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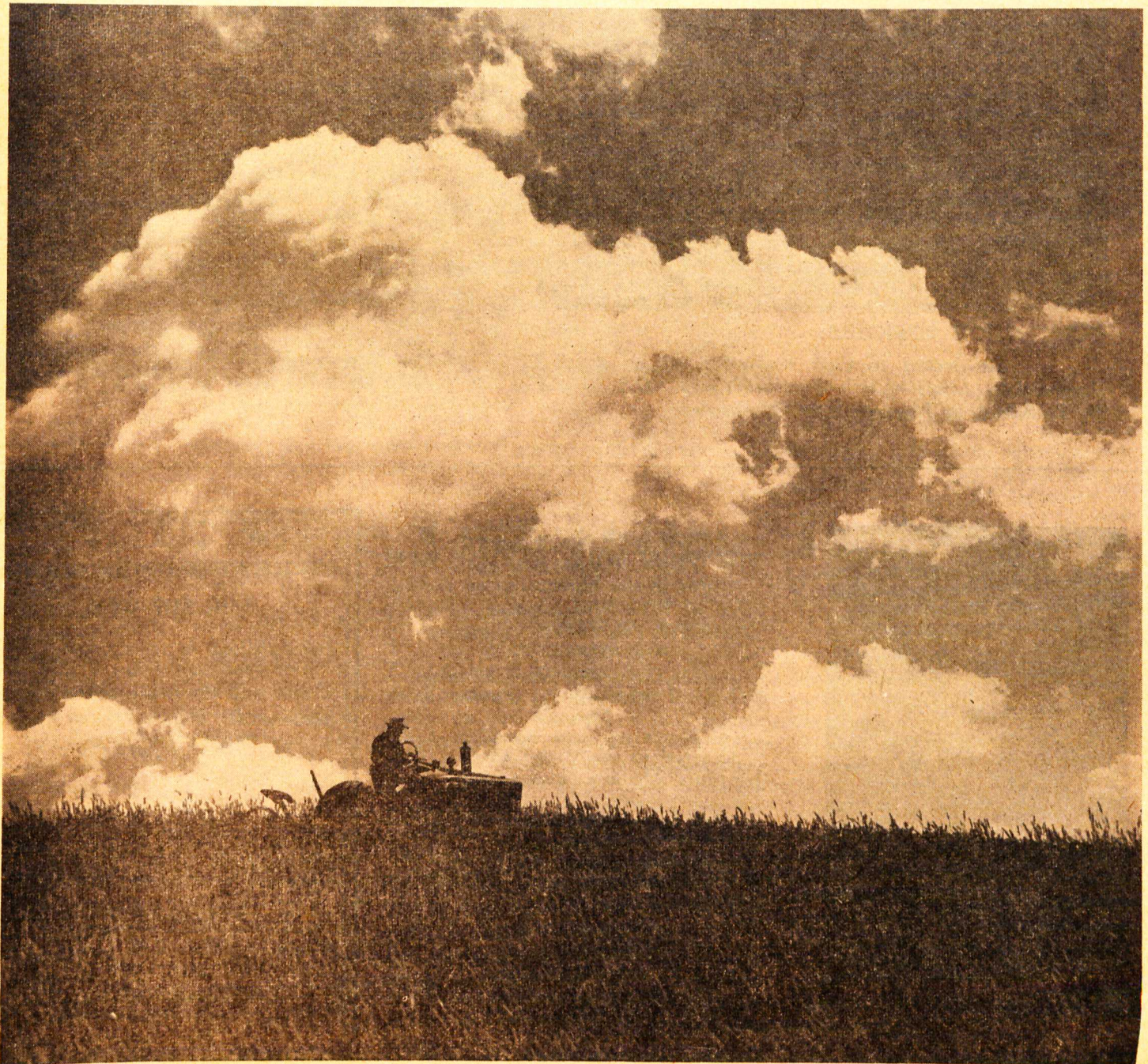
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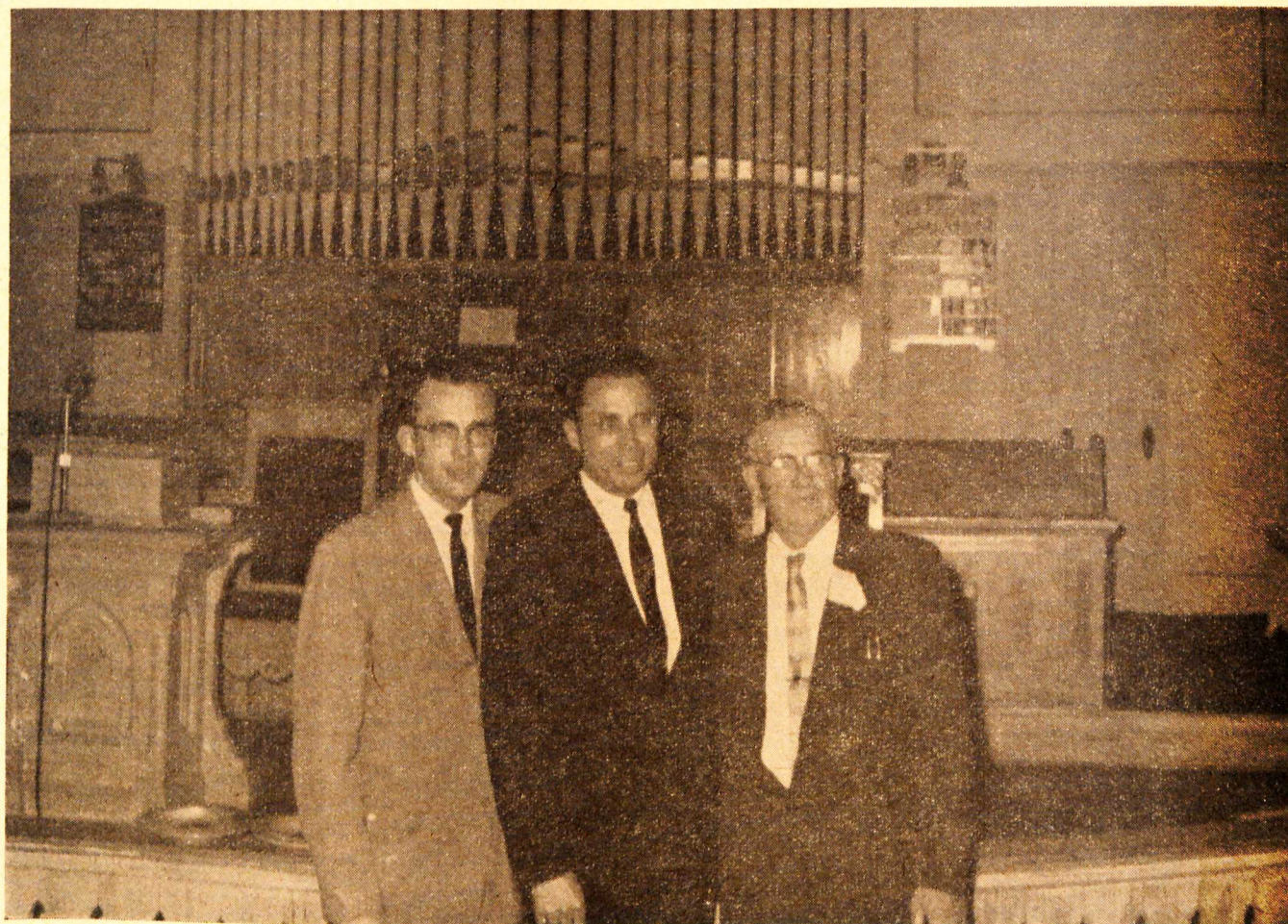
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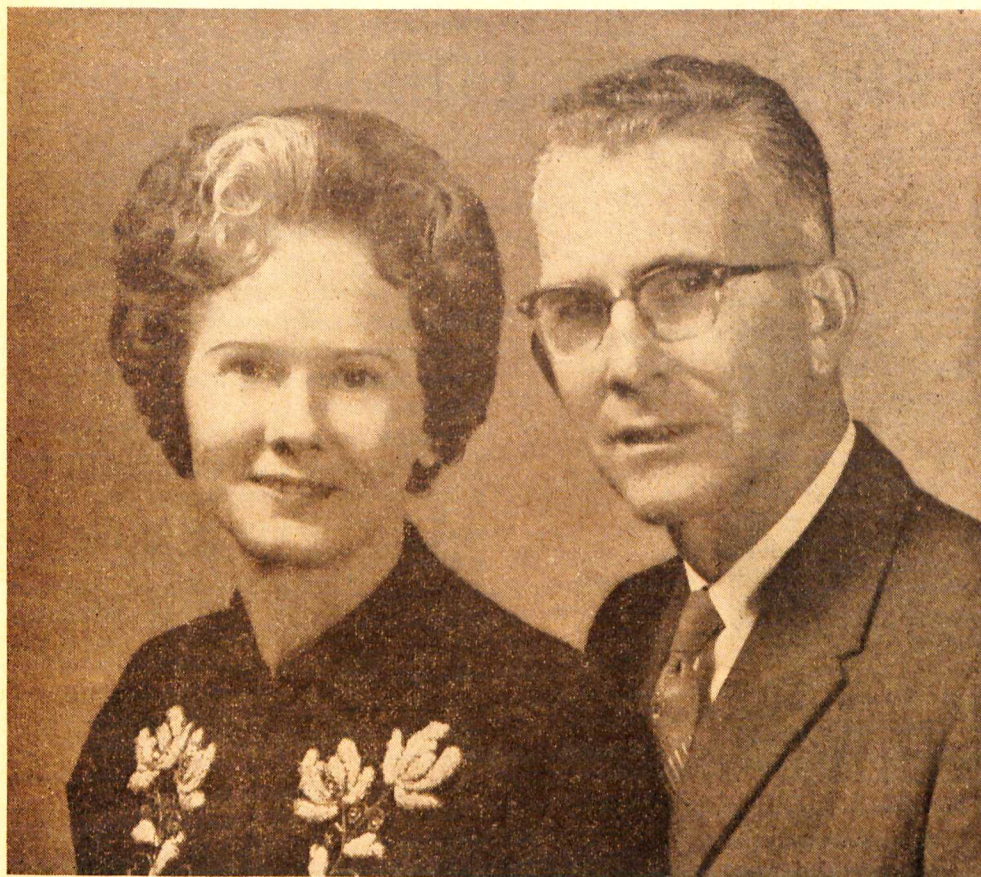
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Beatty Employed as Promotional Worker



