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NEW STATE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO.—

The above property has been purchased by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. It will house the State Book Store and Headquarters and provide living quarters for the Promotional Secretary of the State.

COVER STORY. . .

On Tuesday, October 10th, the General Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met in a rented building at 3100 Mt. Pleasant St. in St. Louis Missouri. The building had been rented with an option to buy and the Board was meeting to decide on purchasing the property. The Board agreed that the purchase price of \$14,000 seemed to be fair and decided upon the purchase. The building is in excellent repairs and will house the Book Store and State Offices. The Promotional Secretary will occupy the living quarters above the store.

The property will be paid for out of an \$18,000.00 bond issue that will also be used for the purchase of equipment and stock for the Book Store. Free Will Baptists all over the State are asked to purchase Bonds. They are in \$100, \$250, and \$500 denominations and will pay six per cent interest. Churches, Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings, and individuals can purchase these Bonds. The purchaser need not pay cash for his bond. They can be purchased at 10% down and the balance in monthly payments. When bought on the time payment plan the interest is reduced until the Bond is paid for. They will have maturity dates from 2 years to 14½ years. If you would like to invest in the future of your State Association as well as your own future then buy a bond!

The grand opening of the Book Store has been set for November 21, 1961 from 10:00 a. m. 'til 10:00 p. m. Special services will be held at 2:00 p. m. and again at 7:30 p. m. Gifts will be given and refreshments served. The Book Store bonds will be available then. Visitors will be greeted by Rev. & Mrs. Harry Beatty or Rev. Roger Reeds. Our State officers will be present for the day. Special gifts will be given to the pastor who drives the farthest distance and the pastor who brings the most people. Don't miss this great day. It promises to be an historic one.

There are ten thousand Free Will Baptists in this State who have been ordering their Book Store materials from other places. Now they can order them from their own Book Store and the profit derived will go back into our own denomination. Since Free Will Baptists are congregational this is your Book Store that is being opened for your convenience. Be sure to use it.

We are sorry that your orders have been slow in being filled thus far. But the job of opening up for business is a tremendous one. If you'll bear with us for a while longer we promise you first rate service.



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An editorial appearing in the October issue of CONTACT, official publication of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

By Billy A. Melvin

In the year 1935 our present day National Association was born. At that time, our Free Will Baptist brethren from North, South, East, and West came together in one great fellowship. That this organization was of God there can be no doubt. Though we have not accomplished all that we might have accomplished, we have made definite advances to the glory and honor of Jesus Christ.

As the years slipped by, it became evident that all who had shared in the formation of the National Association were not happy with the development of our denominational program. This group centered in eastern North Carolina. They were especially unhappy with some of the standards and procedures at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Some of these brethren even boasted that they would soon change some of these things. However, though they did try, their efforts were unsuccessful. Therefore, they determined to have a school of their own which they could control. As a result, Mount Allen College (now Mount Olive College) was brought into existence.

Full Steam Ahead

All the while the struggle continued within the ranks of the National Association. It was first one thing and then another as these men sought to gain places of influence within the National Association. However, it became more and more obvious that this was a losing battle. As late as 1958, one of the men involved remarked, "There was a time when we (speaking of this element in eastern North Carolina) could control the National Association in its national convention, but this is no longer true." Thus the die was cast and it has been evident to many that the "leadership" in North Carolina determined some time ago to break with the National Association. This pattern has continued and now in recent months it has been "full steam ahead." The development of this break has been carried out under the cover of several smoke-screens.

One smoke-screen has taken the form of an open and vicious attack on our Free Will Baptist Bible College. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College, recently issued a statement and went to great length to prove that Free Will Baptist Bible College, its alumni and administration, was responsible for all of our woes.

This attack did not have a favorable reaction among our people. In fact, most Free Will Baptists felt that the statement was most unfortunate, as well as unChristian and unethical. But, why this attack? Why did Dr. Raper launch such a vicious attack against our Bible College which has meant so much to our denomination? Could it be that he is not in agreement with the strong evangelistic emphasis and the high Christian standards of the Bible College?

In light of the fact that one of his faculty has been exposed recently as appearing before the House on Un-American Activities Committee in March of 1956, where he was identified by the F. B. I., with others, as a communist, perhaps Dr. Raper could have more profitably used his time in checking out the background of his faculty members.



Rev. Billy Melvin

Love the Doctrines

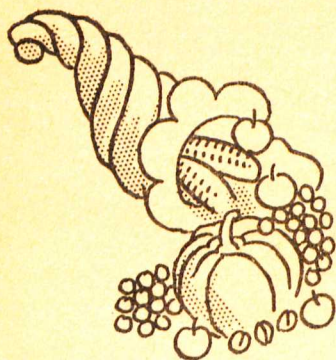
Another smoke-screen which has been injected by the "leadership" of North Carolina centers in the charge that some of our younger pastors want to be dictators and take our churches off into an independent movement. We have heard this talk, but where is the proof. The young pastors that I know throughout the state of North Carolina are dedicated men of God, standing for our denomination and for the rights of their members. They love the Free Will Baptist denomination and doctrines. They want the majority within their churches to decide the business affairs of the church and not some outside conference clique. Furthermore, they live clean and win souls.

Still another smoke-screen has been the various attacks upon the National Association. The National Association has been accused of handing down directives, acting against its treatise, seeking to destroy all organization between the local church and the National Association, being more connectional in its government than the state of North Carolina, etc. All of these reckless charges are yet to be proven.

Involved in this attack on the National Association has been a tactic of the Roman Catholic church—boycott. Prior to the North Carolina State Convention, the "leadership" in the state urged in public rallies that our Free Will Baptist people and churches withhold support from the National Association. At their convention this boycott was pressed still further by the adoption of the following motion:

"That until the exact standing of this convention, in the National Association, has been determined and the state of emergency satisfactorily settled, we request the officers, standing boards, and committees of this convention to refrain from active participation in the formulation and execution of the various programs of the

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GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD



Rev. Jim McCully has resigned as pastor of the church at Neosho, Mo. and is available for revival services. His address is: Rte. 4, Box 43, Neosho, Missouri.

Available for Work
Farmington, Mo.—

Rev. Charles Moyers announces that he is available for pastoral or revival work anywhere in the realm of Free Will Baptist work. He may be contacted at: Rte. 2, Box 89, Farmington, Mo. Telephone: GENEVA 1-4947.

Pastor Resigns
Because of Ill Health
Alton, Mo.—

Rev. C. A. Dodson, beloved pastor of the Alton Free Will Baptist Church, has been forced to resign because of ill health. Mrs. Ernest James, church clerk, requests prayer in behalf of Rev. Dodson. The church has called Rev. Millard Ehrhardt to replace Rev. Dodson.

Beattys Move
To St. Louis
St. Louis, Mo.—

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Beatty have moved to St. Louis and Rev. Beatty has assumed his duties as Promotional

Director of the State. He and Mrs. Beatty have begun itinerant work in North Missouri. If you would like to have Rev. Beatty visit your church or district meeting write him in care of State Headquarters.

