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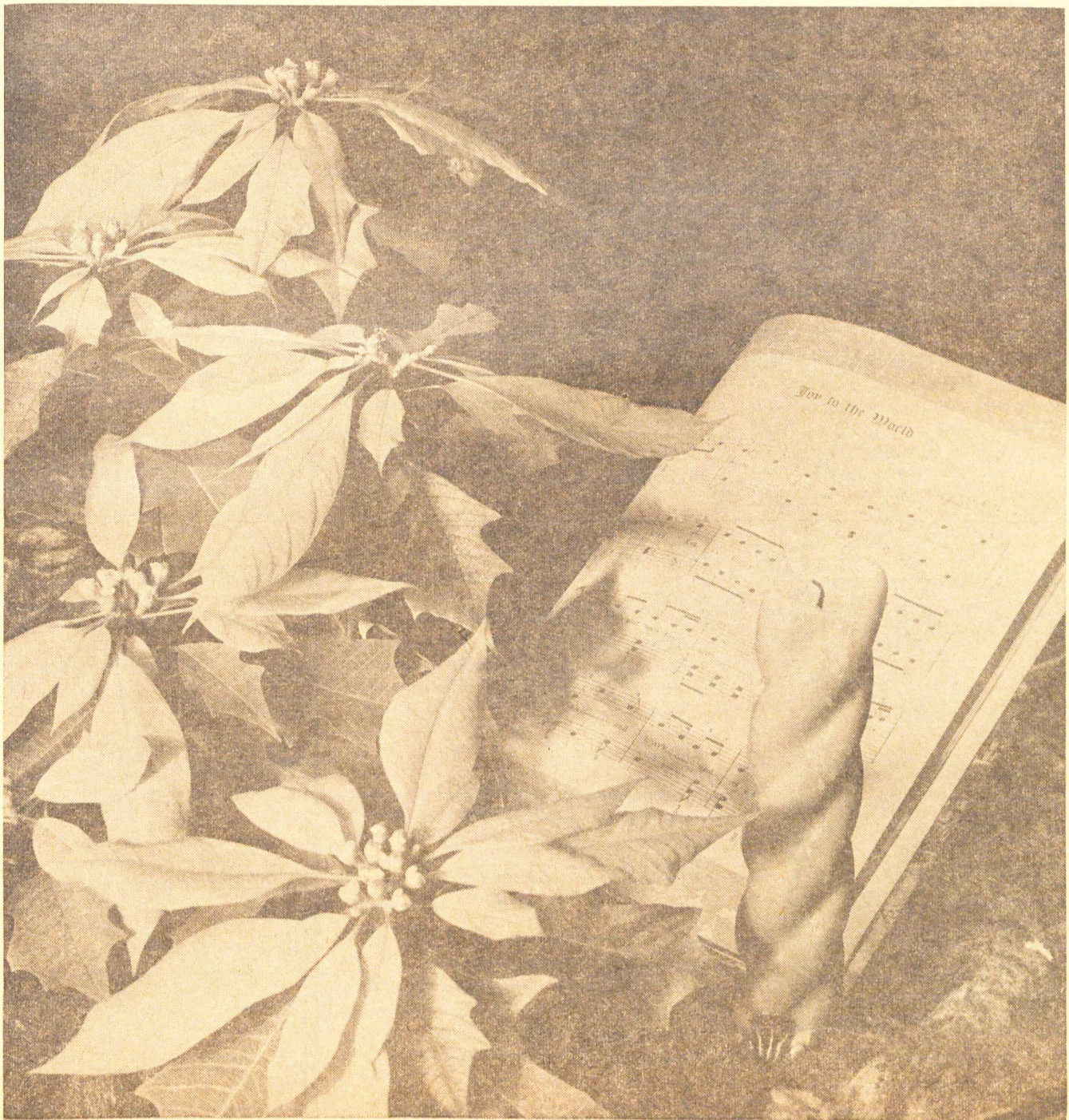
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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

We are grateful to have the privilege of greeting you as the Missouri Free Will Baptist Promotional Secretary.

We arrived in St. Louis, October 23, 1961 at the newly acquired Headquarters and Book Store Building, 3100 Mt. Pleasant St.

In cooperation with the Rev. Roger Reeds, our present Treasurer and Book Store Manager, who is officially transferring the work to me December 1, along with the Executive Committee, the State General Board and the other Free Will Baptist Brethren who are lending a helping hand, we have started to work.

Mrs. Beatty and I have appeared at three Quarterly Meetings with our Bible and book display, preached in twenty churches in all four sections of the state and presented the Co-operative Plan of Support to our entire Denominational Program, as adopted by both the State and National Associations. We are delighted to find our churches eager to hear the Co-operative Plan explained and indicate their desire to adopt the same. The offerings given to the Promotional Department from new churches and missions verify the fact.

The most satisfying of all is the witnessing of souls accepting Christ as Saviour in some of the services.

We want to be with all of you in the future, however, realizing the state of Missouri is a rather large Parish, we will be looking to you for an invitation to attend your church or Quarterly Meeting. No church is too small or too large to participate in this program.

—Rev. Harry Beatty

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.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

From the
Headquarters'
Staff

The Beattys

&

The Reeds



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BOOK STORE OPENS

St. Louis, Mo.—

November 21st was the date of the grand opening of the Missouri Free Will Baptist Bookstore. The attendance was not too high throughout the day, especially with out-of-town visitors. The total registration for the day was 109. Sales amounted to approximately \$150.00. Guests began to arrive when the doors opened at 11:00 a. m. They continued to come in throughout the day and evening until closing time at 10:00 p. m. Refreshments were served throughout the day by some of the ladies of nearby South Side Free Will Baptist Church. Gifts were given to every person who registered. In addition five Davis Bible Dictionaries were awarded. One was given to Rev. Charles Black for having driven the most miles to attend the grand opening. Another was given to Rev. Bud Arnold for having the most people present with him. Three others were awarded as door prizes and went to: Mrs. Doris Raper, Flat River; Steven Huffman, Fredericktown; and Lynn Frazier, St. Louis.

The Book Store is beautifully equipped with modern furnishings and many of the supplies have started to come in and shelves are filling up. Be sure to use your catalogue to order your supplies. Your order will now be given prompt attention.

Even though you did not make it in for the opening day why not stop by the Book Store for a visit? Rev. Harry Beatty will be on hand to greet you and show you through the building. He will assist you in selecting books, Bibles, or other supplies. **The store has a large supply of greeting cards of all types on hand now.** Order your Christmas cards from your own Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store.

If you are interested in purchasing a bond for the financing of the Book Store be sure to write to Rev. Harry Beatty. These bonds are in \$100, \$250 and \$500 denominations and pay a 6% interest. This is a good investment for individuals, churches, quarterly meetings, or yearly meetings. Why not give someone a bond for a Christmas gift? Nearly \$5,000 worth of bonds were sold the opening day so if you wish to purchase some you had better hurry. They are selling fast.

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OKLAHOMA GIVES LITERATURE BUSINESS TO THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Nashville, Tenn.—

In one of the most unselfish moves ever made the Sunday School Board of the Oklahoma State Association has presented its literature program in its entirety to the Sunday School Board of the National Association. The Oklahoma Board went into the literature business in 1959 when the National Association voted to endorse the literature of the Ayden Press. Through the past several years the business has grown and reached out beyond the boundary lines of Oklahoma. Since the Press at Ayden has gone on record as favoring connectional church government, the business has boomeranged.

The transfer of the business is to be immediate. Members of the National Sunday School Board are already processing second quarter materials. They shall strive to present the same good quality literature and the same prompt service as did the Oklahoma Board.

Churches all over the denomination are asked to send in their orders for second quarter literature to:

The National Sunday School Board
3801 Richland Ave.
Nashville, Tennessee

Missouri churches are asked to send their orders in early. This is the same literature that the Missouri State Association voted to adopt in its last session.

You are asked to not order any more literature from Ayden. Why order literature from a place that claims to be owned by Free Will Baptists but is not? It is owned by a group of stockholders who may or may not be Free Will Baptists. Stock can change hands. Why order literature from a place that has gone on record as favoring connectional church government? Why order literature from a place that withholds funds from our National Boards when they are bound by contract to pay these funds?