Rev. & Mrs. Harry Beatty

ST. LOUIS, MO.—

Rev. Harry Beatty is to become our State Promotional Worker. Rev. Beatty met with the Executive Committee of the State Association at Mt. Grove, Missouri and agreed to accept the position. He brings to the office more than twenty-five years of experience as a pastor and evangelist. Rev. Beatty is no stranger to Missouri as most of his work has been in this State. He has been pastor of a mission at Bartlesville, Oklahoma for the past year. Mrs. Beatty is noted for her work in the Missouri State Auxiliary Convention and will be welcomed back to the state. The Beattys have two sons, Kenneth and Leroy. They will move to Missouri by November 6th.

N. C. State Convention Is Stormy

Mt. Olive, N. C.—

Sixty delegates walked out of the State Convention of North Carolina Free Will Baptists that met September 14, 15 at Mt. Olive, N. C. The Convention refused to seat other delegates because they refused to sign a registration card that contained a clause which stated they must accept the convention's "statement of faith and discipline." (The North Carolina State Convention has never operated under the treatise of the National Association. They have always had their own.) To sign the card would mean to approve "connectional church government." **THE STATE CONVENTION REFUSED TO REPUDIATE CONNECTIONAL CHURCH GOVERNMENT.** They were asked to do so by the Na-

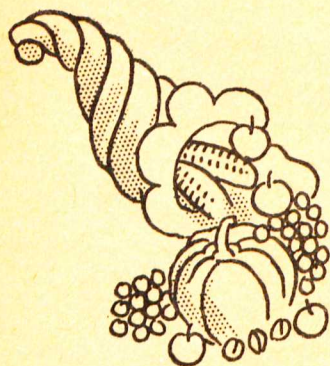
tional Association. Instead they reaffirmed their position on church government as being connectional.

Another interesting fact came to light when the Rev. Herman Hersey, pastor of the Raleigh, N. C. church, rose and asked, "Has any faculty member of Mt. Olive Junior College ever pleaded the first, fifth, or tenth amendments on charges of practicing unamerican activities or communism?" The moderator, S. A. Smith of Beaulaville, N. C. gavelled Hersey out of order. It is significant that a few days after the Convention the faculty member in question resigned his position as Professor of Social Studies. His name is William Evans and he **did** appear before the House Unamerican Activities Committee in 1956. When he was

questioned at that time by the Committee as to his affiliation with the communist party he invoked the fifth amendment.

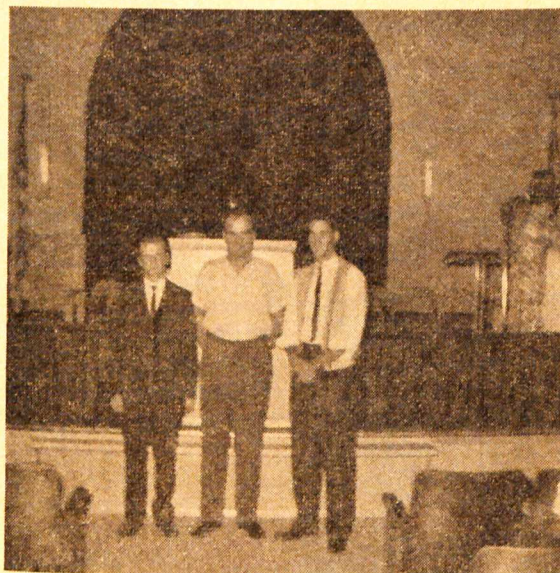
The delegates who walked out of the Convention met the next day at Goldsboro, N. C. and organized their own State organization. They chose Rev. Frank Davenport as their moderator. This group affirmed their belief that each church is an autonomous Baptist body. A steering committee was picked to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws. It is reported that this group represents some 18,000 of the 40,000 Free Will Baptists in the state.

Editor's Note: What does all of this mean to the National Association? **I think it means good riddance.** This (Continued on Page 13)



CLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD



Pictured above are three young men who have recently announced their call to the ministry. They are, from left to right: Jim Honey, Clyde Berry and Wally Price. A fourth, Verlon Sinko was not present when the picture was taken.

Four Young Men Announce Call

St. Louis, Mo.—

Recently four young men have announced their call to the ministry at the South Side Free Will Baptist Church. They are Verlon Sinko, Jim Honey, Clyde Berry, and Wally Price. Verlon has left to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College. Jim and Wally plan to enroll there in January. God has blessed this church in an unusual way by calling its young people into full-time Christian service.

N. S. S. A. Honors J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D. C.—

On Monday, September 18th at 10:00 a. m. in the office of J. Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice building, Washington, D. C., officials of the National Sunday School Association

met with Mr. Hoover to present a Bible with proper inscription as recognition of his interest in Sunday School and influence on Sunday School leaders during the past decade.

Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of NSSA, introduced Dr. Lloyd Knox, president of National Sunday School Association, who made the presentation.

Dr. Knox stated, "On behalf of the National Sunday School Association, its board of directors and General Council, I deem it a great privilege to congratulate you for your concern for the youth of America. We are here to express our appreciation for your understanding of the determinative role of the Sunday Schools in our nation.

"Yours has been a sure voice for the best and against the worst. Over many years your expressions of support of the Sunday School have been heartening to the thousands of people who,

each week, give themselves unselfishly to teaching in our Sunday Schools.

"Your words have given urgency to our efforts and have helped our nation to become more aware of this educational movement as a character-building force.