Society Pledges Support
To Bible Campaign
New York, New York—

The American Bible Society has pledged its full support and cooperation, including low cost copies of the Scriptures, to churches participating in the campaign to "Return the Bible to the Heart of the Nation."

In a leaflet mailed to pastors by the National Association of Evangelicals, the Bible Society offers to help churches supply Scriptures to people who lack them, create a climate in church and community that is favorable to Bible-reading, provide Bible-reading helps to individual Bible readers and stimulate interest in the Bible by imparting a knowledge of its dramatic and inspiring history.

In a foreword to the leaflet, the Society declares that "the Word of God can redeem our nation and the world. For it to do so we must help the Bible speak to the minds and hearts of millions of new readers—those who have never known it, as well as those who have neglected it."

"Within the sound of your church bell," the leaflet notes, "are some of America's Bibleless people. They include the indifferent, those who think and pray in a language other than English, the blind, people with failing eyesight, many who are in nursing homes, hospitals, jails and other institutions. The heart of the nation includes the hearts of even the least of these. The American Bible Society will help you supply Scriptures for each one."

Because they are intended for the widest possible use in missionary and evangelistic efforts, the Society prices its Scriptures below the actual cost of production and distribution. In cases of unusual need, the Society offers to

provide Scriptures free, so far as its budget permits.

Other helps available from the Society include a Bible Book Club Plan, leaflets to encourage Bible-reading, motion pictures, a filmstrip, posters and picture booklets.

The leaflet also invites participation by local churches in three major programs for developing an atmosphere favorable to the reading of the Bible: Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas, nationwide Christmas Eve reading of the resurrection message from the Gospel of John.

Extra copies of the leaflet, titled "How Your Bible Society Can Help Your Church," are available from NAE regional offices.

Broken Records
At Sunday School Meet
Detroit, Mich.—

All attendance records were shattered at this year's National Sunday School Convention in Detroit's Cobo Hall. By Thursday afternoon more than 7,000 persons from 43 states and representing more than 90 denominations had either registered for the first time or picked up their pre-registration materials at the reception center.

During rush periods on the first day people were standing more than ten deep at the long row of tables where more than 50 volunteers were working as fast as possible to process them. All of the more than 6,500 pre-registrations had been broken down alphabetically so that they could be handled quickly and easily.

Charles McKenna from the Central Northwest Presbyterian Church, who headed the registration committee, said that they had set a goal of 4,000 pre-registrations which would have been double the previous record set last year in St. Louis. However, through direct mail and church promotion the number was tripled. He attributed this to the strong local interest stirred up by people working on the convention and the attraction of Cobo Hall which has just been built.

Mr. McKenna praised workers in registration lines who came from Detroit area churches and spent a whole week in service at the convention. "Many of these people were employed and arranged with their employers to take part of their vacation during this time."

Because the attendance was higher than expected the supply of convention packets, directories and badges was exhausted and additional supplies were necessary. Those in attendance came from 43 of the 50 states, from Canada and two foreign countries, and represented over a thousand local churches. The largest out-of-state delegations came from Ohio with 224, Illinois with 120, Indiana with 117, and New York with 109.

—NSSA News Release

FROM FLAT RIVER:

Tuesday evening, October 3, the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met at the church. The opening song was, "I Gave My Life For Thee," followed with prayer by Bertha Hovis. The Scripture, Psalm 78:2-7, was read by Faron Jones. During the business session the minutes of the September meeting was read and approved. Edith Keeney was elected Program Prayer Chairman.

A letter from Mrs. Eunice Edwards, extending welcome to the organization was read. Miss Pansy Keeney gave a solo, "It Pays to Serve Jesus." The introduction to the program, "Abounding Unto Every Good Work Through the Youth Auxiliaries," was given by Faron Jones. Topic I: "A Vision of the Value of the Youth Auxiliary," was given by Marion Wilson. Topic II: "Preparation of Youth Auxiliary Sponsor," by Shirley Vineyard. Topic III: "Fulfilling the Position of Youth Chairman," by Jean Blakeley. Topic IV: "The Results," by Anna Mae Faircloth.

The closing hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," was sung by the twelve in attendance. The benediction was by Alverta Davis.

Cor. -Sec., Jean Blakeley

Education Is Incomplete Without God, Says Gov. Hatfield

Vancouver, Wash. (CNS)—

The place of religion in public education and the necessity of studying communism in order to properly understand it were stressed by Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon. He addressed an area meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER, 1961

Received:

Mtn. Valley Church	\$ 31.10
Thayer Church	29.26
Skyline Armourdale Church	25.00
Victory Church	48.00
Carterville Church	18.70
First Church, Monett	84.52
South Side Church	39.60
First Church, Flat River	273.48
Alton Church	8.00
Union Light Church	5.45
Parkview Church, Desloge	214.93
Mill Creek Church	41.20
Mill Creek Sunday School	11.53
Fellowship Church	143.09
First Church, Mtn. Grove	400.00
Beacon Church	54.94
Mine La Motte Church	7.00
Hickory Grove Church	21.96
St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting	156.45

Total \$1614.21

Disbursed:

National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$968.52
State Promotional Work	322.84
State Home Missions	48.42
State General Fund	80.71
State Youth Camp	80.71
Free Will Baptist Gem	80.71
Superannuation Board	16.15
Skyline Armourdale Mission	16.15

Total \$1614.21

which was attended by some 300 ministers and laymen.

While supporting the principle of separation of church and state the governor declared, "We cannot take God out of education and still have a fully complete educational system. To do so is academically impossible." In answer to critics who would remove "anything having to do with the Judaeo-Christian faith" from the schools, he pointed out that a complete view of literature was not possible without including the Psalms of the Bible. In philosophy, he said, it is necessary to study the philosophy of Jesus Christ in order to have a complete picture of the world's philosophy.

Concerning the study of history, Hatfield asserted, "Jesus Christ is the author of history. In addition," he said, "theology, morals and ethics all must stem from the Word of God."

The governor also decried the present practice of allowing prayer at public meetings when the same thing is held unconstitutional in public schools. "We don't wish to invade peoples rights to be atheists or agnostics, but

we cannot allow a minority to exercise majority rights," he said.

To effectively combat communism, he said that it was necessary to have a proper understanding of it and yet be careful of the materials from which one obtains his knowledge. He specifically commended **United Evangelical Action** magazine which is published by the National Association of Evangelicals for its informative lesson materials on communism. He suggested that people be encouraged to "become alert citizens, to read proper materials and to take advantage of the church library."

Hatfield urged NAE members to greater missionary endeavor and challenged them to be awake and alert for opportunities around them so that they may offer "suggestions and even leadership in world affairs. We cannot match the Communist world man for man, or gun for gun, but we have a power and strength that can only be found in the cross of Jesus Christ... We can only fight the sickle with the cross."