The National Sunday School Board has given notice of termination of its contract with the Press at Ayden as of January 12, 1962. After that they will be free to go into business and will do so by assuming the business of the Oklahoma Sunday School Board. If all our Free Will Baptist churches will stand behind **their** National Sunday School Board they can have a successful business.

SUPREME COURT HEARS CREECH CASE

Durham, N. C.—

The Supreme Court of North Carolina reviewed the case of the Teasley-Western Conference group vs. the James A. Miles group on Tuesday, November 28. The Teasley-Western Conference group had been successful in securing a court injunction in obtaining the property of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church. The Teasley faction represents a small minority of the congregation and had to swear on affidavits that Free Will Baptists believe in "connectional" church government in order to obtain the property. The James A. Miles group represents the majority of the congregation and has been forced to leave the church property and worship in a tent since the time of the injunction. It was this injunction that the Supreme Court reviewed.

The North Carolina State Convention along with the Central, Eastern, and Cape Fear Conferences made an attempt to enter the case in behalf of the Teasley-Western Conference faction but was denied the right. The National Association tried to enter the case as a friend of the court in behalf of the Miles faction but they, too, were denied the right. The State Supreme Court consists of seven men and they announced that they would hand down their decision at a later date.

The difficulty began when Rev. Ronald Creech, pastor of the church, dealt with some of the members of the church for "unChristian" conduct. The members rebelled and went to the officials of the Western Conference. Together they were successful in securing an injunction against Rev. Creech and the majority of the congregation.

This situation affects the whole denomination in that our National Association has remained firm in its stand that each church is an independent body. It is hoped that the Supreme Court will rule in favor of the Miles faction as this will be in favor of congregational church government.

To support the Western Conference, some fifty preachers of that area swore on affidavits that Free Will Baptists have always believed in connectional church government. The so-called Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden has backed up these affidavits with editorials. These are crucial days for Free Will Baptists. Every Free Will Baptist who believes in the autonomy of the local church should pray and pray and pray.

First Person Reports . . .

Attention Youth !!!

There will be a Youth Rally for the youth of Southeast Missouri District, at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Missouri on January 13, 1962. Time—7:30 P. M. Come—bring your friends—you'll be GLAD if you do. Be looking for future reminder at your local church.

A contribution to defray expenses from your Woman's Auxiliary, youth groups or church will be greatly appreciated. Mail to District Youth Chairman.

Mrs. Harold Wilfong
704 4th St.
Esther—Flat River, Mo.

First Church—Wellington, Kans.

Praise God! The Free Will Baptist Mission of Wellington, Kansas, is now an organized church. Rev. Harry Staires conducted an organizational revival in Wellington the last week of September. There were seven conversions with two young men called into the ministry. On Friday night, Sept. 29, the First Free Will Baptist Church was organized with 30 charter members. The Mission was one year old when it was organized into a church.

Rev. Wayne Bookwout was ordained to the ministry and called as pastor to the church. Please pray for the Wellington, Kansas, church.

Barbara Moore, Reporter

First Church—Fredericktown

The Lord has been blessing our church in the last few months since our last writing to the Gem. We have seen 10 conversions and 11 unite with the church. Our prayer is may the Lord richly bless each one as they go forward for Him. Our church also had a wonderful revival the first of October with our former pastor, Rev. Ben Scott, as the evangelist. We feel that God richly blessed each Christian at every service. We also pray that God will bless our good pastor, Rev.

Clarence Burton, as he leads us on in the Lord's work.

Fredericktown F. W. B. Church

Richwoods Church

With joyful and thankful hearts we greet you from the Richwoods F. W. B. Church. The Lord is being so good and has blessed us so much we cannot thank Him enough.

We have just closed a revival at our church. We worked with the Ministers' Alliance of the St. Louis Area, with a different minister bringing the message from the blessed Word each night. The Holy Ghost was present to carry the message to hearts who listened.

There were four young people who accepted Jesus in their hearts and several rededications. We thank God for each minister who came to help us at this time. We also thank the Lord for our good and faithful pastor and his family, Rev. Gaylord Huckaba. He is doing so well leading the flock at Richwoods. We know he is filled with the love of God to come to us each week.

We thank the Lord for the freedom of worship in this great country of ours, and that Jesus saves all who call upon His name.

We are living in perilous times and have a short time to work for the Lord. We Christians must work harder than ever before while it is day, because night will come when we can't work.

We must pray for laborers because the harvest is ripe and laborers are few. Pray for the Lord's work at Richwoods. There are so many lost souls here. Pray for us.

In Christian Love,
Sophia Ackerson, Cor.

First Church—Kirkville

We would like to report that the Lord has been blessing in Northeast Missouri at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirkville.

The Rev. Fred Hawkins conducted

a two weeks' revival from Oct. 15-29. There were 8 converted and 3 re-dedications, 4 more have been saved in the past week making a total of 12. Nov. 12, there were 14 baptized and 19 additions to the church.

Rev. Lester Jones and his wife have been back with us the past year, he having been our first pastor and instrumental in building our church building when it was organized 8 years ago by the Rev. Damon Dodd and Rev. Rolla Smith.

We would appreciate your prayers that His work may continue to progress.

Elfie Dare, Reporter

Leadington Church

I would like to make a report about our F. W. B. League here at the Leadington Church (Missouri).

Rev. J. C. McAllister, the pastor, is using various methods to interest the young people of the church. They are having sword drills, Bible quiz programs, also writing a monthly paper which will give the news of the League services. The boys and girls are very enthusiastic about writing this paper.

Adults are included in the singing and discussing the topics of the lesson. Last Sunday's lesson was about the church, its doctrines, its ministers, its fellowship of believers, etc. This is very helpful and enlightening.

Our League is growing and we thank the Lord and give Him the glory.

League Reporter

Union Light Church

In a recent Sunday School lesson we studied about the different gifts in the church. It made us think a lot about the "HELPS" and how important they are for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God. My church is my life. How important it is to the person that doesn't drive a car, for a kind neighbor to give them "a ride" to church. I would like to dedicate the following

to all the good people that supply transportation to those without it and especially to Bro. Troy McCutcheon, of Union Light Church.

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THE GIFT OF HELPING

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church..." (For helps)—I Corinthians 12:27, 28. Read I Cor. 12:12-27. Don't downgrade the small part you have to play in the life of the church.

"He couldn't speak before a crowd;
he couldn't teach a class,
But when he came to Sunday
School, he brought the folks
'en masse.'

He couldn't sing to save his life;
in public, couldn't pray,
But always his 'jalopy' was crammed
on each Lord's Day.
And, although he could not sing nor
teach nor lead in prayer,
He listened well, he had a smile,
and he was always there

With all the others whom he brought,
who lived both near and far—
And God's work prospered—for
he had a consecrated car!"

—Received Unsigned

Parkview Church—Desloge

We are certainly rejoicing here at Parkview F. W. B. Church. We have been in a most glorious revival for the past two and a half weeks. Bro. James McCully of Neosho, Missouri was our evangelist. Eighteen souls were saved, eight of them parents. The Holy Spirit certainly prevailed throughout our revival. We saw many prayers answered and conviction was very deep. Pray with us that we still may see fruit of the seeds sown by the many wonderful and inspiring messages Bro. Jimmy brought to us. Just prior to the revival we had three unite with our church, two of those by letter. God has been so good to us here, there just aren't words to express how thankful we are. We are sad to report the death of Mr. Monta Moore. His wife is a member of our church. Mr. Moore was a wonderful Christian and his daily life was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a member of the Master's Men of our church and will be sadly missed by all in this community.

Our pastor, Rev. Elmer Turnbough, will hold a revival at the First F. W. B. Church in Farmington, and also at the Bonne Terre F. W. B. both in Decem-

ber. Pray that through his messages many souls will be won to Christ.