"We have received reports from this office showing that crime among our youth is on the increase. We have read your warnings of the threat of communism in our way of life. We believe the Sunday Schools of America are indispensable if juvenile delinquency is to be eliminated and communism stopped.

"We want you to know that we appreciate, not only your desire, but also your every effort to see the best in our American way of life preserved.

"As a token of our esteem and gratitude for your interest in and influence upon the Sunday Schools of America, may we present this Holy Bible."

The inscription reads:

"PRESENTED TO: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation by National Sunday School Association in recognition of his influence and outstanding contribution to Sunday School work during the past decade."

—NSSA News Release

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Country Fair

Berkeley, Mo.—

Funds were needed to purchase carpeting for the new church being built so it was decided that a country fair would be held by the Junior and Intermediate G. T. A. and be sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary. The church is the First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, 8912 Springdale, and everyone is working like eager beavers in order to make the fair a big success. The fair will be held at the Berkeley Community Hall at Springdale and Middleway and everyone is invited to attend. There will be free games and free attendance prizes with many booths, where you may make a purchase and help in a worthy cause. There will be a queen crowned (age 13 or under) at 7:00 p. m. and the girls are working diligently collecting canned goods and also a coin here and there. Each 5c value turned in to their sponsor from the Woman's Auxiliary gives them one point. The canned goods will be sold in a Country Store Booth at drastically reduced prices. There will be a Post Office Booth, Fancy Booth, Costume Jewelry Booth, White Elephant Booth, Bakery Booth, Toys and Books Booth, Home-made Candy Booth and a Refreshment Stand. Contributions for these various booths are greatly appreciated. The important date is: **November 18, 1961**, on Saturday from 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. Remember **fair fun is for everyone** so come on out and join us and you can do your part in purchasing the carpeting for our beautiful new church.

Master's Men Meet

Mt. Grove, Mo.—

Members of the Master's Men of the First Free Will Baptist Church met Monday, September 4. The membership was called to order by the president, Jesse Walker, with Bro. Lynn Francis leading the hymn, "Revive Us Again." Prayer was given by Tharold Edwards.

The opening devotional thoughts were given from Psalms 133:1 and I John 3:14-24 and remarks reminded the group that unity in the Spirit was a must to good Christian work for God.

Immediately after a pot-luck supper the business was conducted which included the appointment of a committee to check into the possibility of placing a fence around the compressors of the air conditioning unit for the church.

Special prayer was given for Pat

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1961**Receipts:**

Aulsbury Chapel Church	\$ 80.00
First Church, Fredericktown	232.63
Hannon Church	20.00
Merl's Chapel Church	24.10
St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting	149.21
Twin Oaks Church	20.00
Carterville Church	18.96
South Side Church	42.00
Fellowship Church	128.82
Thayer Church	26.62
Beacon Church	58.66
First Church, Monett	70.07
First Church, Monett	66.82
Hickory Grove Church	19.44
First Church, Kirksville	30.00
New Hope Church	58.51
Mine La Motte Church	10.00
St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting	172.15
First Church, Farmington	65.93
Twin Oaks Church	50.00
Total Receipts	\$1343.92

Disbursed:

National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$806.35
State Promotional Work	268.78
State Home Missions Board	40.31
State Youth Camp	67.20
State General Fund	67.20
Free Will Baptist Gem	67.20
State Superannuation Board	13.44
Skyline Armourdale Mission	13.44
Total Disbursed	\$1343.92

Elliott who was reported to be quite ill. The program for the evening was under the direction of Bro. Hurse Smith who presented a film depicting the wonders of God revealed in nature right here in the Ozarks and Missouri.

After a very profitable evening and under the influence of the Holy Spirit the brothers closed with a benediction by Bro. Ed Francis.

K. C. Quarterly Meeting

Kansas City, Mo.—

The greater Kansas City Quarterly Meeting convened with the New Hope Church, September 8th and 9th. Rev. O. T. Allred was the guest speaker for Friday night services. The theme for the Saturday session was, "The Teaching Mission of the Church." Rev. Ralph Cook, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, and Rev. Elmer Russell were the speakers. The next quarterly meeting is to be a missionary conference. At the last quarterly meeting, a Church Extension Club was organized with 27 members.

\$400,000.00 Found!!

New York, N. Y.—

During the last fiscal year, Christian organizations and individuals "found" savings totaling more than \$400,000.00 in discounts by buying through the Purchasing Office of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association in New York City. This is possible because of the centralized buying carried on for mission boards, churches, schools, missionaries, pastors, teachers, students, etc. It is expected that during this current fiscal year the savings will approximate \$500,000.00.

New — Third Issue of their Price Catalog became available September 1, 1961. Pre-publication orders for this catalog totaled an unprecedented 29,000. It seems that news of a "Good Deal" travels fast. This catalog contains hundreds of items for home and overseas; church and mission station; schools and other institutions. The ac-

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SERMON OF THE MONTH

God's Men With God's Message

by

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon

Pastor—Third Free Will Baptist
Church, St. Louis



On the left is the man who preached the Key-note Message at the State Convention. Below is the Message he delivered. Read it carefully.

(Author's Note: Much of the material in this message is quotations and opinions expressed by other men of God. In most cases where this is so I have given credit to the author. If I have missed some in this regard it is with regret and apology.)

"Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the day of battle in the day of the Lord." Ezekiel 13:5

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30

First of all I should like to draw to your attention the circumstances which caused God to speak these words to Ezekiel.

In 721 B. C., because of the sins of the northern kingdom of Israel, God had allowed Sargon II of Assyria to sweep down across Israel, destroy her cities, and carry away her people in captivity. In 606 B. C., Nebuchadnezzar, on his way from battle in Egypt, swept through the city of Jerusalem taking many captives; among them was Daniel. In 597 B. C., the King of Judah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar. It is at this time when Nebuchadnezzar puts down the rebellion that Ezekiel is taken captive.

Ezekiel's prophecies date from 592 B. C. to 570 B. C. (First vision to last

vision). Therefore when God spoke the words of our text the situation was indeed grave. Judah and Israel were both overrun, their people taken captive, and their cities in ruins.

In chapter 22 of Ezekiel, God tells them the why of their captivity and the reason for their suffering. In verse 2, God tells them Jerusalem had been a city of murder (bloody city); in verse 7, God says they had oppressed the stranger, the widow, and the fatherless; in verse 8, God says they had despised holy things; in verses 10 and 11, God charges them with fornication and adultery; in verse 13, they are accused of having been dishonest in business; in verse 24, God tells them they had not been cleansed from their sins; and in verses 25-28, God says even their prophets had conspired to devour souls, profane holy things and had been liars.

But in verse 30 is the most pathetic accusation of all! God says He looked for a man to be concerned and disturbed about all of those conditions, and to intercede for the land and HE FOUND NONE!!

How tragic! How pathetic! When God looks for a man to carry His message and finds none.

However, before we condemn this people let us pause briefly and draw some parallel truths between Israel and Judah and our own beloved nation and church of today.

Recently at a U. S. Prayer Break-

fast group, Senator Strom Thurmond made this statement "Our nation—indeed the world—today stands in our gravest time of peril, from the standpoint of human survival on earth. Nuclear, thermonuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and the swift means to deliver these weapons of mass destruction to virtually any point on earth carry grave signs that perhaps the Biblically - prophesied Battle of Armageddon may not be too far away. Many who once scoffed at this prophecy. . . are now concerned for fear of its validity.

"For our nation to come through these dangerous times with survival preservation of our liberties, we need not only to remain strong economically and militarily, but—above all—we must be strong spiritually and ever seek the guidance of Almighty God. We must be sure—as Mr. Lincoln so aptly put it years ago—not only that God is on our side, but more importantly, that we are on God's side, individually and as a nation.

"Our nation, though richly blessed by God, is certainly not immune from His judgment. Therefore, every American must give consideration, prayer, and effort toward individual spiritual regeneration so there can be no question as to our nation's being on God's side. We, who are in positions of leadership, must be humble and seek God's guidance in determining the course of our nation. For, it is written in Proverbs:

"Righteousness exalteth a nation. . . ."