Pray for World Peace

SERMON OF THE MONTH

WHERE SHOULD A CHRISTIAN GO FOR HIGHER EDUCATION?

By S. A. Witmer

How shall I prepare for my life's service? What considerations should I put first? To what school should I go?

These are the increasingly difficult kind of questions faced by Christian young people and their parents today as education becomes more complex. In no other decisions except possibly those concerning marriage do young people more urgently need God's guidance.

The key to such guidance is simple obedience—unqualified willingness to do the will of God. But a necessary preliminary is the gathering of accurate information.

This article is an attempt to provide such information. While it cannot include all the pertinent data on such a broad subject, it does attempt a helpful survey of the major problems and opportunities facing Christian young people who seek preparation beyond high school.

At the outset it is important to realize that guidance from the Christian point of view is not always available from high school vocational counsellors. Some are sympathetic, while others have no understanding of Christian values. Some are even prejudiced.

I know of a fine young Christian who felt a call to prepare for Christian service. He shaped most of his high school program for later theological education and even sent his application to a Bible college. But before completing high school, an exceptionally high score in a national mathematics examination brought a lucrative scholarship offer. This inducement, plus pressure from counsellors to take advanced work in mathematics, led this boy to drop his plans for theological preparation, cancel his application and accept the scholarship.

The counsellors thought only in terms of aptitude and use of his talent

for the national interest. Certainly mathematics and science are fields in which devoted Christians may be called of God to serve, but in this case it is probable that a missionary or a pastor or an evangelist was lost to the cause of the gospel.

Christian young people may profit from listening to vocational counsellors. But they should also talk over their educational needs with parents, pastors and educators—persons who are definitely Christian in their convictions and outlook.

The amazing complexity of higher education in America calls for informed judgment. Early in our nation's history, there were four professions—law, medicine, teaching, and the ministry. Today in the healing arts alone there are scores of professions and specialties.

Just since World War II, the nursing profession has branched into several orders calling for variations in amount and quality of preparation. A similar development has taken place in the teaching profession. Even the number of professions has greatly multiplied. Science has spawned an incredible variety of "ologists." In addition, modern technology has given rise to an amazing number of professional and technological occupations. Corresponding to this vast complex is the intricate maze of American education with its trade schools, colleges and professional schools.

Fortunately, the high school senior does not ordinarily need to make all his choices at once. A medical student, for example, is usually well along with his medical education before he chooses a specialty. A student may begin preparing for the ministry before he knows what his eventual type of service will be. Of course, the sooner he knows, the more definitely he can plan.

Those who counsel, as well as those who question, will profit from this thoughtful advice from one who is thoroughly familiar with the opportunities for Christian students.

It should be kept in mind, however, that a God-planned life moves in a straight line from the divine point of view, not necessarily from the human. In the life of Moses there was a forty-year desert interlude between university preparation and his "life's work."

Evangelical circles of our day provide many examples of this principle. Bishop Leslie R. Marston of the Free Methodist Church was a graduate specialist in child psychology before becoming a churchman. Dr. Roger Voskuyl was in nuclear science before God called him to be president of Westmont College. **The important thing is to let God plan one's life according to His ways and will.**

From the standpoint of preparation, vocational professions fall into two classes. First, there are those, like medicine and law, that require a basic college education before training for a profession in a graduate (above college) school. Second, there are those that provide preparation for vocation on the college or post-high school level.

Among the latter are two classes of schools. Vocational or technical schools are highly specialized and give little more than the training necessary for occupational skills. Examples are business colleges and hospital nurses' training schools. Their programs afford little time for general education.

Regular colleges differ from purely vocational schools in that education for culture and breadth of knowledge is considered as important, or more so, than the acquisition of skills. Teaching, engineering, and music are among the professions for which preparation can be obtained in regular colleges. In each, preparation can be continued in graduate schools.

Probably most of those who can read these pages will prefer a Christian school to a secular, but it is not always

possible to secure the desired kind of vocational or technical training under Christian auspices. It is possible, however, to prepare for such professions as teaching, music and engineering in Christian liberal arts colleges. (Only a few, including Geneva College and John Brown University, offer courses in engineering.) In addition, quite a number of evangelical Christian liberal arts colleges offer pre-professional programs in the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, engineering and law.

Before selecting a college for pre-professional preparation, a student should be certain that it offers all the work required for the graduate professional school he expects to attend. For example, medical schools require certain courses in science. If an applicant lacks these, he will need to make them up as deficiencies, which may require an additional year of preparation. Since requirements in medical schools vary, the student should be familiar with the specific demands of the medical school he expects to attend.

Preparation for church vocation or Christian ministries has a large place on the college or post-high school level. This includes pre-seminary preparation either in a sound Christian liberal arts college or in a Bible college which offers a substantial amount of general education along with its Bible major. Statistical evidence shows that such students are more appropriately conditioned for seminary work and do better than those who have prepared in a secular college.

Bible institutes and colleges, of course, offer preparation for other ministries than the pastorate. They are outstanding in the training they give to missionary candidates. A number of evangelical bodies look to their Bible colleges to prepare students for all their ministerial needs at home and abroad. Other denominations are developing Bible institutes to supplement their colleges and seminaries to prepare men and women for such ministries as parish work, church secretarial work, missions, and Christian education. A few schools, led by Moody Bible Institute, offer thorough training in such highly specialized fields as missionary aviation and radio technology.

But what of those who for one reason or another will go from high school into secular colleges or universities? Those in this group often face a critical problem. Going to college involves much more than obtaining an education for vocation. What happens to

the young person's faith, his attitudes and his heart are as important as what happens to his mind.

The secularization of much of higher education on the one hand and the need of students, particularly those of college age, to become established in the Christian faith call for careful discrimination in selecting a college.

The years immediately following high school are critical. The need for "growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" must be given first consideration. Unless the student acquires the Christian world view in college, he is likely to become lost in the wastelands of skepticism and humanism.

On my desk, as I write, is a letter from a Christian mother, who is a high school teacher of art. She says:

"Leading a student to decide for a state or a liberal arts college is against my better judgment. . . Having completed my degree three years ago after some years of absence from the teaching field, I know the nature and degree of humanistic teaching. Our community has had its share of students who have been shaken from their precepts by exposure of this atheistic teaching. . .

"Our daughter chose the teaching field. . . she went to a state college for teachers. The normal distasteful immorality among students, the required reading (also distasteful), and the treatment from professors who are anti-religionists was taken as a matter of endurance. But when she was confronted with a bid to join a group (theater) who called themselves L.A.G., 'Let's Abolish God,' she rebelled against the system and is about to give up and go to a Bible college even if she cannot teach."

(Obviously, there are other alternatives than to give up the teaching profession, for there are sound Christian liberal arts colleges, and even Bible colleges, in which certified teacher education can be secured.)

The immediate problem for the Christian high school graduate breaks down into three important goals: securing (1) **general or liberal arts education** to broaden and deepen his educational foundation as a basis for all later specialization, ordinarily taken in the first two years (lower division) of a four-year college or in a junior college; (2) **professional or pre-professional education** to prepare for a life of service; and (3) **Biblical education** for Christian maturity and witness.