As we begin our holiday season our hearts are burdened and heavy for what this Holy season seems to mean to most people any more. Instead of love, humbleness and worship for our Saviour it seems its death—sin and destruction. Lord grant the prayers of our Christian people can some day soon make this holiday as Holy as it should be. To all Gem readers we send Christmas greetings and blessings to you and yours from all of us at Parkview.

Hazel Morris—Church Reporter

First Church—Berkeley

A surprise birthday party was given for our pastor's wife, Mrs. Sylvia Hill, on Tuesday evening, November 21st. Mrs. Hill received many lovely gifts as tokens of appreciation for her love and understanding, Christian fellowship and her faithful work for our church and all its members.

The windows of heaven were open and many blessings came falling our way to make our Country Fair a success. We reached our goal of \$1,000. plus \$5.00 with more money still to come in. All the queen contestants looked very pretty in their pastel colored semi-formal gowns. Each girl wore a white carnation corsage and each escort wore a white carnation boutonniere. The Queen, Miss Donna Plummer, was presented a beautiful bouquet of red roses. She was escorted by Floyd Cantrell, Jr. The other queen contestants and their escorts are as follows: Virginia Davis—Fred Brown, Linda Delaney—Eddie Delaney, Deanna McCallister—Rickey Leonard, Barbara Ferguson—Art Pentz, Patti Barbee—Robert Ferguson, Dana Deatherage—Donald Leonard, Jackie Stephens—Ronnie Hovis, Linda Stephens—Dannny Deatherage and Ruth Ann Fritzwater—Willard Hovis, Jr.

The proceeds from our Fair will help purchase carpeting for our new church.

The Junior and Intermediate Go Tell Auxiliaries and the Boys' Auxiliary made up a fruit basket and took it to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conder, 4415 Springdale. The group sang several songs and were led in prayer by Mrs. Marie Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Conder were honored in this small way for their regular attendance and support of our church and its work. They will both be celebrating their 84th birthday in the near future. The

following were present: Barbara Clark, Donna Plummer, Barbara Ferguson, Dana Deatherage, Deanna McAllister, Mrs. Marie Wood and Mrs. Bonnie Deatherage. The Boys' Auxiliary and their sponsor, Mr. George Wood, spent the evening working on wooden plaques.

Our new church is progressing very nicely and just about ready to be closed in. Our building will be valued at approximately \$125,000 when completed and will seat 600 people. We are hoping to be in our new building by Easter Sunday. Please pray for us.

—B. J. Deatherage

North East Missouri

The North East Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Hazel Creek Church October 29, 1961, with Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. The worship service opened by congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Cyrus Senits. After another song, Rev. Harry Beatty took the stand and read for the Scripture lesson, Acts 1:4-8 and Matt. 28:19-20. He brought a wonderful message. After an invitation hymn we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Orville Dobbs. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session began by congregational singing led by Mrs. Velma William. Prayer by Rev. Fred Hawkins. After another song the president, Sis. Myrtle Jones read Scripture lesson, St. John 1:19-33 and St. John 3:26-30. The congregation sang "If Your Heart Keeps Right." Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Letters from New Harmony, Kirksville, Low Ground and Hazel Creek Aux. were read for information.

The next meeting will be with the Kirksville Church with Rev. Cletus Nichols to bring the 11:00 a. m. message, with Rev. Lester Jones, alternate.

The Program was as follows:

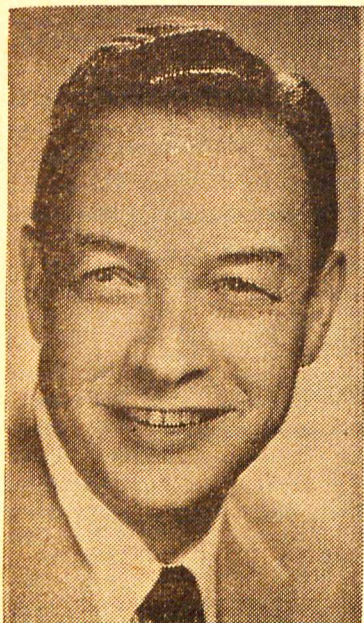
Solo, "Willing to Take the Cross," Glena Lay. Solo, "The Lord Is Counting on You," Marjorie Mallick. The Hazel Creek young folks had a Sword Drill. Kirksville presented a trio number, "The Crystal Fountain." Reading, "Annie and Willie's Dream," Sylvia Senitts. After a congregational song, Mendota and Martinstown presented the play "Awaking."

We enjoyed a short talk by Sis. Harry Beatty. The Kirksville Trio sang, "In Times Like These."

We were dismissed by Rev. Cletus Nichols.

Sec. -Treas., Leona Thompson

SERMON OF THE MONTH



Dr. Clate Risley

BUILDING TOMORROW'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS

by

Dr. Clate Risley

You need not make plans for your Sunday School. Khrushchev already has plans for your Sunday School. All you need to do is to sit idly by deploring the situation and say, "Isn't it awful."

There is no law compelling you to be active, there is no dictator telling you that you must take your place in the ranks or send you to Siberia if you don't. Khrushchev hasn't promised to bury you—just your children.

Whether we make decisions or not is entirely up to us. But if we do not make some wise decisions and plan at the same time to activate them, some decisions will be made for us. **Some of those decisions we will not like.**

I'm aware, as you are, of the grave situation we face in the world today, but if I did not have some hope I would not be here today and neither would you. I believe the Sunday School is one of the brightest spots in our dark old world. For times like these... the Sunday School is a great hope. Not the hope of a converted world, but the hope of a revival that may enable God to use us to change some spectators into participators.

It is hardly accurate to say Sunday School is the answer to any thing for there are many Sunday Schools that do not have any answer. I'm sure one of the reasons we are here is to discover what kind of Sunday Schools have the answer.

That Sunday School has done much for America cannot be denied. I believe the greatest difference between Europe and America today is the Sunday School.

One great reason there is such hope in the right kind of Sunday School is because rightly conducted, Sunday School makes missionaries and evangelists out of your Sunday School teachers and workers and makes Sunday School teachers and workers out of your pupils. **That is a cycle you can't beat.**

Actually, today we face one of the greatest paradoxes of history. During the last 10-15 years we have had the greatest resurgence of interest in religion in modern times, the greatest increase in church membership, increase in Sunday School attendance and at the same time the greatest increase in crime, immorality, irresponsibility, and

general degeneration. Some writers would almost make you think it was the same people involved in both. Granted that much that may border on religious revival has been superficial, at the same time I believe we are marching rapidly toward the conflict of the ages and that every day men and women are deciding whose side they will be on—God's or Satan's.

Satan recognizes that the right kind of a Sunday School is his deadliest enemy and I believe Satan recognizes, perhaps much better than we do, the potential there is in Sunday School and in such an organization as the National Sunday School Association.

I haven't felt led in developing this message to dwell at length on the increased crime rate, the upsurge of juvenile delinquency, or on the on-rush of communism.

All of these are but different forms of godlessness. We must be careful that we do not make of the Sunday School only a reformatory. A man who reforms without Christ is still on his way to hell. We must do more than answer communism, crime or juvenile delinquency. We must see men and women changed by the power of God to a new life in Christ. Changed lives is the answer for times like these.

Christianity Today recently described, "The Sunday School's opportunity and challenge today as a last ditch stand by the church in a free world to hold the youth of the coming generation for Christian dedication. Despite difficulties and handicaps the Sunday School now faces the greatest responsibility in its history."

Russell Kirk in February, 1961, **Fortune Magazine** says the average church today, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, liberal or evangelical is not making any great impact upon its community. He says today's church man wants a comfortable religion that salves his conscience but doesn't disturb his careless life.

If we are honest it is not difficult to find evidence that mediocrity abounds in most of our Sunday Schools and churches.

Life Magazine sought to point out this to us a few years ago and, although many of the statements made were inaccurate, it is possible that the

article did us all good. Perhaps we have advanced in an effort to prove the article was not so, but unfortunately much of it was so.

In an age where atheism and secularism conspire to dilute the Christian faith, what can the Sunday School do? Does the Sunday School have an answer?

Yes, we have an answer, but we have not always given that answer in such a way that things—the right things—happen.

