the afternoon we do personal service work such as visitation and missionary work. This spring we prepared and painted the fellowship house and also cleaned the church, with the help of others. We have had the privilege of attending three district workshop meetings this past year, on missions, prayer and evangelism. Our new officers for the year are as follows: President, Sis. Myrtle Jones; Enlistment chairman, Sis. Alta Mikel; Youth chairman, Sis. Bernice Thomas; Study Course chairman, Sis. Velma Wellman; Personal Service chairman, Sis. Loura Glaspie; Program Prayer chairman, Sis. Maud Elser; and secretary and treasurer, Sis. Elfie Dare. We ask an interest in your prayers that we may do more in the coming year.

Cor. -Sec., Mrs. Russell Wellman


NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HOME MISSIONS BOARD
3801 RICHLAND AVENUE NASHVILLE 5, TENNESSEE

5 MILLION

ALCOHOLICS IN U.S.A.

What a price to pay!



Christian Civic Foundation
St. Louis 17, Mo.

LETTERS *to the Editor*

Dear Brother in Christ:

This letter is to inform you that after much prayer, it is the abiding conviction of my heart that God would have me to do full-time evangelistic work.

Please pray for me in this all important work. I will be available for revivals after Sept. 1.

"And He gave some. . . evangelists."

For Christ and Souls,

Eustace A. Riggs

Box 55

Eldridge, Alabama

Dear Bro. Reeds and Gem Family:

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. Since we enjoy the reports from the various work in our churches that are published in the Gem, we decided to send a report of our D. V. B. S. at the Mendota Free Will Baptist Mission. We had an enrollment of 55 with an average attendance of 43½. There were 10 professions of faith in Christ and 1 rededication. We received an offering of \$36.08 which we sent to the Foreign Mission Board for Dr. Lavern Miley's account to be used toward erection of the medical station. Our commencement program was given Friday night, June 9. The attendance at this program was so many that all could not be seated.

We are so thankful for the way the Lord has worked in this community, for the homes that have been made complete in Christ, and for the faithful workers God has raised up. All we can say is "Thank the Lord," He has done great things for this community, whereof we are glad.

May God richly bless all of you in your labors for Him is our prayers.

With Love in Christ,

Gene and Alta Mikel

Free Will Baptist Gem:

It has been some time since the last report from Copper Mines. God has richly blessed us here in this small community the past several weeks. We had been praying and looking forward to the Madison County Tent Revival which was to begin June 5, 1961. We were somewhat disappointed when it had to be called off because of the illness of the evangelist. The church voted to have a revival beginning on the same date scheduled for the tent meeting. Rev. Dale Jones, pastor of the First Church in Flat River, was called as the evangelist. We give God

the glory for the best revival in several years. Bro. Jones preached Spirit filled messages each night. Indeed, the Holy Spirit abode in each service. Christians were drawn closer to God, unsaved were shaken, unsaved sought the Lord. We truly give thanks for the two precious souls who found the Lord in this revival. One a re-claim and one a new convert. May they serve the Lord and win others to Him. Our pastor, Rev. Willard Darnell, opened the doors of the church for members June 18, 1961. There were four who came for membership. They were accepted by the church following baptism. Then, Sunday afternoon, June 25, we met at the river for an old fashioned baptismal service. Those baptized were: Keith Hovis, Robert Killian, Robert Darnell and his wife, Faye Darnell. Thanks be to God for young people that will serve the Lord in this day and time. Other parts of the church are doing good. Sunday School has been holding a good average. League services are fair. Prayer meetings have been real good lately, but lightly attended. The Woman's Auxiliary of the church re-finished the basement. They are to be commended for the work they have done, not only here at home, but for the missionary work done. Clothes have been sent to Arizona-Mexico Missions, clothing and money to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Nashville, Tenn. They also sponsored a drive to raise money for medical supplies to Africa. \$60.00 was sent to this fund. Again, I say, God bless our women. Our annual Homecoming will be next Sunday, July 2. There will be all day services. The Gospel Four Quartet will be here with us, former members and friends will fellowship one with another throughout this day. Pray for us here in this little community. There are many living nearby we pray will soon seek the Lord. May the Lord bless each and every one.

Clerk-Reporter, Leamon L. Killian

* * * * *

Jesus spoke to me one day,
When I was but a boy,
He said, Won't you follow me?
I'll fill your heart with joy.

Take my yoke upon you,
Oh, won't you learn of me,
Forsake the way you're living,
The Christian way is free.

Seek not for worldly pleasures,
From Satan turn away,
He'll only drag you deeper,
In the mire of sin each day.

You can never trust him,
His word is just no good,
He'll say he'll love you truly,
But he wouldn't if he could.