Every Christian who pursues education beyond high school should plan to

include thorough Bible study in his program. It is the Word of life that builds spiritual muscle and backbone. It is God's revelation that illuminates the facts disclosed by science. Only in the Bible is to be found the truth about man, the universe, and God Himself. It alone is the source of the wisdom that gives life meaning and direction. It is the one antidote for error. If a student's faith is firmly grounded in the Scriptures, he can more readily withstand the anti-Christian philosophies which he will encounter if he climbs to the upper rungs of the education ladder.

And he will inevitably meet such philosophies. There are few Christ-centered, Bible-based graduate schools and universities. Most of the universities with graduate schools in medicine, engineering, law, forestry, etc., are public institutions and as such are not committed to Christian faith.

But the Christian student does not need to go to a university for his undergraduate preparation. The important college years can be spent in a Christian environment where Christian guidance and Bible study are available. By the time the student gets to the professional school in a university, he should be mature enough to stand for his Christian convictions. Then his first concern will be to win the other fellow rather than merely defending his position. In this he will have the active support of groups like Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

In urging the importance of grounding in the Bible, I am speaking from personal experience. My own teen-age faith was undermined by clever teachers who regarded the Bible as a collection of myths and fables. Though that faith was later recovered by the grace of God, I was left with many questions that clamored for answers.

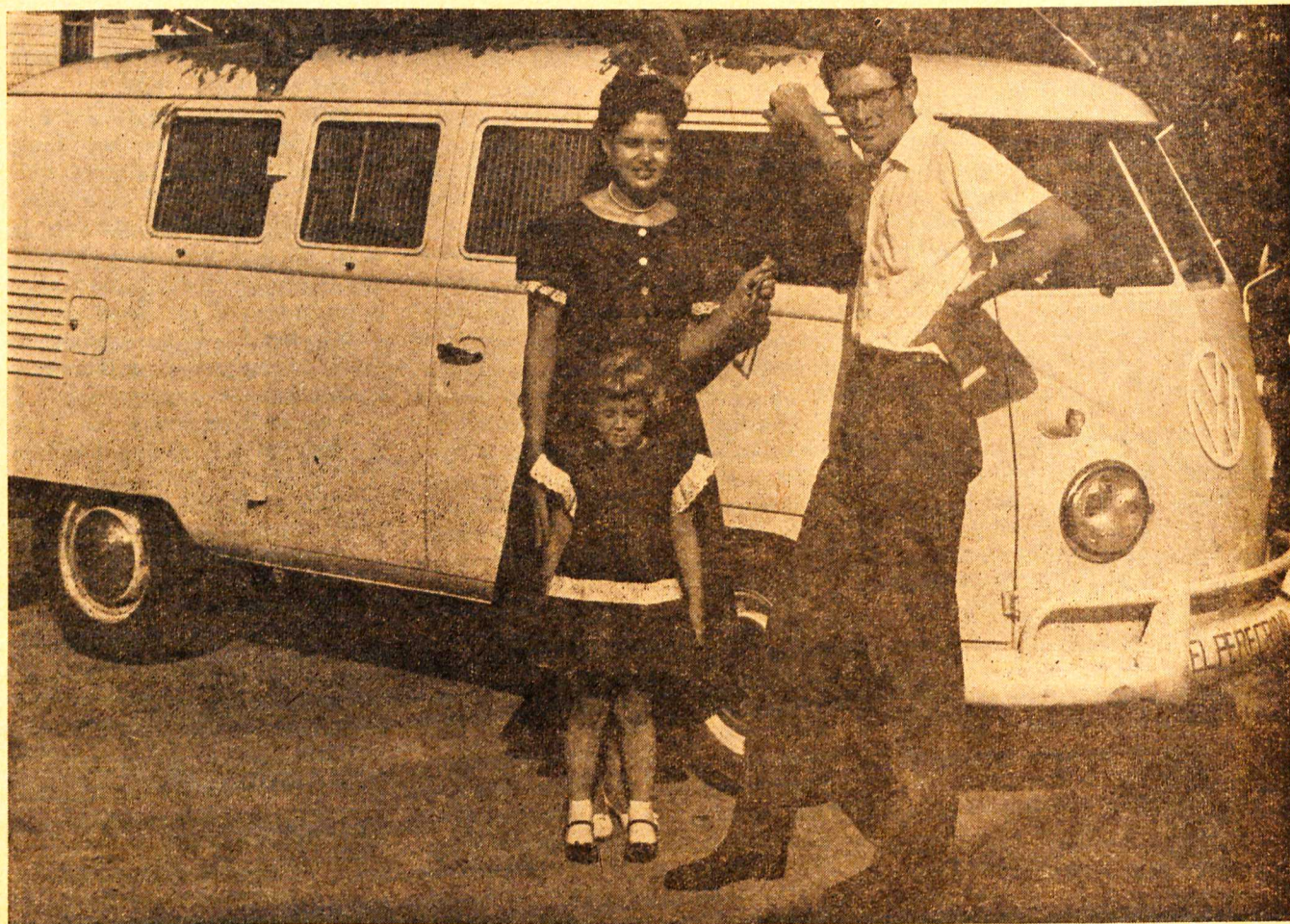
Provisionally, I was led to a Bible school before going to college, seminary and university. There, under Spirit-anointed teachers, my faith became established in the ever living Word and the foundation for life was secured.

This, then, would be my considered advice to high school students planning on college: With all of your knowledge, get wisdom—the wisdom of the Bible. Don't take the bait of mere "Christian atmosphere." That is good, but not good enough. You need to do more than absorb some spiritual ozone; you need to saturate your heart and mind in the truth of

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THE MISSION FIELD



THE REV. AND MRS. TOM WILLEY, JR., stand with daughter Alicia in front of the custom-equipped Volkswagen which is carrying them to Central America for a language refresher course at San Jose. In addition to their studies, they will be making an exploratory survey of Central America with the John Moehlmans in an attempt to locate a field suitable for a new Free Will Baptist work. The Volkswagen is equipped with foam rubber bedding, table for eating or work, wench, shortwave radio, and other essentials for a safe trip through one of the most dangerous parts of the world for auto travel.