President Lincoln closed his message to Congress in December, 1862 with these words, "We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last, best hope of earth."

According to a crime report released a few days ago by the F. B. I. for the year 1960 serious crime increased 14% over 1959. For the decade of 1950 to 1960 crime increased 98% while the population increased 18%. During 1960 there was a serious crime committed every 15 seconds, there was a murder every 58 minutes, a forcible rape every 34 minutes, and over 200,000 unwed mothers. The crime rate has been rising four times faster than the population for the past five years.

Are we not guilty of the sins of Judah and Israel?

Dare we close our eyes to facts and say this is not happening in our country? I believe here tonight God is searching in the ranks of Missouri Free Will Baptists for men and women to build a hedge to stand against this decay of morals. As evangelical Bible believing Christians let us meet this challenge.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F. B. I., recently said this, "Today, the forces of materialism are directing their most concentrated power against the very wellsprings of our strength. The forward march of secularism is visible in many areas. It is apparent in much of what we read and much of what we see. The promotion of the sensual seems to be the purpose of whole shelves of books and magazines. On every hand, deliberate pandering to the lower instincts is apparent.

We are today threatened by twin menaces. Materialism has fathered both crime and communism. The criminal statistics for the year just past attest to the steady growth of the one evil. The progress of the other—and the intensity of the struggle in which we are engaged with it—does not yield to such forthright measure.

No man can know the destiny that is decreed for our nation but these are signs that free men can ignore only at the peril of their freedom. The greatness of our nation is spiritual in origin. The broad achievements which we enjoy today come from vision born of faith, sustained by unshakable resolution, and supported by increasing effort. . . ."

These words are not the words of religious fanatics, but rather of political and governmental leaders who are

concerned with the future of our land.

Fellow Free Will Baptists, we have been drinking from a vast spiritual reservoir of strength which we inherited, but that reservoir is not limitless, it must be replenished by us if we are to leave a spiritual legacy for our children.

Tonight, here in this great audience of people God is searching for faithful men and women to stand in the gaps, gaps that are being caused by materialism, liberalism, pleasurism, complacency, self satisfaction, and mediocrity.

I do not believe hope is gone and God is dead, but God is looking for men to take His message to the ends of the earth.

What must be our message? What is that message? First—IT MUST BE GOD'S MESSAGE. In Hebrews 13:8 we read, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." This must be our message because it is the only thing that will meet the need of mankind. Jesus Christ has been called the only universal figure of history. Whether the individual be Negro or white, European or American, savage or cultured, He meets their need. He fills the vacancy in the soul of the king in his palace as well as the empty spot in the heart of the paper boy on the corner. Oswald Chambers once said, "Jesus Christ is the representative of the whole human race in one person." The words of Christ have engraved themselves upon the hearts of countless millions across the world. His is a message filled with truth and vitalized by love until it has become deathless. It is the only light for a world in darkness, it is the only safe guide in a world society of confusion, it is the only hope in a world of hopelessness. Jesus Christ is the sinless Son of God. Many testify to this: Pilate said, "I find no fault in this just man," the thief on the cross said, "This man hath done nothing amiss," the centurion said, "Truly this man was the Son of God." The most telling testimony of all, however, was God Himself at the baptism of Christ and at the transfiguration when He said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

I. This must be our message because Christ has done for man what He could not do for himself. II Cor. 5:21, "For he hath made Him to be sin who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

II Cor. 8:9b, "... though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." This has brought God near to

man; He is not a far off potentate who cannot be touched by our pains and sorrows. Jesus Christ has brought man and God into such a relationship that we can say with Paul, "I know in whom I have believed."

In the person of His Son, God stepped out of unreality into a blessed personal presence with us.

II. This must be our message because Jesus Christ is changeless. First He is changeless in His attitude of mercy and pardon. On the cross He prayed for those who had placed Him there saying, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." What encouragement for saint and sinner to approach the throne of God when He extends to them such encouragement. Secondly, He is unchanging in His attitude toward the hungry, sick, and diseased of the world. In His earthly ministry we read many times where He, "being moved with compassion" did many marvelous things. Tonight, He is still concerned with those who are unfortunate, and as His children we must be concerned and compassionate also.

III. This is also our message because Christ is timeless. Although He gave His message 2000 years ago it is still as up-to-date as tomorrow morning's headlines. He was eternally existent in the bosom of the Father when the universe was set in order, but still shall be the light of the New Jerusalem.

Yes, here is our message because it is God's message, but God has always used faithful men to carry it.

When God wanted to bring His children out of Egypt He sent Moses with a message from I AM; to speak to heathen kings. He sent Daniel with a message from the Ancient of Days. When God wanted to evangelize Africa, He sent Livingston with a burning heart, to India the message came by the bleeding feet of Carey, to Burma by the starving body of Judson.

He averted revolution in England by sending revival through Finney, Wesley, and Spurgeon. And to America His message has come in great force through such men as Moody, Sunday and Graham.

This message of Christ is what Luther, Hus, and Zwingli dared their lives for at the beginning of the reformation. But reformation is not enough, again the bold doctrines and truths have been modified until eventually truth has been covered up and in the superficial subsoil of compromise, self complacency, and mediocrity grows an

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THE MISSION FIELD

November Is National Home Missions Month

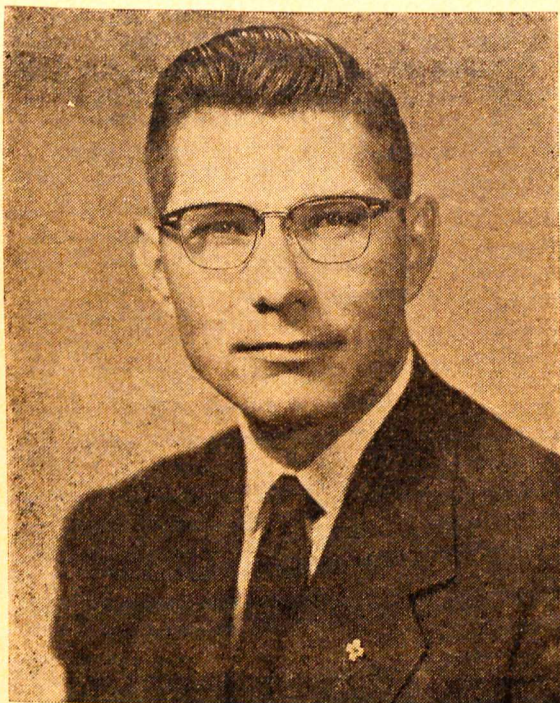
November has been designated as a time of special emphasis—**National Home Missions**. Your National Home Mission Board is working in several fields and is presently responsible for twenty-six missionaries. God is blessing this work and many are being saved in such places as Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska as well as pioneer areas in many states, especially cities like Denver, Davenport, and Washington, D. C.

Such a work is worthy of our support. The Home Mission budget for 1961 is \$88,232.00 and we dare not do less than this. Make a generous offering for the cause of National Home Missions. Send your offering, with promise of prayer support to the Home Mission Department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, or send it via your state treasurer—clearly earmarked **National Home Missions**.

In a war, a commander-in-chief will send his **BEST SOLDIERS** to the most dangerous and difficult areas of battle. For the sake of victory he considers them expendable. Yet how often Christian leaders have put the best of Christ's soldiers in the easier, better paying, established and more attractive positions. Thus the work of home missions has dragged and in certain spiritual battle areas, it has gone backward.

Today Free Will Baptists are rightly proud of the outstanding men and women who are serving on the National Home Mission fields. We feel they are some of the choice and best "soldiers." Remember them in prayer as you give your "**Thanksgiving Offering**."

November 19th is National Home Mission Sunday, as proclaimed by the National Association. Write the Nashville office for more details and supplies.



Rev. Kenneth Walker

I Have Given You An Example

(John 13:1-17)

"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you," were the words Jesus spoke to His disciples after He had instituted the ordinance of Feet-washing.