In darkness now you're living,
Because there is no light,
That is the way of sinners,
Who've let Satan win the fight.

The wages of sin are death,
These wages you will pay.
Unless you turn from Satan,
Before another day.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
The Scriptures they are true,
Open up the pages,
They'll tell you what to do.

Jesus died that we might live,
His life He gave for all,
Pray that He would help you,
Then listen for His call.

He calls sinners to repentance,
Won't you trust in Him just now,
Give your heart to Jesus,
His grace will show you how.

Temptations will follow you,
Because Satan thinks he's right,
But he's in outer darkness,
And you'll be in the light.

—Leamon L. Killian

FROM LEBANON:

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met for the regular meeting June 13th with eleven members present. The meeting opened with the hymn, "Try Jesus." Prayer was offered by Alpha Admire. The lesson subject was, "The Children of the Bible," with each member contributing a story regarding some of the Bible characters. A devotional reading was given by Sue Cook, 1 John 3:1-11. Officers for six months were elected as follows: President, Esther Sutton; vice president, Hazel Embry; secretary and treasurer, Sybil Agan; devotional leader, Dorothy Mosier; pianist, Jean Bowman; song leader, Sue Cook; reporter, Gladys Montgomery. Refreshments were served by Esther and Peggy Sutton. The meeting was dismissed by Dorothy Brawley.

Reporter, Gladys Montgomery

OBITUARY

John Alexander Mace was born, June 25th, 1891 in Wright County, Missouri, and departed this life, April 19, 1961, having lived 69 years, 9 months and 25 days. He was the son of Louis and Mary Jone Mace. He was reared with 6 brothers, with 1 preceding him in death. 5 brothers and 6 sisters survive.

He was united in holy matrimony with Hattie Johnston, March 30, 1913. To this union seven children were born, five daughters and two sons. One daughter has preceded him in death. Surviving are Oval Clair of Niangua, Hazel Lowery of Fair Grove, Maxine Craig of Springfield and Dorothy Clemens of Fair Grove. Two sons, Edward of New Orleans, La. and Donald of Omaha, Neb.

He was converted into a Christian life at an early age and joined the Free Will Baptist Church. Soon after this he was called to serve the Lord as a preacher and was ordained to preach in the year, 1937. He continued to carry on this good work until ill health prevented him doing so. He spent a great part of his life near the little church of Amity, in Webster County, Missouri. He pastored several churches over the Ozarks, moving to Springfield 17 years ago. He became an active member of the First F. W. B. Church and remained a member until his death.

Other survivors include: 17 grandchildren and 1 great grand child also a host of relatives and friends who will miss him very much.

PROGRAM

(Continued from page 7)

Long, Rev. John—Pastor, Hurryville Church.

Long, Rev. Henry—Pastor, First Church, Springfield.

McAllister, Rev. J.—Pastor, New Hope Church.

Raper, Rev. James—Pastor, Fellowship Church.

Reeves, Rev. Wm.—Director of Missouri State Youth Camp.

Reeds, Rev. Roger—Pastor, South Side Church, St. Louis and Clerk of the Convention.

Spurgeon, Rev. R. B.—Pastor, Third Church, St. Louis.

Thompson, Miss Leona—Member Hazel Creek Union Church and State Statistician.

Turnbough, Rev. E.—Pastor, Parkview Church, Desloge.

Williams, Rev. Paul—Pastor, First Church, Joplin and Assistant Clerk of Convention.

NOW: AVAILABLE FROM THE GEM OFFICE

Free Will Baptist Treatise	35c each
Ministers License Certificates	10c each
Ministers Ordination Certificates	10c each
Deacons Ordination Certificates	10c each
Church Report Blanks	25c per dozen