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September 1961

F. W. B. Church of Berkeley ..	\$ 75.00
W. N. A. C.	97.83
Anonymous	5.00
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	267.00
Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists	13.19
Oak Grove Church, Mountain Grove	10.00
F. W. B. Sunday School, Buffalo	13.06
F. W. B. Church, Fredericktown	75.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church, Flat River	135.00
A Friend	15.00
Aulsburry Chapel Church, Bonne Terre	45.00
Mrs. Thora Moody, Norwood ..	5.00
Big Creek League, Yukon ..	4.15
Willow Springs Church, Mountain Grove	11.09
F. W. B. Church of Desloge ..	10.00
Wolf Creek Church, Mansfield	5.00
Senior Adult League, Mtn. Grove	10.50
Kirksville F. W. B. Church ..	54.29
First Church, Mtn. Grove	30.00
First F. W. B. Church, YPA, Kirksville	5.00
Oma Scott, Mountain Grove ..	3.00
Zelien Altis, Mountain Grove ..	2.00
First F. W. B. Church, Kansas City	8.42
Happy Ridge Church, Norwood	12.00
Liberty F. W. B. Church, Phillipsburg	40.00
Pleasant Grove Church, Anderson	35.68
F. W. B. Church of Berkeley ..	75.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. Church, ..	14.36
Myrtle F. W. B. Church	8.00
Grant Ave. F. W. B. Church, Springfield	10.00
Twin Oak Church, Fredericktown	50.00
Total	\$1144.57

HOME MISSIONS OFFERINGS

MISSOURI

September, 1961

South Side Church	\$ 41.65
Grant Ave. League	20.00
First Church, Berkeley	10.41
Finis Sorrell	1.00
Mrs. Olga Helsley	10.00
New Rock Springs Church	16.00
First Church Auxiliary, Monett	20.00
W. N. A. C. — Missouri	20.00
Leadington Church	10.00
Neosho Church	5.25
First Church, Berkeley	10.30
Herbert Vandivort	40.00
Myrtle Church	5.00
Co-op Plan of Support— Missouri	229.48
Total	\$439.09

PRAYER SHEET

Urgent Needs on the

National Home Mission Field

1. Property in Hawaii.
2. Property for Spanish Mission in Miami (\$1,500.00 is desperately needed at once.) Property has been purchased but this much more is needed on the down payment.
3. Support for the work in Alaska. Pray for Bro. Lee Whaley who is now in deputation work.
4. Support for the Cuban refugee food program in Miami. (Very urgent)
5. Pray for a pastor in Littleton, New Hampshire.
6. Pray for Bro. Mack Owens who plans to open a new work in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. We need funds for this work which is a real challenge to Free Will Baptists. The door is wide open. Fredericton is the capitol of New Brunswick Providence.
7. Pray for new mission work on west coast of Washington state.

years of work, principally by the Rev. William Sedat of the Nazarene Mission, was published by the Central American Bible Society. Two hundred of the New Testaments were bought by the Kekchis on the day it was released.

Before the public service of dedication a leather-bound copy of the Testament had been presented to General Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes, President of Guatemala, by the translator and representatives of the Central American Bible Society. The presentation was fully covered by the official press.

Missionaries Help Stave Off Starvation for Indians

San Jose, Costa Rica (MNS)—Reports here tell of a recent trip by Paul

MAGAZINES HAVE A MINISTRY...



Weir, missionary pilot of Wings of Help, to a remote area of Honduras where he found the Iniso Jicaques Indians starving to death—five having already died of hunger.

Mr. Weir went to the regional office of CARE in the capital city and secured a ton of rice and beans, which he delivered to the Indians by plane. The newspapers of Honduras carried the story with favorable comment.

Ruanda Rejects Monarchy In Plebescite

Usumbura, Ruanda-Urundi (MNS)—Incomplete returns from the general election and plebescite held in the Belgian-administered UN trust territory of Ruanda on September 25 indicated an 80 to 85 per cent majority for the republican Parmehutu party. There was also a strong vote against the return of King Kigeri V to the throne. The Ruanda monarchy was deposed in a republican coup in January, but Belgian authorities took over direct rule of the country pending elections and more recently took King Kigeri into custody.

The vote reflects tribal rather than ideological cleavages. The Parmehutu is the principal party of the country's majority tribal grouping, the Bahutu, which represents 80 per cent of the Ruanda population and has only recently asserted itself against the traditional ruling aristocracy, the Watutsi. King Kigeri's unpopularity at the polls stems chiefly from his Watutsi origins and the transfer of Belgian sympathies to the Bahutu in recent years.

Church Rebuilt

Genova, Colombia (MNS)—Ten years after the Christian Missionary Alliance church here was burned, the pastor driven out, and the congregation scattered, the work is being rebuilt. A new pastor is resident in the town and a new chapel has been constructed.

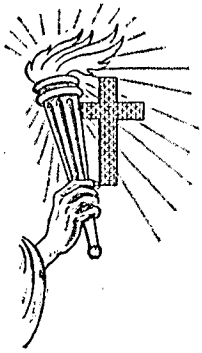
Recently the mayor wrote to the pastor: "In reply to your verbal report that you have established in this town a private school for primary education of evangelical character, I take the liberty of writing you that in accordance with our Constitution and laws, it may freely function, and that it will be fully guaranteed by the authorities."

OVER THE WORLD

New Testament Published In New Dialect

Guatemala (MNS)—Late last summer Indians of the Kekchi tribe gathered for a very special service in Alta Verapaz. The New Testament in their language was dedicated and made available to them as some 1,500 of them gathered at the Nazarene Church of San Juan Chamelco.

The translation, which represents 25



Woman's Auxiliary

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri met for their monthly all day meeting Thursday, Oct. 19, 1961 at the church. The theme was "Abounding In Prayer." The meeting began by group singing, "Did You Think to Pray," followed with prayer by Zelma Baker. The business period was conducted by the president, Berneice Dodd. The program period began by singing, "The Haven of Rest." Minnie Burcham led in prayer which was followed with a Scripture medley by the entire group. Berneice Dodd gave the topic, "A doration and Thanksgiving." Special music by Doris Raper and Norma Ruth Williams. Poem, "A Coveted Trust," by Mildred Hilderbrand. Topics, "Confession and Restitution," by Alberta Turley; "Forgiveness," by Zelma Baker; "Faith and Obedience," by Anne Eden, were given. Poem "My All For Him," by Edith Brooks. Topic "Perseverance and Submission," was given by Norma Ruth Williams. Poem, "I Met the Master," by Minnie Burcham. Hymn singing, "Prayer Changes Things," by the group. The morning session was dismissed with prayer by Doris Raper.

The afternoon session began with hymn singing and prayer by Doris Raper. Mrs. Raper then conducted the manual study after which the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Josie Johnson.

Cor. -Sec., Della Getz

FROM JOPLIN:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Joplin Free Will Baptist Church met Oct. 9, 1961 for the study in our Co-Laborer. Our subject was, "Abounding Unto Every Good Work Through the Youth Auxiliary." Opening hymn, "I Gave My Life for Thee." We were then led in prayer by Mrs. Byrd. Scripture reading was given by the vice president, Mrs. Eaton, Psalms 78:2-7. A special prayer was given for the many we had in the hospitals.

The minutes of our September meeting were read and approved and our offering was taken. Topics were given by: I, Lucy Largent, "A Vision of the Value of the Youth Auxiliary"; II, Deane Eaton, "Preparation for the Position of Youth Auxiliary Sponsor"; III, Barbara Oxendine, "Fulfilling the Position of Youth Chairman"; IV, Mildred Hutchings, "The Results." There was a discussion of the needs for our own GTA. Literature has been ordered that we may organize as soon as possible.