Very shortly, on the same occasion, Jesus continued to say, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

We at the Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church have learned the joy to be had in observing the ordinance of feet-washing. On Sunday night, August 13, we had a combined Communion and Feet-washing service. This was our first feet-washing together but not our first communion service. Our people come from a much varied background. Most of them have had no previous connection with the ordinance

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Thank God for Our National Home Mission Board

I think we as Free Will Baptists should thank God for our National Home Mission Board. I know that the members of the Riverview Free Will Baptist Church of Bettendorf, Iowa, join me in extending my deepest appreciation and thanks to God for the dedicated men, who work so faithfully on our Home Mission Board. Without their help, there would be no Riverview Free Will Baptist Church.

When I accepted the pastorate of the church in May of this year, a Free Will Baptist church in Iowa was only a dream in the hearts of a few faithful worshippers, who had rented a building in Bettendorf, Iowa. Through the help of our Home Mission Board and the grace of God, this dream has become a reality.

In May of this year, Rev. Harvey Hill, a member of our National Home Mission Board, came to Bettendorf and conducted a two week's revival and organized our church. The church was organized with 20 charter members. Shortly after the church was organized, the National Home Mission Board voted to pay my salary for six months until the church could get more firmly established.

Since the organization of our church just three short months ago, we have had twelve additional members unite with our church, making a total of 32 members. We have also had 22 decisions for Christ. During the month of August, our Sunday School averaged 89, our League 42, our Y. P. A. 23 and our mid-week prayer meeting 40. Our average for September at this date is 98 in Sunday School and 70 in League.

All of the above was made possible because of God's love and mercy to us and because our National Home Mission Board has given us a helping hand.

I think that Free Will Baptists everywhere should join me in saying, "Thank God for our National Home Mission Board."

Rev. Dale Skiles, Pastor
Riverview F. W. B. Church
1210 Grant Street
Bettendorf, Iowa

"I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE"

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of humility. Eighteen of our twenty-eight members were present for the service and some (7) were out of

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS MISSOURI

August, 1961

First F. W. B. Church, Berkeley, Mo.	\$ 10.00
Elmer L. Patton	20.00
Leadington F. W. B. Church ..	15.00
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	43.45
N. Rock Springs F. W. B. Church	14.69
Farmington F. W. B. Church ..	40.30
Finis E. Sorrell	1.00
Mo. State Association of Free Will Baptists	4.78
New Harmony S. S.	26.05
H. S. Vandivort	20.00
Mo. State Woman's Aux. Con.	12.50
North East Mo. District Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
L. R. Riggs	25.00
Twin Oak League	10.00
Indian Creek Association	40.05
Central Western Mo. Association of F. W. B.	80.12
Kirksville G.T.A.	2.50
W. I. James	10.00
Richwoods F. W. B. Church ..	15.63
Joplin F. W. B. Church	5.00
Mrs. Thora Moody	3.00
Arthur Williams	10.00
Mo. State Woman's Aux. Convention	2.50
Leadington F. W. B. Church ..	15.00
Mrs. Elmer Esterline	1.00
Myrtle F. W. B. Church	5.00
Total Receipts	\$442.57

town. We had several visitors that night.

The Communion service was held and God seemed to bless in a special way. Then we entered the designated rooms for the Feet-washing service.

My heart (pastor) was overjoyed to see every man member present participating! It was learned later that every woman member there also participated! We had a glorious time in the Lord as His babes were growing in the "grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ."

One of the ladies said, "I haven't been in a service like this since I was a little girl of 12 back home. This was just how we did it then."

A man participant stood up (we closed our service in an altar prayer), hugged the nearest fellow and said, "I love you all. I love you all!"

Well, Hallelujah! The proper teaching and the informing the people of

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

August, 1961

Wolf Creek Church	\$ 5.00
Anonymous	5.00
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	376.05
Farmington F. W. B. Church ..	210.72
Missouri State Association	22.83
New Harmony Sunday School	39.23
V. Geraldine Arnold	20.00
Mountain Valley Church	25.00
Cannelsville Sunday School	20.00
Oak Grove Sunday School	10.00
W. N. A. C.	244.24
Fredericktown F. W. B. Church	150.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. League ..	10.00
Mountain Grove F. W. B. Church	3.00
Missouri State Woman's Aux.	8.00
Willow Springs Church	12.12
Mr. Lehman Riggs	50.00
Mr. Larry Lee Maxwell	10.00
Central Western Missouri Association	120.18
Indian Creek Association	40.05
Wolf Creek Church	5.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church ..	135.00
Richwoods F. W. B. Church ..	15.63
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bandy	100.00
Berkeley F. W. B. Church	11.76
First F. W. B. Church, Mountain Grove	35.00
Low Ground Woman's Aux.	5.00
Mo. State Woman's Aux.	25.00
Liberty F. W. B. Church	25.00
Jackie Sue Wantland	10.00
Mrs. E. C. Wise	2.00
Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention	7.90
Myrtle F. W. B. Church	9.70
First F. W. B. Church Ladies Auxiliary, Springfield	15.00
Kirksville F. W. B. Church	17.25
Cooperative Plan of Support	467.46
Total Receipts	\$2268.12

the whys and wherefores of this ordinance produced spiritual dividends. God be praised.

Christians are hungry for a deeper spiritual blessing. Pastors, let us not deter these blessings from our people. Of the participants, only 3 of the men and 4 of the women had ever observed the ordinance before. All said that they received a blessing.

Our church continues to grow both numerically and spiritually. Pray for our ministry here in our nation's capital, Washington, D. C.

The Walkers

Minutes of the 48th Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

August 22

7:30 P. M.

Rev. Bud Hill, pastor of the Mera-mec Heights Church, led the congregation in singing, "Standing On the Promises." Rev. Joe Ange, pastor of the Central Church of Detroit, Michigan led the Association in prayer. The congregation then sang, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Rev. W. H. Bostic, pastor of the Thayer Church, led the devotional thought. He read from I Chronicles 27:28 and spoke of our responsibility in the service of the Lord.

Rev. Roger Reeds, clerk of the Association, called the 48th session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists to order.

Rev. James Barker, pastor of the host church, extended greetings from the city of Farmington and the church.

Rev. Lester Jones, pastor of the Kirksville Church, gave the response.

Rev. O. T. Dixon, assistant moderator of the Convention, brought a word of greeting.

The moderator of the Convention, Rev. O. T. Allred, was introduced and delivered a brief message. He read Acts 10:3 and commented on these words of Cornelius.

Mrs. Doris Raper sang, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

The congregation sang, "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, pastor of the Third Church in St. Louis, was introduced to bring the initial message of the convention. He read from Ezekiel 13:5 and 22:30. He pointed out the parallel of the time of Ezekiel with our current era. He cited the lack of men with backbone to stand in the gap for God. "We need men with a message," he said, "and that message is to be Jesus." This was a well prepared and well delivered message.

The congregation sang, "Have Thine Own Way."

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dean Burpo, pastor of the Auls-bury Chapel Church.

August 23

9:00 A. M.

Rev. Clarence Burton, pastor of the Fredericktown Church, led the congregation in singing, "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus."

Rev. Harvey Hill led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. Harry Asher led the devotional thought. He is the pastor of the Over-land Church. He read from a poem titled, "What Will It Profit?" and from Mark 8:36, 37. He called upon Rev. Glen Rehkop to lead in prayer.

The moderator assumed charge.

Rev. Harvey Hill was appointed as assistant clerk.

Letters were read from the following Associations: Cave Springs and Niangua.

It was motioned and seconded that the names of the ministers and deacons be omitted from the reading. Carried.

Rev. Hill proceeded with the reading of the letters from the following Associations: Mission, Liberty, North East, Central Western, South East, Indian Creek, and the North West Missouri and North East Kansas.

It was motioned that we receive the letters, seat the delegates, and consider the requests on the various letters. Seconded and carried.

The moderator gave the charge to the delegates.