May I suggest some things that we must do if we are to make our answer clear? **We must insist upon the Sunday School becoming a school.** This almost sounds ridiculous, but it strikes at the very heart of our problem and the more one thinks about it the more one is amazed that the Sunday School has done as much as it has.

Survey our school a moment:

How many teachers do you have?

How many of them have had Teacher Training? (Compare with public schools).

How many hours of instruction does the average Sunday School pupil get annually?

What kind of facilities and equipment do you have? (Compare with public schools).

Fortunately the Holy Spirit is not limited to rooms and equipment but He can use rooms and equipment.

The first step in making the Sunday School a **school** is the reinforcement and revitalization of its teaching role. We must have good administrators but at the heart of any school is its teachers.

The primary purpose of a school is to teach and the Sunday School is no exception. Of course we must reach to teach and we must evangelize, but evangelism must be followed with proper Christian education or new converts flounder and fail.

It is the primary purpose of the Sunday School to teach the Bible. When the Bible is properly taught and understood, lives are changed. If we are to build tomorrow's Sunday Schools we must face realistically our weaknesses and begin a program of improvement to strengthen the quality of our schools.

Our National Sunday School Association has set a goal of 80 million in Sunday School by 1970. This is a great goal, but it must become more than a goal. To emphasize 80 million and even to reach 80 million without emphasizing quality is to build an in-

stitution with neither **purpose** nor **power**.

Effective teaching is at the heart of all the church is trying to do.

We erect a church building—

We promote visitation—

We publish literature—

All for the teaching and preaching of the Word.

How can we put this quality into our program?

1. **Teach** how to teach.

2. **Teach** what to teach, but that is not enough.

3. **Teach** how to live.

Unless we can turn **content** of lesson material into **conduct of life** we have failed.

We can not teach how to live apart from the **teaching** of the Bible regarding the power and work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Christians.

Pastors will very wisely give themselves in training teachers:

1. In Bible Knowledge, and;

2. In teaching methods.

Although God does occasionally allow the ignorant to confound the wise, He has never placed His approval upon the man or woman unwilling to train or be trained.

Content and Conduct:

1. Paul wrote to Timothy.

2. Study—give attendance to reading.

3. Be strong in the grace in Christ Jesus.

What better outline for a Teacher Training course. Every teacher should be willing to be trained or he is unworthy of being a teacher.

Let's be honest. The people in our Sunday Schools face a desperate world. Stock answers no longer satisfy. New Christians often flounder before the onslaught of unbelievers because they are unable to answer them. Why? Because they are not equipped with a knowledge of the Scripture and its relevance to life.

The Sunday School is the logical place to anticipate the questions the pupil confronts in his daily life. It is the business of the Sunday School and church to establish its people in the facts and significance of the Bible so they can defend the truth and refute error.

The indifference or inability of the Sunday School to enter this arena of warfare is to isolate the Christian faith from daily life and by default surrender the claims Christ makes to the enemy.

Our pupils want to know:

How does Christianity help?

How does Christian faith relate to the complex challenges of society?

Does the Sunday School offer Scriptural guidance for personal, social thought and action?

We must relate Sunday to Monday.

Bible teaching must be more than little devotionalisms.

I was interested in what J. Edgar Hoover said about preaching. Preaching isn't exactly the same as teaching, but it is related.

Mr. Hoover says:

"I have said many times that too many ministers preach at a level which is beyond the comprehensions of many adults... when they should get to a plain down-to-earth level. We need more preachers to preach sermons that are understood by all people. I see no reason why sermons about the Bible cannot be presented in a vitalized manner. We need more fire in religion."

Whether it is preaching or teaching, how can we be sure we are understood? How can we present material in a vitalized manner?

Perhaps I can answer it this way:

1. Teach with the **interests** and **needs** of the learner in mind. The **interested** teacher is the interesting teacher.

2. Say what you have to say about the Word of the living God in modern understandable language, especially if you are teaching young people.

3. Apply the lesson to life situations.

4. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit upon your teaching. It is the Holy Spirit that convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment.

Our ability to build tomorrow's Sunday Schools depends upon our ability to share the truths of the Bible and relate these truths to 1961.

What is our objective?

To see people come to Christ in a conversion experience.

(That is our answer to a life of crime. That is our answer to juvenile delinquency.) But it will only become and remain an answer as the converted one matures in Christ likeness.

What are we going to do about it?

What do you want to do about it?

You can go back home and continue to do just like you have been doing. You can stand on the sidelines and wring your hands, exclaiming, "Isn't it terrible!"

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THE MISSION FIELD



Rev. Rolla Smith

Smith Resigns Post Nashville, Tenn.—

Rev. Rolla Smith, General Director of Foreign Missions for the past two years, has resigned that position to accept the call as pastor of the Donelson (Tenn.) Church. Rev. Smith, a former Missourian, is scheduled to leave the office in January, 1962. Rev. Smith was a member of the Foreign Missions Board for a number of years before becoming General Director. His successor in office has not been named as yet.

FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERINGS **MISSOURI**

October, 1961

Cooperative Plan	\$221.75	Myrtle F. W. B. Church	9.00
Missouri State Association	17.89	Aulsbury Chapel Church	45.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Altis	16.00	Mrs. Ivan Helsley	20.00
Anonymous	5.00	Mrs. Lester Barks	25.00
DVBS—South Side F. W. B.		Faith F. W. B. Church	7.60
Church	32.00	Missouri State Association	17.96
Fellowship F. W. B. Church ..	135.00	Union Light F. W. B. Church ..	73.26
South Side F. W. B. Church	155.70	Total	\$1605.26
Oak Grove F. W. B. Sunday			
School	10.00		
W. N. A. C.	21.00		
Union Light F. W. B. Church ..	38.62		
Willow Springs Church	12.31		
Hazel Creek Union Church	88.71		
F. W. B. Ch., Fredericktown ..	75.00		
First Church, Mtn. Grove	30.00		
Hurryville F. W. B. Church ..	10.07		
Fredericktown F. W. B. Ch. ..	71.04		
Martha Coffman, Mtn. Grove ..	3.00		
Farmington F. W. B. Church ..	84.37		
Mill Creek F. W. B. Church	34.01		
Twin Oak F. W. B. Church	50.00		
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Co-op	108.86
South Side F. W. B. Church	
D. V. B. S.	10.00
Madison Quarterly Meeting of	
F. W. B.	14.48
W. N. A. C.	2.50
F. W. B. Church, Berkeley	9.00
H. S. Vandivort	20.00
South Side F. W. B. Church	
League	15.00
N. Rock Springs F. W. B. Ch. ..	10.18
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OVER THE WORLD

Survey Shows Growth

In Latin American Protestantism

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—The most recent and most complete survey ever produced of the Protestant impact in Latin America has been published here by the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. The publishing of the 314-page, cloth-bound book **Protestant Missions in Latin America** and 30 maps culminates two years of intensive research and correlation of data.

In spite of the fact that the editors were unable to secure statistics from numerous independent groups, the book shows the number of baptized church members in Latin America as 3,441,415—more than an eight-fold growth over the 1937 figure of 422,395. The following countries beat the over-all average, surpassing a 1000% growth between 1937 and 1960: Colombia from 1,996 to 25,976; Brazil from 175,451 to 1,763,142; Costa Rica from 842 to 16,157; and Ecuador from 395 to 4,341.

The new survey reveals 297 mission-related hospitals and clinics, while in 1937 there were only 60. Forty-seven mission presses now serve Protestant Latin America, and there are 224 bookstores which serve as outlets. In 1937 there were 42 Bible schools and seminaries reported for all of Latin America, but now 244 have been reported. In 1937 foreign missionaries numbered 2,298, and national pastors and evangelists numbered 3,332; but there are now 7,592 foreign missionaries and 19,371 national pastors and evangelists.

For the first time the statistics of Latin American Protestantism have been portrayed on 30 wall maps (size 28" x 36") printed on heavy bond paper designed to withstand the frequent use of mission executives and other students of missions. Coded symbols depict the work which is being done in each town.

The Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association, the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, the Evangelical Missionary Alliance (England), and other agencies assisted in the collection of data for this survey.