They pass so quickly, the days of the children change so fast, and soon they harden in the mold and the plastic years are past. Then shape their lives while they are young. This be our aim. That every child we meet, shall bear the imprint of HIS name.

Clerk, Mildred Hutchings

FROM SPRINGFIELD:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met at the church Monday night, September 4, at 7:30 with 10 members present, with 6 of the husbands present for the meeting also. The meeting opened by singing, "More About Jesus" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Scripture reading by Blossom Aghee, St. John 10:1-18. Prayer by Mattie George. Myrtle Carbin acted as Study Course chairman in the absence of Clarabel Lemons. Those reading topics were: Lena Cheek, Mattie George, Bertha Wolf, and Dorothy Latimer. Open discussion by all present. Billy Woods took up the collection. Dollie Smith gave a poem, "Lord, Could You Spare A Star." Secretary's report by Myrtle Carbin. Closing song, "Cleanse Me." We are happy to report Frank Lindsey is improving nicely and able to be out some, he is one of our faithful deacons and suffered a severe heart attack and was on the critical list for several days, he and his good wife are missed in our services.

Our Auxiliary meeting for October was held at 7:30, Tuesday night, Oct.

2, with 9 members and 4 children present. Three visitors present all joined our Auxiliary. They are: Dorothy Robison, Dorothea Johnson and Alene Collier. Opened by singing, "Oh Say But I'm Glad" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," led by Lola Long and Blossom Aghee as pianist. Prayer by Clara Bell Lemons. Scripture reading, Psalms 78:2-7 by Blossom Aghee. Topics by Jessie Crowder, Ruth Coday, Bertha Wolf and Loletta Woods. Collections by Billy Woods. Secretary's report by Myrtle Corbin. We voted unanimously to plan some sort of entertainment one night a week for the youth of our church. Meeting dismissed by Bertha Wolf. We missed Mattie George, who has been ill and unable to be out to the meeting, but so glad she has improved and was able to be in both the morning and evening services Sunday, October 8. Also Mrs. Eunice Hubles and Mrs. Kathleen Kruger were back in church after being in the hospital for a few days. Bro. Long held a revival at the Niangua Church where Bro. LaVern Jones is pastor. Bro. Long is now in a meeting in the Wolf Creek Church near Hartville, Mo. and our revival at our church will begin Oct. 15, by Bro. LaVern Jones of Lebanon. Our Sunday School attendance has picked up and was back to 160 last Sunday and glad to report souls saved for 3 services in succession at our regular Sunday services.

Cor. -Sec., Bertha Wolf

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the church for the regular meeting Monday night with ten members, one visitor and one new member, Mrs. Cliff, present. Claudia Combs, president, read for the Scripture, Psalms 78. The opening song was "Bringing In the Sheaves." Opening prayer by Mrs. Ruby Blankenship. A good lesson was given on the youth, the topic being, "Abounding Unto Every Good Work Through the Youth Auxiliary."

Topic I: "A Vision of Value of the Youth Auxiliary," by Gracie Stevens. Topic II: "Preparations for the Positions of Youth Auxiliary," by Ella James. Topic III: "Fulfilling the Position of Youth Chairman," by Eudean Atkisson. Topic IV: "The Results," by Louise Lewis. Dismissed by prayer by Addie Atkisson. Refreshments served by Helen Peterson and Eudean Atkisson.

Cor.-Sec., Beulah Gilliam

FROM KANSAS CITY:

First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Oct. 3, 1961. Opened by singing, "I Gave My Life for Thee." Special song, "It Pays to Serve Jesus," by Vivian Mason. Scripture reading by president, Alma Mason, Psalms 78:2-7. Prayer by Sis. Fern Smith. Introduction by Sis. Ann Smicker. Topic I: "A Vision of the Value of the Youth Auxiliary," by Sis. Fern Smith. Topic II: "Preparation For the Position of Youth Auxiliary Sponsor," by Sis. Saxa Fielding. Topic III: "Fulfilling the position of Youth Chairman," by Sis. Edna Carder. Topic IV: "The Results," by Sis. Allene Painter. Special prayer for our Youth Auxiliary by Sis. Alice Dickey.

Cor.-Sec., Allene Painter

FROM LEBANON:

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lynn St. Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Missouri met Sept. 28th in the home of Sis. Myrtle Cornelson. There were 17 members and 6 visitors, present. Opening hymn, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Opening prayer by Sis. Arvilla Clifford. The devotion was given by the Chaplain, Sis. Rose Eilerstein. She read the 6th chapter of Isaiah and gave a real nice reading. A prayer by Sis. Venita Broyles. All members read Bible verses and sacred poems. We voted a committee to see about the sick, Sis. Rose Eilenstein, Sis. Venita Broyles and Sis. Arvilla Clifford, all made sick calls. Secret pal gifts were received by Sis. Myrtle Cornelson and Sis. Helen Barnett. Offering, \$5.39. Refreshments were served to all. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Mary Lou Hurt.

Treas., Lucille Griffin

FROM DESLOGE:

As this is our first report to the Gem from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Parkview F.W.B. Church of Desloge, our report might be quite lengthy. But we hope not too lengthy to be interesting.

We are happy to say our member-

ship is growing steadily. For several years we had 12 members. Today we have 20. We meet each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Devotional until 10:30. Our pastor, Rev. Elmer Turnbough is our teacher, he is now teaching us the Book of Genesis and we are truly having some wonderful lesson studies. After our devotion we have quilting and dinner in the church basement. We also meet the second Friday of each month for study from our Co-Laborer books. We meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. Our October meeting was as follows: Opening song, "I Gave My Life for Thee." Prayer by Ava McFarland. Scripture, Psalms 78:2-7, by president, Mildred Miller. Ten answered roll call with Scripture verses containing the word, "confess." Lesson introduction was given by Gladys Turnbough. Topic I—Ava McFarland. Topic II—Hazel Morris. Topic III—Mildred Miller. Topic IV—Esther Skaggs. Dismissed with prayer by Maud Anderson. Refreshments in basement furnished by Imalea Miller and Maud Anderson. Games—Mamie Harris. Our officers for the coming year are: President, Effie Matthews; vice president, Ava McFarland; secretary-treasurer, Nellie Rasnic; corresponding-secretary, Hazel Morris; teacher, Rev. Elmer Turnbough. Officers are the same for our night meetings except our president, who is Mildred Miller.

Cor.-Sec. Hazel Morris

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National Association, except that any agency receiving funds for any department of the National Association shall faithfully forward same to the proper department, and we advise the district bodies, ministers, and churches who constitute this convention to follow the same course of action."

Please note that agencies within the state which receive designated money are to faithfully forward same to the proper department, but **what will be the policy if and when the National Association withdraws fellowship from the North Carolina State Convention?** Does the following motion passed by the body indicate that should this happen all funds channelled through the state agencies will be cut off from the National Association?