A letter of greetings was read from Rev. and Mrs. Mark Vandivort.

Visitors of other areas were recognized.

Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Promotional Secretary of the Oklahoma State Convention, brought a word of greetings from Oklahoma.

The By-Laws of the convention were read.

The Committee on Committees was appointed. They are: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. W. H. Bostic, Rev. Chas. Black, Rev. Grover Terry, and Rev. Elmer Turnbough.

The Association then adjourned for the Woman's Auxiliary Program.

At the conclusion of the morning session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention the moderator called for the reading of the report of the Committee on Committees. This report was adopted.

August 23

7:30 P. M.

Rev. Clarence Burton led a capacity crowd in singing, "Love Lifted Me."

The moderator presided over the service.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews, chairman of the Business Committee, gave a partial report of this Committee. Since this involved a Constitutional change, it was motioned that this section of the Business Committee's report be laid

upon the table until Thursday, August 24th. Seconded and carried. (See report of the Business Committee, Item 1.)

An offering in behalf of the expenses of the Association was received which totaled, \$76.21.

Rev. Henry Long, pastor of the First Church of Springfield, brought the devotional thought. He read from Gen. 2:21. He pointed out our relationship with the spiritual mother as well as the physical mother emphasizing the fact that Christ became our spiritual mother on the cross.

The congregation sang, "I Am Thine Oh Lord."

Rev. Joe Ange, pastor of the Central Church of Detroit, Michigan, was introduced to bring the message of the evening.

He read from Col. 4:12, I Thess. 5:23, and Romans 12:1, 2.

He called our attention to the challenge of these trying days in which we live. His subject was, "What Will It Take In Free Will Baptist Ranks to Get the Job Done?" He listed seven things. First, he said there must be a belief in the total inspiration of the Bible. He listed as second, that there must be a total dedication unto God. Third, total separation from the world. Fourth, total consecration in our every-day living. Fifth, total investigation of our spiritual superstructure. Sixth, total determination to follow through with Christ. Seventh, total resignation to the will of God.

Several responded to the invitation that was extended.

The moderator made necessary announcements and prayed the benediction.

August 24

9:00 A. M.

The Convention began the day's activities by singing, "At Calvary" led by Rev. James Barker.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough, pastor of the Desloge Church, led the devotional thought for the morning. He read from James 1:22-25. He pointed out the fact that we ought to return to our churches determined to be doers of the Word that we have heard at this Convention. He then led us in prayer.

The minutes to the present were read and approved.

Miss Leona Thompson, State Statistician, gave her report. It was motioned and seconded to receive the report. Carried. (See reports.)

The report of the Executive Committee was given by Rev. W. T. Turn-

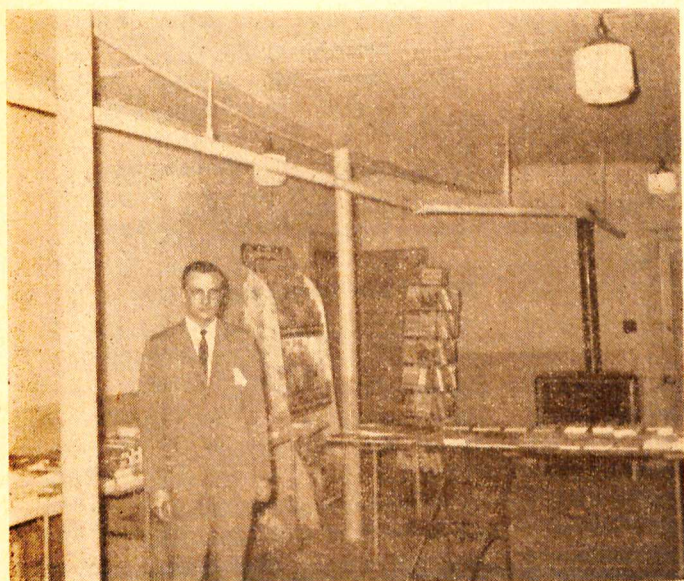
SCENES FROM THE CONVENTION



"Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus." Rev. Clarence Burton, pastor of the Fredericktown Church led a great deal of the singing. He also preached on Thursday night.



Rev. Joe Ange, pastor of the largest Free Will Baptist church in our denomination, spoke to a capacity crowd on Wednesday night. He also preached at the State Sunday School and League Convention and was in charge of several workshops.



Rev. Roger Reeds stands beside the Convention Book Store. This marked a first for this historic meeting.



Rev. James Earl Raper, pastor of the Fellowship Church, drives home a point. He preached Thursday morning.

bough. The report was received by a standing vote of the body. Carried. (See reports.)

The Youth Camp Board's report was heard at this time. It was motioned to receive the report. Seconded and carried by a standing vote. (See reports.)

Visitors were recognized at this time. Rev. Bob Hill of Nashville brought greetings. Rev. Billy Melvin,

Executive Secretary of the National Association, extended his greetings to the Convention. Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite, Missionaries to North West U. S. A., brought greetings.

The State Treasurer gave his report. It was motioned and seconded that the report be received by a standing vote. Seconded and carried. (See reports.)

A partial report of the nominating committee was read and accepted. The

officers nominated by the committee were elected. (See reports.)

Delegates to the National Association were elected by the Convention. They are: Bruce Presley, Jeff McCully, Mrs. Grover Terry, Mrs. Elva Turnbough, and Mrs. Myrtle Jones.

The State Superannuation Board made their report. It was received. (See reports.)

(Continued next month)

Woman's Auxiliary

Special Notice:

The Treasurer's name and address for the coming year is:

Mrs. Roger C. Reeds
3116 Mt. Pleasant St.
St. Louis 11, Mo.

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STEWARDSHIP

by

Leona Thompson

State Auxiliary Assistant Secretary

Luke 12:42-44. "And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath."

Christian Stewardship is a position of great honor. A steward is "one entrusted with the management of estates or affairs not his own." As Christian stewards we are expected to look after our Father's business here on earth, to be the executors of His will, His trustees. What we do we will have to do quickly for we are just here for a short time, for in Job 14:1-2 we find, "Man that is born of woman is of a few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down, he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."

The chief requirement in stewardship is faithfulness, I Cor. 4:2. Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.

In order to be a good steward we must be stewards of the gospel. First of all we must study the Word of God daily for in II Timothy 2:15 it says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We must know the Gospel ourselves before we can be able to either teach others or to be able to help others find the way of salvation, and that is the principal aim of the Auxiliary, to win souls for Christ. If we really study and meditate upon God's Word we must be a good steward of prayer because study and prayer go hand in hand. Through prayer we draw from

the storehouse of God the necessities that we need to make God's kingdom thrive and grow in the world. Prayer is an act or a force that beareth fruit in our lives. We are challenged to pray without ceasing for in I Thess. 5:17 it says, "Pray without ceasing." If we obey this command and train ourselves to pray and to live in a state of prayer, God's voice will not be foreign when He speaks to us, and we will recognize it immediately.

We may not be able to go on the foreign fields as missionaries, ourselves, but through prayer for other missionaries we can be a big help. We can send other missionaries by being good stewards of our means and money.

Money is a great power for good or evil. To some, God has entrusted little, to some much. He expects all of us to use a portion of the money He has given us to spread the Gospel. Besides giving money to send missionaries to foreign mission fields, we can help by contributing to our Student Loan Fund, our Bible College which helps young people to get their Christian education which, in turn, may go as missionaries or be servants of God at home.

We can also help through the benevolent work in our local Auxiliary. This not only includes our money but we must be good stewards of our time. We may not all have the same amount of money to spend in God's work but we all have the same amount of time, for there is twenty-four hours in the day for every one of us, and it is left up to us as stewards as to how we use it. It is used for selfish motives or it is used for the glory of God. I know in this busy hurried life some of us hardly have time to read our Bibles and pray. But let us resolve in our hearts that if we have to leave the dishes unwashed, the kitchen unswept, let us be sure and take time to pray and read God's Word and let Him speak to our hearts and make known to us His precious will for our lives. Let's give our talents, however small they may be to God, He can use them for His glory and to bless our own hearts and lives.