(Taylor, Clyde W. and Coggins, Wade T., eds., **Protestant Missions in Latin America**. Washington: [1405 G. Street, N. W.], Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, 1961. 314 pp. cloth bound. \$13.50 for book and maps).

'Mechanical Missionary' Production Stepped Up

Quito, Ecuador (MNS)—During 1960 the Radio Circle here (composed of missionaries and Ecuadorean believers) constructed and distributed 944 "Mechanical Missionaries" (pre-tuned radio receivers). In 1961 the rate of production has been increased so that the output for the first eight months equalled that of 1960.

A follow-up program takes workers to the homes which have the pre-tuned radio receivers to give a personal witness, leave tracts and correspondence courses, and issue an invitation to visit the nearest evangelical church.

Mennonite Central Committee Declines To Participate In Peace Corps Projects

Arkon, Pa. (MNS)—The Mennonite Central Committee, one of the nation's leading church-related relief organizations, took official action to reject participation in Peace Corps projects. This rejection of government help by the Mennonites was based on the stated policy of the Peace Corps against proselytizing with its implied restriction on Christian witnessing, the recruiting policy which denies a church agency a satisfactory measure of selectivity in choosing personnel, and the policy of operation which would make a participating church agency an arm of the government.

This action by the Mennonite Central Committee, according to a spokesman, was taken after several months of studying proposals to work with the Peace Corps and conferences with its leaders. In setting up the Peace Corps, the government sought advice and counsel from the MCC and other voluntary agencies.

In rejecting the Peace Corps service, the MCC spokesman said that the worthy goals envisioned by the Peace Corps program could be achieved to a higher degree through the support of missions, relief and other activities as carried on directly by the churches.

Evangelistic Seminars Sponsored By United Church of Christ In Philippines

Manila (MNS)—Following the pattern developed by Overseas Crusades, Inc. (formerly Orient Crusades), the United Church of Christ in the Philippines is now sponsoring its own evangelistic seminars. Eight American pastors and a woman worker joined their Filipino counterparts for the two-month "Fil-American Evangelistic Seminars" which began in October.

The teams have been conducting

one-week seminars in the major areas of the republic. During the morning classes in evangelism are conducted, and in the afternoon two-by-two visitation is scheduled. The day's schedule is rounded out with evangelistic preaching in the churches each evening.

Congo Missionaries

Prepare Radio Programs

Hillsboro, Kans. (MNS)—Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Prieb, Congo missionaries now residing at Inman, Kansas, are preparing Kituba-language Gospel programs for broadcast over the facilities of radio station ELWA at Monrovia, Liberia. Plans are for the broadcasts to include evangelistic, Bible study, women's, children's and Christian living programs, according to an announcement here by the Mennonite Brethren Board of Missions.

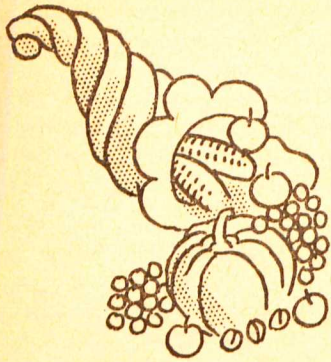
Sixteenth 'Operation Doctor'

Recruit Reaches Congo

New York City (MNS)—Dr. and Mrs. Roger Youmans have arrived in the Congo for a five-month term of service, it was reported here by the American office of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency. Dr. Youmans (the sixteenth recruit of CPRA's "Operation Doctor") is interrupting his internship for this period of emergency service in the Congo. The Youmans' home church made it possible for Mrs. Youmans and their two children to make the trip.

Reports from earlier arrivals under "Operation Doctor" indicated that they are meeting a great need but their efforts are still inadequate.

Dr. and Mrs. Antonio Feliciano have made the following report on their visit to the village of Mangembo. "Somehow word had preceded us that we were arriving in Mangembo. Patients came from different villages to be examined. We screened the patients and I selected about twenty for operations. Mangembo is equipped with two operating tables in the same room. Before we could finish with the first person, the second was ready on the other table. The other patients were in line outside together with their families, and, needless to say, there was a constant roar of conversation, children crying, and arguing as to who would be next. At 7:00 p. m. we had performed 17 operations. After dinner we continued operating until after midnight. The patients were endless... The next day we operated until midnight, then we drove on to Luozi where I instructed the WHO doctor on some operations."



CLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

Missionaries Shift Emphasis to Reach Africa's 'Displaced Persons'

New York, N. Y. (CNS)—The emphasis of mission work in modern Africa is being shifted to meet the changing needs of "displaced persons" from the jungles who are now living in "matchbox cities," according to the Rev. Raymond J. Davis, associate director of the Sudan Interior Mission.

"Africa is no longer a sleepy giant," Mr. Davis writes in the current issue of *Africa Now*, an SIM publication, "but rather a vocal, vivacious and virile people. Millions have traded the quiet, cool, familiar forest home for the urban jungle of matchbox cities."

It is physically impossible for missionaries and the African church to cope with the task of total evangelism, he said, and therefore it is necessary to recognize the importance of establishing priorities. Consequently, he believes, missionary forces must be re-deployed to reach the greatest number of people in the shortest possible time.

To illustrate his point, Mr. Davis points to his own mission which had 334 missionaries in Nigeria at the end of World War II. Of that number nearly three-fourths were engaged in general missionary work, 15 percent in medical work, seven per cent in education and five per cent in literature work. Now—16 years later—the SIM has 657 missionaries in that country of whom slightly less than half are in general missionary work, one-fourth in medical work, 18 per cent in education and 13 per cent in literature.

"In the past," Mr. Davis said, "we ministered to people as they came to us in our schools, dispensaries and meeting places. Our problems then were to overcome fear and prejudice. Today the currents of the social order have reversed and we can now go to the people where they are. We can reach them in innumerable ways—mass evangelism, literature, radio, student centers, stepped-up leadership training programs, and the focusing of our

strength on key people in the strategic centers of population and cultural levels that will be most productive now and in the future."

Essential to the success of missionary work in our day is the orientation of missionaries and their supporters to the context of the present day, he said. "Past images of missions must fade away. Mission work is not based on hair-raising stories of adventure, revolution or narrow escapes from death. Mission work is urgent and important—not because it is interesting, pleasant, easy or even successful, but rather because Christ commanded it."

—(11/22/61)

Protestants Abroad Have Less Liberty Since Kennedy Administration, PAOU Leader Charges

Chicago, Ill. (CNS)—Protestants in Catholic-dominated countries have less liberty since the beginning of the Kennedy administration, Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has charged here. Speaking at a press conference, he attributed this to a growing attitude on the part of Catholics that world opinion would not be against them since America had elected its first Catholic president.

Dr. Archer, who recently was on a world tour of 30 countries, said that in Italy he learned that the preaching permits of ten Protestant ministers had been withdrawn. Until recently, he said, there had been considerable freedom in Italy for Protestants. He also commented that the press in Latin America expressed the feeling that Kennedy's election indicated that the United States is becoming a Catholic nation.

In his 15 years of leadership of POAU, Dr. Archer has led his organization in 61 lawsuits involving church-state separation and won all but three. "The future of this battle," he said, "is

dependent upon the attitude of the Protestant community against the growing encroachment of their liberties. In this country the Protestants have never lived under a state church and are not aware of the problems which they would have if there was one."

The vital line of separation in church-state relations is one of money, Dr. Archer believes. "It is not necessary to declare a state church, but only to give one church a favored position over another. The growing tendency toward a welfare state makes its 'easy money' a great temptation," he said.

The key opponent to church-state separation is the Roman Catholic church, Dr. Archer charged. He cited a pronouncement by a group of Catholic bishops in 1948 who called church-state separation a "shibboleth of doctrinaire secularism" and a more recent statement by the Catholic hierarchy which held that they were entitled to federal grants-in-aid for their schools.

He foresaw more problems for the future since 50 large cities in this country are presently dominated by the Catholic church. Even more dangerous, he felt, was the fact that some six million Catholic children are being taught in their parochial schools that the church must be favored above the state.