"That we hereby instruct the officers, boards, and committees of this convention, in the event it proves im-

possible to settle the emergency and it is determined that this convention is not in good standing with the National Association, **that they begin immediately to formulate plans and policies for a complete denominational program in co-operation with other Original Free Will Baptists who may desire fellowship with us."**

Why the Smoke-Screens?

Now, why all the smoke-screens? You can be sure there is a good reason behind all of these and the many others that will be forth-coming. To get right to the point, these smoke-screens are being used by the "leadership" in North Carolina to conceal their concentrated efforts to establish a dynasty of their own. However, their chief effort to lay the foundation of this dynasty is the very thing which may prove to be their undoing. I speak, of course, of their "connectional church government" stand.

When this term, "connectional church government," was used some months ago, a lot of us wondered exactly what was meant. We were not familiar with such a term since we had known only congregational church government in Free Will Baptist ranks. Now, there is no doubt concerning what they mean! There is the signed affidavit, as well as the personal expression on the part of several of the men who signed the affidavit.

For example, at the North Carolina State Convention during the month of September, the Rev. Johnny Eason addressed this question to the chair. "If there is a difference in a local Free Will Baptist church and the majority within the church does not wish the conference officials to come in, can they come in any way?" The president of the North Carolina State Convention, the Rev. S. A. Smith, without any qualification and with all the authority of his office, answered, "Yes." Mr. Eason then asked the question, "But does this not destroy majority rule?" Mr. Smith answered in two words, "No sir."

Here is a clear-cut illustration of the fact that the "leadership" in North Carolina is not willing to let final disposition of any matter which relates to the local church be decided by the majority. It is high time that some of our Free Will Baptist preachers and laymen within the state of North Carolina become aroused to this dangerous trend. The "leadership" in North Carolina is seeking to take you down a road which will bring you and your

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League Contract Broken

by
James Earl Raper

In recent weeks our denomination has undergone some serious changes that affect the operation of our National League and Sunday School Boards. As chairman of the Missouri State League and Sunday School Boards, I would like for you to understand how these matters relate to us.

The contracts between these two boards and the Ayden Press have been broken by the Press, and they have failed to pay these Boards the money they honestly owe them according to contract. Our Boards depended on this money derived from the sales of their literature to operate.

Our people purchased their materials from Ayden Press with the understanding that our Boards would receive their share of the profits, but this has been denied by holding back payments and breaking the contract without advance notice.

I believe our people want and would support a literature program sponsored by the National Association. We shall endeavor to keep you informed about this matter through the Gem.

The National League Board has already arranged for your next quarters League materials (1st Quarter, 1962) to be ordered from them at 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. We are informed that the League Board is working out plans on reorganizing their materials to offer to our people the best which heretofore could not be made. We understand order blanks will be mailed to our people, but if you don't receive one, just order according to your age groups, or Leagues, and they will have materials for all ages.

The National Sunday School Board plans to offer our churches, Sunday School literature later on, but at the present time you will have to order from the place of your choice. Neither the Ayden Press or the Oklahoma Board is sharing their profits with these boards. The League Board will benefit financially by the materials you order from them. We hope the Sunday School Board will soon have something worked out.

The Missouri State League and Sunday School Boards stand ready to assist our people in any way possible. If you have further questions in which we could be of assistance write me at 501 Buckley St., Flat River, Mo. or call GE 1-3235.

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church under the domination and control of a small hierarchy.

Is this what you want for your churches? Pastors, do you want a situation established in which a few disgruntled members can run off to the conference and bring back the "officials" whose power it is to make a decision in favor of this minority and thus disrupt the rights of the majority and the ministry of the church.

Leads to Isolation

This same road leads to isolation. Are you prepared to be associated with an isolated group of splinter Free Will Baptists away from the main body

of our denomination. If the National Association should withdraw fellowship, any effort to start another denomination could only result in an independent group. Is this what you would like? Would you have no concern for fellowship with other Free Will Baptists?

This road leads away from identification with our Bible College. Through the years our Bible College has brought untold blessings to our denomination. In her nineteen years of operation, the Bible College has trained a great number of our Free Will Baptist pastors and, almost without exception, all of our missionaries received part or all of

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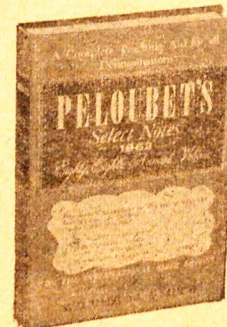


Ray Turnage

MISSOURI FALLS SHORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—

Missourians have not responded too well to the "Expanding Our Horizons Campaign" sponsored by the National League Board. According to Mr. Ray Turnage, promotional director, Missouri has only sent in \$124.49 of the \$850.00 quota allotted this state. The money is needed now more than ever in light of the fact that the Free Will Baptist Press is no longer sending funds to the League Board. Free Will Baptists all over the National Association should show our resentment to the action of the Press at Ayden, N. C. by not ordering any more literature from them. The League Department will offer literature from the Headquarters Building in Nashville and this will be available for the next quarter. Write to Mr. Ray Turnage about the details.



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LETTERS *to the Editor*

Oct. 17, 1961

Rev. Roger Reeds—
Dear Brother In Christ:

As I was reading my October Gem I noticed that November is National Home Missions Month. That made me remember the inspiring messages of two men who came to our Twin Oak Church here in Fredericktown. One was Bro. Willey from Cuba and the other a Bro. Hersey from Japan. Bro. Willey gave us a word picture of the beautiful valleys of Cuba and the receptive hearts of those he has had the privilege of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bro. Hersey gave a sermon, then showed slides of the other gods of Japan. Those slides were very revealing to the pathos of a misled race of people. How desperately they need a soldier of the Cross to bring the light into the enveloping darkness of their pagan religion. Like Bro. Hersey said, "Yes, they have religion, but do they know our Saviour Christ Jesus? Most of them do not."

Like our Bible plainly teaches in St. John 8:12, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." And we here in our comfortable homes in America in a land of plenty should remember these missionaries not only with our dollars; but our earnest dedicated prayers. Most of us slumber until aroused by these missionaries coming into our midst; then the stark tragedy of these unenlightened people who will be eternally lost if born again believers with a vision don't go out and heed the call. Like the Scripture teaches in Romans 10:15, "And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

What our young people in our various churches need is a vision of these needy souls without Christ. And what we older people need is a burden to pray as we never have before for those who have never become acquainted with that lowly Saviour of Galilee.

Yours In His Grace,
Florence Jacobs

Huntsville, Texas, Rt. 3
Oct. 12, 1961

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour. Here we are again with our report from the prayer and fast band. We are only sending \$6.00 for this month but we are so happy to send this much from our small church. I believe I have made a mistake by asking our pastors to help us put this on.