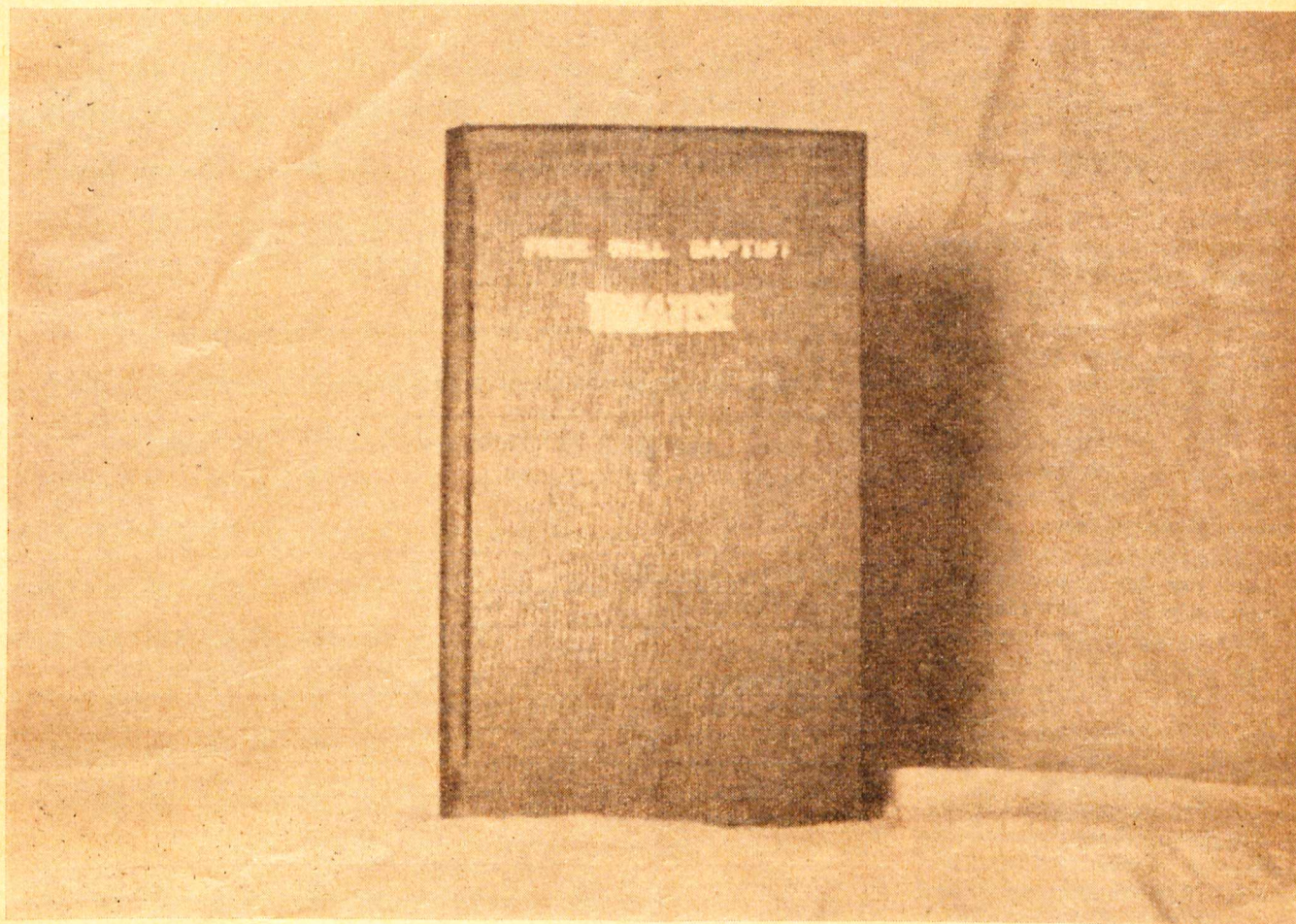
Order From:

The Free Will Baptist Gem
3120 Mt. Pleasant St.
St. Louis 11, Mo.

The above prices do not include postage.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1960 - 61

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
First Church, Springfield ..			160	165								151
Victory, Kansas City	52	60	68				68	70	72	72		
Mt. Pisgah	77	67	68	68	57	60	66	69	73	62		68
Copper Mines	88	90	86	89	81	88	95	87	97			
Fellowship, Flat River	209	202	201	198	198	188	202	201	196	210	198	198
Leadington	84	75	76	90	96	91	77	83	80	87	77	74
Farmington	89	91		77	83	82	76	77	81	103	92	87
Fourth, Maplewood	59	54	57	59	50	40	48	57	59	53	44	
Pleasant Grove												
Berkeley City	157	177	215	211	66	7	217	222	211	256	231	231
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	80	
Kirkville	93	85	83	76	83	81	80	83	79			
Grant Ave., Springfield ..	85	90	84	87	93	86	102	105	106	116	118	
Hazel Creek		47	42	38	46	47	51	47	44	50	51	
Twin Oak	71	55	55	55	59	52	52	55	52	59	50	
South Side Church	136	152	140	162	135	151	146	141	140	146	120	134
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	28	
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	65	60
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	38	49
Bethel, West Plains	96	96	103	97	105	114	126	139	117	125	116	125
Salem	29	23										
Desloge	93	91	90	99	106	114	109	105	114	124	117	
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			



AVAILABLE NOW!

A FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE IN A CLOTH BOUND COVER

This is the treatise that is published by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is black and has the words **FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE** in gold letters on the cover. Every minister and layman will want one. Every minister and layman should have one. Order yours today. The price is just \$1.00 plus 10¢ postage and handling charge. Order from:

MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTIST BOOK STORE
3120 Mt. Pleasant St.
St. Louis 11, Mo.