"A politician represents his climate and even President Kennedy would not be strong in his position apart from his Protestant constituency," Dr. Archer commented.

In its most recent major action, POAU protested the giving of a large veterans hospital on a 79-acre tract of land in western Chicago to the Catholic church for use as a medical center. He said the protest blocked the bill in the last session of Congress.

The 15th annual convention of POAU will be held February 5-6 in Chicago. In addition to the public sessions, there will be legal panels for the discussion of constitutional issues involving church and state.

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1961

Received:

Copper Mines Church	\$ 43.19
New Hope Church	49.21
Bethel Church	71.52
First Church, Kirksville	30.00
New Hope Church	46.14
First Church, Farmington	66.47
First Church, Monett	83.62
Beacon Church	82.05
First Church, Kirksville	30.00
Hickory Grove Church	18.77
Mine La Motte Church	7.53
Copper Mines Church	36.41
St. Louis Dist. Qtly. Mtg.	256.85
First Church, Farmington	66.48
Skyline Armourdale Church ..	19.00
Grant Ave. Church	107.21
Hurryville Church	67.00
Thayer Church	37.61
Verdella Church	470.26
Pleasant Home No. 1 Church ..	18.92
Myrtle Church	18.46
Carterville Church	20.48
South Side Church	54.90
Fellowship Church	75.00
Victory Church	78.51

Total Received \$1855.59

Disbursed:

National Association of	
Free Will Baptists	\$1113.35
Promotional Office	371.11
State Home Missions	55.66
Gem Fund	92.79
Youth Camp	92.79
State General Fund	92.79
Superannuation Board	18.55
Skyline Armourdale Mission ..	18.55

Total Disbursed \$1855.59

BUILDING TOMORROW'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS

(Continued from page 7)

If I didn't think something could be done, I wouldn't be here. Apathy is the greatest enemy the church has today.

Joshua was commanded to go up and possess the land. I believe God is saying to His church today, "Go, possess the land."

Three out of four are not in anybody's Sunday School. Can we reach them? The greatest magnet on earth to pull these carnal, indifferent, worldly people to Christ and His church is the changed lives of the people already in the church.

Where does NSSA fit into the picture?

I will not dwell upon this very interesting subject. For one thing, NSSA

sponsors Sunday School conventions. God has seemingly been pleased almost from the beginning of the Sunday School movement to bless in a very special way the Sunday School convention idea where people came together to be inspired, informed, instructed and to return home to do a different kind of a job.

Yesterday I met two men. They both told me the same story. It was ten years ago, they said, they attended their first National Sunday School Convention here in Detroit—(Metropolitan Methodist). It was there they said their Sunday School conversion took place. These men were on the Sunday School committee of their denomination and their entire denomination is different today because these two men attended a National Sunday

School Convention in Detroit (1951).

Today at lunch I looked across the dining room and saw my friends, the Rev. and Mrs. Vincent Trimmer. It was just ten years ago he and his wife and a couple of others from the church he was then pastoring in Niagara Falls, New York, attended their first National Sunday School Convention. Some of you know the story. Vince went back to Buffalo-Niagara area and started the Buffalo-Niagara Sunday School Association. Practically nothing of an evangelical nature had taken place in Buffalo. They have had eight or nine different Sunday School conventions. Vince moved to Canada and is looked to for Sunday School leadership. The mantle fell on Ed Crawford and then Ed moved to Philadelphia and then

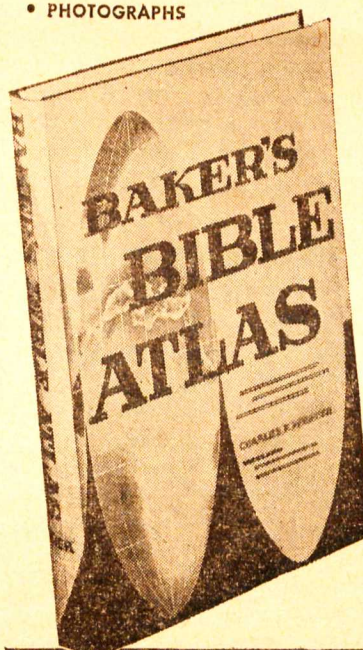
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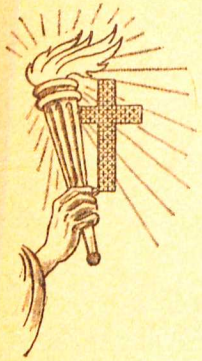
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Woman's Auxiliary

SPONSORING WORKSHOP:

The Southeastern Missouri District Auxiliary Convention is sponsoring a workshop on December 19, 1961, at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri. All Auxiliary members and interested friends are urged to attend this workshop and enjoy a day of instruction and fellowship together. Bring a sandwich along for lunch, and dessert and coffee will be furnished by the host church.

The Program is as follows:

Workshop Theme: "Our Debt Is Growing." (Acts 8:4-8)

9:45 A. M.—Registration.

10:00 A. M.—Music and Devotional.

10:15 A. M.—Workshop, "Our Debt Is Growing Vision-Wise."

11:00 A. M.—Poem, "Nothing Between." Special Music.

11:10 A. M.—Workshop—Skit.

11:45 A. M.—Lunch.

1:00 P. M.—Devotional.

1:15 P. M.—Workshop, "Our Debt Is Growing Denomination-Wise" by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

2:00 P. M.—Panel (Question and Answer Period).

2:30 P. M.—Benediction.

FROM FLAT RIVER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River held their meeting Tuesday evening, November 7. The program was "Our Fields at Home." The opening song was, "I Gave My Life for Thee," led by Marion Wilson and followed with prayer by Gussie Hamblin and the hymn, "Lord, Send Me."

The Scripture was read by Faron Jones after a short business session was held. Genevieve White was appointed Study Course Chairman. Reports were given by various committees. The topics were given by Alberta Davis, Oma Barker, Edith Keeney and Pansy Keeney. The meeting was inspirational and interesting to the ten in attendance.

The pre-Thanksgiving season of prayer was held November 13 through the 17th with the hour from ten to eleven set as the time. The meetings were a blessing to all attending.

Cor. -Sec., Jean Blakeley

FROM FREDERICKTOWN:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown met for the regular meeting November 7th with 10 members and 3 visitors present. Services were opened by singing led by our president, Sis. Vivian Burton, prayer by Sis. Jemes, Sis. Dowd read Scripture, Mark 15:16. We voted to sponsor a student again in the Mexico school. Prayer by Sis. Bebout. The Auxiliary will hold cottage prayer meetings the week before Thanksgiving. The lesson for the month was, "Our Fields at Home." Topics were given by Henel Gamblin and Juanita Skaggs. Martha Sheppard became a new member. Dismissed in prayer by Blanche Pogue.

Cor. -Sec., Pauline Miller

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The First Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met Nov. 7th. Opened by singing, "Lord, Lead Me to Some Soul Today." Prayer for the unsaved by Allene Painter. Sis. Rutha Altis, acting president, gave the Scripture reading from Acts 1:8, Mark 16:15, Matt. 28:19-20, Luke 24:47, and gave the introduction. Topic I: by Sis. Alice Dickey. Topic II: by Sis. Fern Smith. Topic III: by Sis. Saxa Fielding. Topic IV: by Sis. Allene Painter. We welcome Sis. Betty Hensly to our Woman's Auxiliary. Plans were made for our pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer.

Cor. -Sec., Allene Painter

FROM HANNON:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church met Nov. 2, 1961 at Sis. Jean Crockett's home. The president, Betty Silvey, opened the

meeting with roll call answered with a Bible verse by 7 members. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Jean Crockett. The topics were given by: Alice Hoover, Margaret Smith, Virginia Burton and Irene Thomas.

We decided to discontinue having B. A. and G. T. A. in the homes and start having them meet at the church. Woman's Auxiliary members will take turns providing the refreshments for these two groups. Literature was ordered for the group.

Each Auxiliary member is going to get a gift for a student at the Bible College and take it to Virginia Burton and she will prepare it for mailing. Plans were made to have our pre-Thanksgiving program at the church and we have invited the Verdella and Oskaloosa Auxiliaries to come and take part in this program.