It came to me to ask our Auxiliary presidents to help us. Just see, dear women, what we can raise monthly for all of our work. We need buildings in the foreign countries for our dear missionaries and new school buildings here in our country and lots more things we could do if we had the finance. Pray for us. We are called back to pastor Huntsville Church again, we need your prayers. I wish I had all the Auxiliaries together and could talk to them a little while, I feel I could help them to see this plan and it doesn't interfere with any of our national plans. God bless all that reads this.

Yours For Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

P. S. The plan is to give the price of your breakfast every first Sunday morning, in each month and if you can't fast, not able or just can't make the sacrifice, give the price of your breakfast and if you will ask the men in your church they will help too.

Dear Bro. Reeds:

Again we greet you and Gem readers from the Parkview F. W. B. Church in Desloge. We are still rejoicing in the goodness and mercy of God. We can see the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in every service. One week ago we saw a young lady pray through to a glorious victory. The church has been so burdened for her for several weeks but we held on to God's great promise to all who believe and saw our prayers answered. As in Isaiah 59:1, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear." We still have many on our hearts that we pray will be saved.

We are missing our pastor at this time, Rev. Elmer Turnbough. He is in a revival meeting at Bro. Glen Rehkop's church at Avondale, Missouri, near Kansas City. Bro. Fred Harris, from the Fourth Church, St. Louis, brought both our morning and night messages today, Oct. 22. We thank God for men like Bro. Harris who will come and bring us God's Word in such inspiring messages as we have enjoyed today. We also were privileged to hear some eye-opening messages from our missionaries to Cuba and Japan. On Oct. 6, Bro. Willey Sr., spoke for us, Oct. 7, Sis. Willey and Sunday morning, Oct. 8, Bro. Fred Hersey. We may read all kinds of literature on foreign missions, but when we hear first hand the conditions in those countries and hardships our missionaries have faced and are still facing, it makes us hang our heads in shame that some of us have taken missions so lightly. God give us all a greater vision for the lost and needy everywhere! We are looking forward to a revival here at our church some time in November. We thought perhaps it had begun last Wednesday night in prayer service. One of our newest converts led the service and the Holy Spirit was so forceful and real that none in the congregation missed it. Oh, if we could have such a service every night of revival we could see multitudes brought to Christ. Yes, some call it old fashioned and mass hysteria. If it is, thank God for it and give us an abundance of it. God's love and blessings abide with each of you.

Church Reporter, Hazel Morris
**New Name
For Orient Crusades**

Palo Alto, Calif. (MNS)—Due to the continued growth and expansion of its work, Orient Crusades has changed its name to Overseas Crusades, it was announced here by the home director, Rev. Norman L. Cummings. The organization is now active in Latin America as well as in the Orient in sponsoring pastors' retreats, assisting in church evangelism and conducting an extensive ministry through correspondence schools.

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their training at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

In spite of the rising influence of liberalism and modernism, our Bible College has remained true and faithful to the Word of God. This has been no small blessing to our denomination across the years. Are you prepared to turn your back on such a school as this? Can you be content to forsake a school that is seeking to glorify Christ in a dark and sinful world, and which is sending forth dedicated young men and women into the ministry of our church?

And, finally, let me suggest to you that this road leads to a place of separation from our missionaries and our missionary program. One of the great blessings of God upon our denomination has been His blessings upon our missionary program. Through our Home and Foreign Mission departments, we have been able to have a part throughout the world in telling others about Jesus Christ and His power to save. God, in the program, has given to us some outstanding young men and women.

Our Representatives

From the state of North Carolina there have come the Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid, Miss Volena Wilson, the Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock, Mrs. Harold Stevens, Miss Eula Mae Martin, the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher, the Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin, the Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens, and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr. These you know, as well as the many other fine missionaries which labor as our representatives. You have had these missionaries in your homes, you have voted to underwrite their salaries, you have prayed for them and their ministry. Are you prepared to turn your back on them now? Is this what you want? Be assured that this is the direction in which the "leadership" of North Carolina is seeking to take you, and will take you, unless there is a strong, grass-roots resistance.

What is to be the future of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina? It is difficult to say, but we can be sure of this one thing—if the "leadership" of North Carolina is permitted to establish and maintain their "connectional church government" scheme, it will be

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1961

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
First Church, Springfield ..						151						
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	101	85	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	43			
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						
Kirksville	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			
New Hope, Kansas City ...	100	109	98	103	93	89	91	103	90			
Mine La Motte	29	22	39	26	28	35	32	24				
First Church, Waynesville	69											
First Church, Kansas City	67	68	69	76								
First Church, Lebanon	62	63	60	69	65	60	59	55				
Overland Church	142	146	144	145	113	113	110	115				
Third Church, St. Louis ...	99	109										
First Church, Flat River ...												
Myrtle	61	61	60	54	45	54	51	51				
Festus	21	22	23	35	38	49	39	46	45			
Bethel, West Plains	126	139	117	125	116	125	147	138	143			
Salem												
Desloge	109	105	114	124	117	109	110	108	130			
First Ch., Fredericktown ...	164	172	167	169								
Thayer							85	99	93			
Meramec Heights	22	33										
Skyline Armourdale Ch. ...	41	54	42	59	59	75	67	70	78			
First Church, Monett	116	119	118	114	111	104	115	122				

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a dark and gloomy time for many Free Will Baptists.

Your National Association is dedicated to the task of preserving our cherished distinctives. Among these is our historic and established form of congregational church government. We believe that the vast majority of our Free Will Baptists are freedom loving people, that they want to govern their churches by the vote of the majority without any outside interference, and they do not intend to sit quietly by and see these rights taken from them.

If this is your conviction, the National Association wants and needs every Free Will Baptist within the state of North Carolina who will stand with us. We solicit your support and prayers. It is our determination to maintain an aggressive and positive program of evangelism and missionary endeavor in spite of all the boycotts

and opposition. We have faith to believe that you will not fail us in this crucial hour.

WHERE SHOULD A CHRISTIAN GO FOR HIGHER EDUCATION?

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God's Word. If a liberal arts college fits your academic needs, be sure it offers and will make room for some solid Bible study in your program.

An alternative is to take a year or two of Bible before taking a program that can be secured only in a general college or university. Some Bible schools offer special programs for such students. Multnomah School of the Bible has a one-year intensive Bible course for graduates from colleges and professional schools. Since a number of Bible institutes and colleges are accredited, it is possible now to secure more advanced standing for the work they offer.

How can one know which schools are evangelical and definitely Christian? It would take the wisdom of Solomon to draw a straight line between sound evangelical colleges on the one hand and colleges affected by liberalism on the other. However, here is a clue that will help. In the pages of such evangelical periodicals as **Moody Monthly**, **Christian Life**, **Youth for Christ**, **Sunday School Times**, **United Evangelical Action**, **Eternity**, and **The King's Business** are found editorial information and advertising concerning Christian schools. It is the policy of these periodicals to publicize only those schools that hold to Biblical Christianity.

In considering a school or college, get all the information available. Avoid hurried decisions. Visit campuses if possible. Ask questions. In short, be informed—and look to the Lord for guidance.

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EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN**OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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

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