We need to ask ourselves this question, "Have I given everything—my life, my talents, my time, my all—to Him?" Remember, "We are not our own, we've been bought with a price."

I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed, "Oh Lord, bless every one,

Lift from each saddened heart the pain,

And let the sick be well again."
And then I awoke another day,

And carelessly went on my way,
The whole day long I did not try,

To wipe a tear from any eye,

I did not try to share the load

Of any brother on the road,

I did not even go to see,

The sick woman just next door to me.

Yet! Once again when day was done,

I prayed, "Oh! Lord bless every one."

But as I prayed into my ear,

There came a voice that whispered clear,

Pause, Hypocrite, before you pray,
Whom have you tried to bless

today?

God's sweetest blessings always go,

To hands that serve Him here below.

And then I hid my face and cried,

"Forgive me, Lord, for I have lied.

Let me but live another day,

And I will live the way I pray."

—Author Unknown

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the West Plains Free Will Baptist Church met September 12 for our regular meeting. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Claudia Combs, reading Proverbs 15:28, and was led in prayer by Hattie Sims. A special song was given by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene James. We had a good lesson on the Student Loan Fund. Topic I was given by Geneva Henry. Topic II by Louise Lewis. Topic III by Addie Adkisson. Topic IV by Ella James. Topic V by Grace Stevens. The 1st poem, "A Cry for Light," by Beulah Gilliam and the 2nd poem, "I Do Not Ask the Lord," by Mrs. Blankenship. Each member voted to send one dollar to the Student Loan Fund and we changed the time of our Auxiliary meeting from the 2nd Tuesday night to the 1st Monday night in each month. We had 14 members present. Dismissed in prayer by Addie Adkisson.

Cor. -Sec.

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The Beacon Auxiliary met at the home of Irene Searcy in the month of July with 8 members and 3 visitors present. The project for the month was, school supplies for the Arizona-Mexico Missions. After the lesson refreshments were served.

August 31, we met at the home of Carmen Smith with 6 members and 2 visitors present. The lesson was, "The Prayer Life." An offering of \$10.25 was received for the Children's Home in Tennessee. A study course on "Methods" is planned for September, 12.

The next meeting will be at the home of Sis. Beulah Tate. Our offering for this month will be for the Student Loan Fund. We were happy to be listed as an "A-1 Auxiliary" at the State Convention.

Our G. T. A. recently purchased a clock for the church auditorium. They also helped with school supplies for the Arizona-Mexico Missions. We had one member to attain the rank of runner.

Cor. -Sec., Mrs. Woodrow Matthews

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River held their September meeting, the 5th. The opening song was, "Rescue the Perishing," followed with prayer by Marion Wilson and Scripture reading of I Corinthians 13 by Faron Jones. The report of the nominating committee, Anna Mae Faircloth, Genevieve White and Eileen Hard, was submitted with the following officers being nominated and elected: President, Faron Jones; vice president, Eileen Hard; corresponding secretary, Jean Blakeley; Study Course chairman, Lillie Smith; Program chairman, Alberta Davis; Personal Service chairman, Marion Wilson; recording secretary and treasurer, Oma Barker; Youth Aux. chairman, Jean Blakeley. The program followed the business session. The topic was, "Student Loan Fund," with topics being given. Topic I: "Purpose of Loan Fund," by Marion Wilson. Topic II: "Who Benefits From the Fund," by Genevieve White. Topic III: "When Is a Loan Repaid?" by Anna Mae Faircloth. Topic IV: "Does the Fund Really Help?" by Jean Blakeley. Topic V: "Who Supports the Loan Fund?" by Eileen Hard. The benediction was given by Eileen Hard.

Cor. -Sec., Jean Blakeley

FROM LEADINGTON:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church met September 7, 1961 for the September study in our Co-Laborer which was concerning the Student Loan Fund. The meeting was called to order by our president, Iva Treaster. We sang "Jesus Calls Us," "For He Is So Precious to Me" and "I Gave My Life for Thee," then we were led in prayer by Mrs. Hammor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and our offering received. We voted to send \$10.00 to the Student Loan Fund. Topics on the lesson were given by Iva Treaster, Allie Penrod, Anna Lincoln, Lauretta Hammor and Lola Underwood. It would be most gratifying to see those whom we have helped financially, go out and win souls for Christ.

"I do not ask Thee Lord
That all my life may be
An easy, smooth and pleasant path
'Twould not be good for me.
But, Oh, I ask today
That strength and grace be given
To keep me fighting all the way
That leads to God and heaven."
—From Co-Laborer

We also met, September 14 for study about our missionaries and their work in Africa, Japan and other countries. We will continue our studies at our next meeting. When we keep informed about our missionaries, their work, their needs and even the country where they are working, we can pray for them in more specific ways. I hope and pray that we can do more to help them in the future than we have in the past.

Cor. -Sec., Anna Lincoln

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church met at the church on Thursday, September 28, 1961. There were 10 members, 2 visitors and 2 children present.

Theme: "Know More About Our Free Will Baptist Work."

Hymn, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Prayer by Rachel Milburn.

Business Period—President, Bernice Dodd. Program Period—Edith Brooks.

Scripture—II Timothy 3:14-17. Hymn, "More About Jesus."

"Our Denomination," Mrs. M. Hilderbrand. "Our Bible," Mrs. Milburn.

Poem, "Through the Bible"—Mrs. Williams. Chorus, "Our National Aux-

iliary." "Our College"—Doris Raper. "Our Local Church"—Berniece Dodd.

Poem, "It Isn't the Church—It's You," Della Getz. "Know Your ABC's" (Quiz), Edith Brooks.

Benediction—Della Getz.

Afternoon

Hymn, "Chorus Time." Prayer—Pat (Turley) Morris. Manual Study—Doris Raper.

Those ladies present: Bernice Dodd, Edith Brooks, Mrs. Hilderbrand, Doris Raper, Alberta Turley, Cora Wann, Josie Johnson, Rachel Milburn, Norma Williams, Pat Morris and Lucille Wilt.

Dismissed—Della Getz.

Cor. -Sec., Della Getz

N. C. STATE CONVENTION IS STORMY

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faction that controls the eastern section of North Carolina also controls the State Association. For years they controlled the National Association. We've outgrown them though and they can't control us any longer. They have caused nothing but trouble during the past decade in the National Association. If you do not believe this then secure copies of the minutes of the National Association for the past ten years and you will find that the very men who are leading this move in North Carolina have dominated much of the floor time of the National Association when it is in session. It would be a blessing to have a National Meeting some time and not see some of them coming down to occupy a microphone and tie up the Convention with some delaying tactic.

Some will say, think of all the churches we will lose. Yes, we may lose some churches but let me tell you that a great deal of these are not conventional in Free Will Baptist practices. For instance when they have a revival they never speak of conversions but of "joiners." To them church membership and conversion is synonymous. You can rest assured that those churches who leave the National Association have never contributed much to its support. Their leaders would not allow them. They have seen to it that all of the money has been channeled into one of three things: The Free Will Baptist Orphanage, The Free Will Baptist Press, or Mt. Olive Junior College.

I say that it is time that we cleaned house, had a good revival, and went on to do great things for God.

LETTERS *to the Editor*

Fredericktown, Mo.

Dear Bro. Reeds:

As I was enjoying my morning devotion, reading about the work of the Christians at Jerusalem, my mind went back to the past meeting of the Sunday School and League Conference, Woman's Auxiliary and the Missouri State Association.

It was a privilege and blessing to be in the services. The messages delivered by Brother Joe Ange were challenging and the workshops informative. Perhaps it would be well to say this inasmuch as I feel it is the sentiment of many. The Sunday School and League Conference was **very** helpful. Brother Spurgeon expressed his appreciation several times to those of us who assisted in this conference. Let me express our appreciation and say "thank you," Bro. Spurgeon and others of the Sunday School Board, Bro. Halbrook and Bro. Raper, for preparing this conference.