A study course on the manual was held this month with an attendance of 10. Plans to have more study courses were made. The next meeting will be with Sis. Alice Hoover.

Reporter, Alice Hoover

FROM WEST PLAINS:

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the West Plains F. W. B. Church met at the church Nov. 6th, for their regular meeting and the opening prayer was given by Sis. Rachell Murray. The lesson, "Our Fields at Home," was enjoyed very much by all. Topic I: "Consecration," by Claudin Combs and Rachell Murray. Topic II: "Serving First in My Home Community," by Addie Adkisson and Lillian Brooks. Topic III: "Being a Good Steward," by Gracie Stevens and Eudean Adkisson. Topic IV: "Now Is the Hour," by Mrs. Cliff and was well given by all. We voted to send \$5.00 to the Home Mission Board and to have a pre-Thanksgiving service Nov. 21. We drew names for our secret pals for this coming year. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Gracie Stevens.

Cor. -Sec., Mrs. Beulah Gilliam

FROM COPPER MINES:

The ladies of the Copper Mines Auxiliary met at the parsonage Thursday evening, October 26th for their study course. There were 9 members and 2 visitors present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Esther Hovis, followed by singing of songs, "Throw Out the Lifeline" and "Have Thine Own Way Lord." Sis. Madge Hovis led in prayer. Piano solo by Raymond Halbrook, "What A Friend." Scripture lesson from St. John, 4th chapter. The lesson was from the Stewardship In the Life of Women. Topics were given by: Sis. Edith Underwood, Sis. Marguerite Darnell, Sis. Marie Graham, Sis. Madge Hovis, Sis. Esther Hovis and Sis. Dorothy Hovis. Benediction, The Lord's Prayer.

Cor. -Sec., Dorothy Hovis

FROM KANSAS CITY:

The First Free Will Baptist G. T. A. met Monday Oct. 30th. Opened by singing our theme song, "Jesus Bids Us Shine." Opening prayer by Allene Painter. The G. T. A. students presented a shadow puppet show of one of the great miracles performed by Jesus, "The Healing of the Blind Man." Those having parts in the play were Anita and Brenda Painter, Linda Watkins, Tim Altis, Donald Sanders, and David Mason. Closing prayer by Tim Altis. After the program, refreshments were served and the boys and girls played games.

Cor. -Sec., Janice Watkins

FROM LEBANON:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Missouri met for their monthly meeting Tuesday, November 14, 1961 at the church. The service was opened with singing, "Take Time to Be Holy." Prayer was offered by Freida Mae Hays. Scripture reading, Phil., 4th chapter by Dorothy Mosier. The president, Esther Sutton, gave a lesson on "You Are What You Read." A book report was given on the women of the Bible by Freida Hays. A book report was given on "A Christian Character" by Jean Bowman. A Thanksgiving message by J. C. Griffen, was given by Gladys Montgomery. A song, "God Can Do Anything" closed our devotionals. It was voted by the members to give one dollar each to send to the orphanage instead of sending Christmas cards to each Auxiliary member.

At the December meeting we are also to bring a dollar gift for a grab box. Refreshments will be served at the Christmas meeting. Dismissed in prayer by Jean Bowman.

FROM LEADINGTON:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington F. W. B. Church met Nov. 2 for study in the Co-Laborer which was "Our Fields At Home." We learned that first, we must be consecrated to God. Romans 12:1, we must serve first in our homes and community; we must pray and witness to them; we must be good stewards which includes our time, our talents, and at least one tenth of our means. We must not delay for "Now Is the Hour," if we put it off our opportunities may be lost. We learn so much from these lessons and we hope and pray that all of us will make good use of them.

On Nov. 9, we met for study of our Manual. It is well to keep informed of the methods of our Woman's Aux. work, and as Paul wrote to Timothy, "That Thou Mayest Know How." We also met Nov. 16, for our first pre-Thanksgiving prayer service which was held at the church. "Abounding to Every Good Work" was the theme of our lesson.

Cor. -Sec., Anna Lincoln

FROM THAYER:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Free Will Baptist Church met at the church Nov. 14, for its regular monthly meeting with 13 members present and 2 new members, Sis. Mae Baker and Sis. Alice Gay Combs. Meeting was called to order by the president, Sis. Lorene Pohnert. Opening song, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." Scripture lesson was taken from Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 24:47. Prayer by Sis. Mae Baker. Officers' reports were given and approved. We were happy to have some of our G. T. A. girls. They gave a brief report on what they have been studying about. We also have a Y. P. A. group for which we are thankful. Our business meeting was closed with prayer and we went into our program. Sis. Phyllis Miller was in charge. Our lesson was on "Our Fields At Home." Sis. Maxine Bostic and daughter, Nelda, gave a special number in song that was very good. Topics were given by Sis. Golda Carroll, Sis. Helen Underwood, Sis. Ina Bennett,

and Sis. Rose Wisehart. The following night, we observed our pre-Thanksgiving program which was very enjoyable. The Woman's Auxiliary, the G. T. A. and Y. P. A. gave the program. As I didn't send in a report for October's meeting, we had our meeting with 12 members and 1 visitor present. Refreshments are served one month by the Woman's Auxiliary and the next month by the Master's Men.

Cor. -Sec., Nettie Bennett

FROM TEXAS:

Huntsville Texas, R. R. 3
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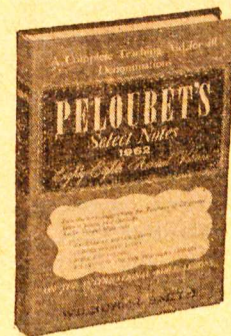
Dear Auxiliary Workers:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour.

Here I am with my monthly report of the Prayer and Fast Plan. The Huntsville Auxiliary is sending \$6.00 to Sis. Edwards, our National Treasurer, and dear women if we will take up this simple method, we can send a number of Missionaries to different countries where we do not have them, and we can help build new buildings in Nashville to carry on our work. Come on and let's do our share. The plan is to sacrifice our breakfast every first Sunday morning in each month and give the price, and if you can't fast, just give the price. Now suppose every church was giving as much as \$5.00 per month it would be thousands every month and we could soon build and soon put out more missionaries at home and abroad. Pray and work with me till this plan is established. It doesn't interfere with any plan we have only adds to what we have.

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Lizzie McAdams

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THE CAMP CRIER

Rev. Harvey Hill, Editor

Merry Christmas!

This will be our last Crier until after the first of the year and we know that it will be impossible for us to tell each of you how much we have appreciated you and your cooperation and willingness to help as we have labored for the cause of Christ in this great work. Since we are unable to talk to each of you personally, we do want to take this time and space to wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a most prosperous new year and covet your continued cooperation in the years that are ahead.

Youth Camp Board Meeting

Your Youth Camp Board met Nov. 2, 1961, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Berkeley to discuss our work plus the planning for next year's youth camp sessions. The following items were discussed and adopted:

1. Renting of our Youth Camp to other groups was discussed and agreed on by the Board as follows: That we rent the camp for \$160.00 for first 100 people for the first 4 days with 30c per person per day all over 100 people or over 4 days.

2. A contract be drawn up for the renting of camp including price, rules and destruction of property. The camp superintendent sign all contracts. (This contract has been drawn up and is now in effect.)

3. Parents will be contacted before any child or person is put in hospital except in extreme emergencies.

4. Our first aid attendant, playground supervisor and swimming pool supervisor be asked to draw up a set of rules to govern our camp for greater safety.

5. No group will be allowed to leave the chapel for social gatherings until services are dismissed.

6. We set our proposed budget for 1963 at our next meeting and it be run on the calendar year. It will then be submitted to the State Association in August, 1962.

7. Youth Camp Board wishes to state that the youth camp insurance will not pay for chronic cases and only things that originate in camp or in traveling to and from camp at session time.

8. Free tuition be given one sponsor

for each group from each church and that person must be appointed by the church.

9. We obtain a dietician to work out a balanced menu for the 1962 session.

10. Youth Camp sessions for 1962 as follows: Pre-Teens—June 17-22; Teens—June 24-29.

11. Several workers and officers were discussed and will be contacted as to whether or not they will be able to serve for the 1962 session. Details on this will be announced later.

Notes & Quotes From Camp Secretary

We have just recently received some additional news from our Camp Secretary, Rev. William Reeves, stating note and interest at bank paid in full of \$151.50; miscellaneous items of \$59.00 paid making a total of \$210.50 paid since last board meeting and leaving a total indebtedness at camp of approximately \$700. Front porch and steps poured to youth camp cottage and roof to be added later.

Improvements At A Standstill

Your Youth Camp Board, in a recent meeting, agreed that before any additional improvements be made that all outstanding bills be paid in full, therefore, if you wish to see improvements in our camp this year we must have increased financial support from you immediately. We hope that you will get behind us and help us so that we will be able to show you many improvements at camp time next year. IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU! How about a special offering from your church, Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men or other auxiliaries?

New Mailing List

As you remember, in the past two Criers we asked each of you, who wanted to remain on the mailing list of our Crier, to send us your name and address. We did this because our mailing list had become out-dated, many names and addresses had been changed and we were spending money sending out the Crier which landed in the "Dead Letter Office." Our mailing list has been cut from approximately 250 to 164 this time. It may be that some of you still want to receive the

Crier but have just neglected sending in your name and address. If so, please notify Rev. Harvey E. Hill, 8912 Springdale Ave., Berkeley 34, Mo. and we will see that your name and address is added to the new mailing list. Thank you!

Twin Oak Church

On our recent visit to St. Louis, which has up until recently been our home town, until my husband retired down here in Fredericktown, we visited your church and still remember our warm reception. We told Twin Oak Church that we had visited there and that you sent a personal greeting of fellowship. How truly wonderful it is when you are away from home and can assemble with other born again believers and can rejoice in the gospel together.

Are all of us going to rejoice together on this our Thanksgiving? Thanksgiving should mean so much more than appeasing our appetites. We should be meditating on spiritual things. A very special time to thank God for our health, for our loved ones, for the bounty in the manifold comforts of our everyday living.

Can we visualize the pilgrims on that bleak New England shore, miles from their native land, a vast ocean separating them from many of their loved ones? They were homesick, scantily clad and up till now not so well fed, and possibly just plain scared of the immense uncertainties of carrying out a new destiny on a foreign shore. Yet in the golden autumn when pumpkins were gathered, the maize, the ruddy apples and other crops were garnered they knelt in humble thanksgiving to God for their bounty. So our Thanksgiving Day was born and became a tradition.

The same pattern will be repeated Christmas, the festive board the gathering together of the clan. Yet there will be added the frenzied shopping, the gaily tinsel shop windows, the spending of many dollars that could be used for the spreading of the gospel. Unenlightened souls are wallowing in sin, wayfaring nomads who have never heard of Christ will be eternally lost, because we dare to follow blind tradition and commercialize our Saviour's birth. Let us who are redeemed commemorate this holiday season by rededicating our lives by prayer, be witnessing, by bearing fruit for the Master.

Yours In His Grace,
Florence Jacobs

BUILDING TOMORROW'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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mantle fell on Peter Pascoe. These men are all here tonight. The story could go on and on. Many of you know chapters in the story I've never heard.

God has brought NSSA into existence for such an hour as this. Satan doesn't like NSSA. Every year of NSSA history has been struggle and heartache. There have been times this last year when many of us thought Detroit might be the last convention.

Detroit has been a focal point these past months. Again and again in the office the answer has been, "after Detroit." Again and again in our board meeting the answer has been "after Detroit."

Recently when meeting with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, he gave us a copy of a special report he had prepared for a sub-committee of Congress. In this report Mr. Hoover stated:

"Many judges who handle juvenile cases have made the observation that the great bulk of the delinquents who appear before them are not regular attendants at Sunday School. I have often cited the situation of one juvenile court judge who, over a period of 8 years, had some 8,000 boys and girls under 17 years of age brought before him for violating the law. Of these 8,000 delinquent children, only 42 regularly attended Sunday School. Even more striking was his finding that none of these children had a mother or father who attended Sunday School or church regularly. I think that these figures clearly show that youths who regularly attend Sunday School do not become involved in juvenile crime violations."

The Communist Party of the United States held its 17th National Convention in New York City, December 10-13, 1959. (Listen) The Party emerged from that convention as an aggressive, hard working organization which will faithfully follow the concepts of Marxism-Leninism in its day-to-day operations.

It eliminated all factionalism and solidified Party groups. The program calls for:

1. Expanding its membership and
2. Extending its influence into every field of activity in this country.

I'm praying that history may record that it was in Detroit, 1961, that evangelicals met and unified—expanding—extending activity into every part of this country.

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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		73	63	
Copper Mines	95	87	97	92	88	91	101	85	91			
Fellowship, Flat River	202	201	196	210	198	198	193	203	209	205	192	
Leadington	77	83	80	87	77	74	68	69	59	63		
Farmington	76	77	81	103	92	87	86	90	87	86		
Fourth, St. Louis	48	57	59	53	44	53	43	66	58	63	79	
Mill Creek								42	43			
Berkeley City	217	222	211	256	231	231	201	217	221	225	225	
Richwoods	47	52	55	61	60	59	65	62	64	65	66	
Hannon	49	56	45				50	48	49	60		
Joplin	89	76	80	87	80	77						
Kirksville	80	83	79	80	84	78	82	89	84	91		
Grant Ave., Springfield ...	102	105	106	116	118	111	121	104	135	138	123	
Hazel Creek	51	47	44	50	51	51	48	54	49	56		
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	110	104	
Mine La Motte	29	22	39	26	28	35	32	24		28		
First Church, Waynesville	69											
First Church, Kansas City	67	68	69	76	70	63	54	60	57	62		
First Church, Lebanon	62	63	60	69	65	60	59	55	57	64		
Overland Church	142	146	144	145	113	113	110	115				
Third Church, St. Louis ...	99	109										
First Ch., Mtn. Grove ...	305	323	348	342	315	328	309	331	318	304		
Myrtle	61	61	60	54	45	54	51	51				
Festus	21	22	23	35	38	49	39	46	45	38		
Bethel, West Plains	126	139	117	125	116	125	147	138	143	138	128	
Salem												
Desloge	109	105	114	124	117	109	110	108	130	131	133	
First Ch., Fredericktown ..	164	172	167	169	165	163	161	164	169	168		
Thayer							85	99	93	102		
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				

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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Salem	
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Church Leader

Urges United Missionary Program

Grand Rapids, Mich. (MNS)—A strong plea that Protestant missions and service abroad be "divorced completely from sectarian creed" was made here by the new president of the United Church of Christ's Board for World Ministries. Such a step would be a major advance toward church union, he felt.

Dr. William C. Nelson told the delegates to the Midwest Regional Meeting of the denomination that Protestant union in world missions would bring unity much nearer to achievement. He suggested that as a starter toward mission unity the United Church Board for World Ministers and mission agencies of other denominations should merge with the United Church of Canada's World Missions Board.

World Day of Prayer Slated for March 9

Wheaton, Ill. (CNS) — Thousands of Protestant churches will be observing the annual World Day of Prayer on March 9, 1962. Materials for the observance are available from the National Association of Evangelicals.

"The Nature of the Church" is the theme for the worship program booklet prepared by NAE. It was written by Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the graduate school of Wheaton College. The booklets are provided by NAE as a part of its ministry to its 28,000 member churches and any others who wish to use it.

Write NAE, P. O. Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois, for a sample.

First Church—Festus

We are happy to report we are in our new church. It was dedicated to God the 1st of October. Our revival started October 30th and continued through Nov. 12th. Rev. Henry Brown of Searcy, Arkansas was the evangelist.

Rev. Chester Weir is our new pastor. He began the 1st of September. On Nov. 8th the Lester Band was with us in our revival. Pray that souls will be saved and that more people will come our way and hear this wonderful preaching. The St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting will meet with us the next time it convenes in January.

—Vernon Long

Attend Church Regularly!

Pray for World Peace