Surely everyone would say it was good to be at the State Association. Bro. R. B. Spurgeon, the introductory speaker, delivered a timely message and a challenge to each one of us to "fill the gap." Bro. Rolla Smith, general director of our Foreign Missions Department, opened our hearts to a greater devotion for the cause of Christ. Bro. James Earl Raper made us realize that we must crucify self in order that we might be willing workers for the Master. Dr. L. C. Johnson brought cordial greetings from the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Sis. Eunice Edwards brings warmth and adds zeal to any association. It was good to see and hear Bro. and Sis. Postlewaite. We thank God for the Home Mission work in the northwest. It was good to be with these as well as many others and enjoy the sweet fellowship.

We are aware that the Missouri State Association has made a step forward. I believe it is well that we have done this. We who served on the business committee prayed that God would lead us. I believe He did from the forming of the recommendations to the adoption of them by the body of delegates. I'm sure that with the able leadership

of the officers and general board of our State Association we can see that which we have adopted become a reality.

Bro. Reeds, may the Lord richly bless you and yours. Your ministry as Gem Editor and State Clerk is appreciated. I always look forward to receiving the Gem. It is both interesting and informative.

Pray for us and the church in Fredericktown that we might always glorify God and exalt Christ through our work.

Yours In Christ,

C. H. Burton, Jr.

Pastor, Fredericktown

Fredericktown, Mo.

Dear Bro. Reeds:

We had a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School starting July 24, with closing exercises Sunday evening, August 6. We held evening classes for the first time and found we enjoyed that more than daytime classes. We had 20 children receive certificates and during the two weeks, several visitors attended. Offerings taken during classes totaled \$10.00, which was sent to Arizona-Mexico Missions. We thank the Lord for our children and pray they will grow up to be men and women for the Lord. Our annual homecoming was July 30, and was well attended. The Gospel-Four Quartet of Marquand were guests for the day. They rendered several numbers in song and each one was a blessing to us. Homecomings here on earth are wonderful but the greatest homecoming for Christians is yet to be. What a glad and glorious day that's going to be. Looking forward to bigger and better things from the Lord we remain.

Yours In Christ,

Mrs. James Dowd

Dear Bro. Reeds and Gem Readers:

The Lord is still blessing in a wonderful way here at Parkview F. W. B. Church, Desloge, Mo. Since our last writing we have had five converted to Christ. One of these was in the Armed Forces and sailed for Germany last week. Help us pray that he will hold fast to Christ and be given grace to sustain him for whatever may lie ahead.

The others are two young married couples who will follow Christ in baptism, Sept. 24th. Our pastor, Rev. Elmer Turnbough, is working so faithfully with our youth. He also has set up a wonderful visitation program which is also bringing results. We do thank God so much for all these good things. So much for our "Mountain Top" news. We regret to say we have our "Valley Days," too. There are several of our number who have been unable to attend our services for several months due to illness. Also those caring for the sick and unable to attend. We request your prayers for all these, that if God sees fit we can have them all back with us soon. Prayer! What a comfort to pray and request prayer. We wonder how anyone can exist in these troubled and perilous times without the Lord to turn to and lean upon. Folks are seeking solace from every source but Jesus, the One who has the free soul satisfying solace of eternal salvation. Are we doing our best for the lost ones? ? ? God bless all.

Church Reporter, Hazel Morris

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abundance of flowery errors that look fair and beautiful, but are in no way related to the truth. The tendency of men is to perpetually be covering up truth's naked simplicity; forgetting that truth is never so beautiful as when it stands in its own unadorned glory.

Let us cry, therefore, with bold men of the past, "clear away the rubbish, away with compromise, error, and complacency; bring out the old truths again and let them be restored to their rightful places. Let once more truth be preached by men whose lips are touched as with a live coal off the altar. This shall be the weapon in the hand of the Spirit for bringing about a great revival in our land."

Archimedes thought he could move the world if he had a fulcrum large enough and could find a place to stand. God has given us the fulcrum, His gospel, and He has provided us the place to stand, His pulpit.

May every preacher know that he stands on holy ground. Let us proclaim the Word of God. Let us say "thus saith God" or let our voices be stilled and our tongues tied. God forbid that we should use the pulpit to convince others of our wisdom, prudence, or holiness, but simply let us say, "Thus saith the Lord," for we have nothing else the ear of man must hear before death encompasses him.

The pulpit is the measuring point of Christendom. Here it is that the great spiritual battle must be fought between Christ's church and the invading hosts of a wicked world.

It has been consecrated by a Saviour's presence, established by the clearness and force of an Apostle's eloquence, and upheld by a succession of evangelists, who like stars, have marked the era in which they lived and stamped it with their names.

Truly we are earthen vessels and who can understand why God has designed that we should be His own and live under Him in His kingdom? But this is our calling to the living hope which is in the Lord. In view of this let the church speak with conviction from faith that will not shrink. In the face of all impending doom let us walk as children of light without fear. Even though the earth be swallowed up in the midst of the sea or a ball of fire, the church shall prevail against all things, even the gates of hell!

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Victory, Kansas City	68	70	72	72	68	67	59	72				
Mt. Pisgah	66	69	73	62		68	78	66				
Copper Mines	95	87	97	92	88	91						
Fellowship, Flat River	202	201	196	210	198	198	193	203	209			
Leadington	77	83	80	87	77	74	68	69	59			
Farmington	76	77	81	103	92	87	86	90	87			
Fourth, Maplewood	48	57	59	53	44	53	43	66				
Mill Creek								42				
Berkeley City	217	222	211	256	231	231	201	217	221			
Richwoods	47	52	55	61	60	59	65	62	64			
Hannon	49	56	45				50	48				
Joplin	89	76	80	87	80	77						
Kirkville	80	83	79	80	84	78	82	89				
Grant Ave., Springfield ...	102	105	106	116	118	111	121	104	135			
Hazel Creek	51	47	44	50	51	51	48	54				
Twin Oak	52	55	52	59	50	54	56	53				
South Side Church	146	141	140	146	120	134	144	147	142			
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First Church, Kansas City	67	68	69	76								
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Overland Church	142	146	144	145	113	113	110	115				
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First Church, Flat River ...												
Myrtle	61	61	60	54	45	54	51	51				
Festus	21	22	23	35	38	49	39	46	45			
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GOD'S MEN WITH GOD'S MESSAGE

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Perhaps we shall be called fanatics, but in faith we are established in hope that knows no end. God has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not...." Fanatically we shall rise from suffering and sorrow to worship the One who loves us. Therefore take up the cross of the crucified One for there is no other life than that which rests in the promises of God.

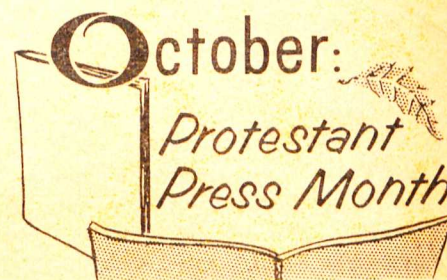
Daniel and his companions stood for God when it could have meant their lives, but God saved them and saw them through. A covenanting martyr on the high scaffold in the grass market at Edinburgh was re-enforced from heaven for he shouted, "The angels, they've come to carry me to Jesus' bosom." John Fisher, as he went

to the hanging scaffold at the Tower of London, prayed for help then opened his Bible to these words, "This is the life eternal...." John Fisher then said, "Blessed be God! This Word will suffice for all eternity," and went singing to his death.

Beloved, the day is coming when the note of victory shall be proclaimed throughout the world and the power of the enemy shall succumb and the swords of the mighty shall be overcome by the Lord of hosts.

In that day would you have it said that you turned your back in the day of battle? Do you not want to share in the battle that you might have a share in victory? Those who have been in the fiercest part of the battle shall share in the brightest part of the victory. Shall it be said of you that here was one who failed to lift the flag of truth in the midst of the conflict? Oh!

Men and women of God, to the battle for you shall be crowned with immortal glory!



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