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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



Rev. Harry Beatty

Walnut Grove Church, near Myrtle, was host to the Cave Springs Ministers' Conference and Quarterly meeting, April 5-6. Good spiritual services, with all twenty three churches represented. Time was given for our Cooperative Program Saturday afternoon and Walnut Grove Church gave their first offering to the fund. Approximately 25% of these churches send regular contributions to Missouri State Cooperative Plan of support. I was privileged to preach at Thayer and Pleasant Ridge Churches on this trip. Madison County Quarterly Meeting assembled with Fredericktown Church April 12-13. Most of their churches were represented by delegates. They gave time for our cooperative program which is supported regularly by 80% of their churches. It was a real joy to be with Fredericktown Church for another Easter Sunday service, and to bring the gospel message. Also to be with Oak Hill Church Sunday night and bring a message there, and review the cooperative program with them, to which they gave an offering.

It was a special privilege Sunday April 21 to share with Bettendorf, Iowa Free Will Baptist Church in the dedication service of their beautiful new brick church. The church is located on eighteenth Street. The pastor Lawrence Thompson, former pastor

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Dear Editor:

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Rev. Dale Skiles and National Home Missions director Rev. Homer Willis were present. My friend and cousin Glen Janes was converted Sunday morning. Brother Willis brought the dedicatory sermon at 2 P. M. to an over flow crowd. Rev. Dale Skiles brought the message Sunday night and at the close of the service four deacons were ordained.

St. Louis Quarterly Meeting assembled with Overland Free Will Baptist Church Friday night, April 26. Opened with an enthusiastic Youth Rally and Bible Bowl, followed by evangelistic service with evangelistic team Rev. Hermon Hersey and Rev. Bill

Gardner in charge. The message Saturday morning was by Festus pastor, Rev. Chester Weir. All 12 churches represented with delegates. 662/3% of these churches have adopted the cooperative plan of support. Rev. H. T. Dann recently elected pastor of Salem Free Will Baptist Church was ordained that afternoon.

Brethren in the Lord, throughout the good state of Missouri; Please allow me to stir you with some current facts concerning Missouri Cooperative plan of support. For the past eighteen months, in having promoted the whole Cooperative program in one hundred twenty churches, plus Quarterly Meetings and Annual Meetings, this is our finding, of the (120) churches attended, forty five churches, or 37.5% give regularly to cooperative fund. In the same period 11 churches or 9% more adopted the program, an additional 14 churches or 11.5% gave one contribution in the same period of time. Thus 42% have not participated in any manner in cooperative giving. Among the score of Free Will Baptist Churches within Missouri, not yet visited, the per cent of cooperative participation is much smaller, than in these reported.

Missouri Cooperative plan of giving has proved through the years, to be the best way to systematically and cooperatively support every denominational enterprise. Some of our churches send tithes of their income monthly, some quarterly, some occasionally. This being such a good plan to support every

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Rev. Bud Hill, Editor
3100 Mt. Pleasant
St. Louis

Sermon of the Month

"The Believer's Past"

EPHESIANS 2:1-13

REV. KEITH JOHNSON

PASTOR OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

WALNUT RIDGE, ARKANSAS

Introduction:

The same Apostle Paul who admonished the Philippians to come along with him and "forgetting the things which were behind press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling" also spent a great deal of time in reminding the Ephesian Church of what they had been saved from.

After experiencing the glory of salvation it is so easy for man to forget the horror of his sinful life and in the same spirit also forget the God who has wrought such great deliverance. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians he described the former sinful life they had lived and compares it with the new life that they received by faith in Jesus Christ.

In this message we shall concern ourselves primarily with the past life of the believer as brought to our attention in the first thirteen verses of the second chapter of Ephesians.

In the opening verse of Ephesians, chapter two we observe that the believer was once dead in trespasses and sins. Man had overstepped the Divine boundry, crossed the line drawn by his Maker and thereby severed the relationship thus producing a state of death because of sin. In verse five, reference is again made to a "time when we were dead in sins." In I Timothy 5:6 we have Paul's own description and commentary on the subject when he speaks of a pleasure and sin loving woman. He declares that "...she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." In speaking of the cleansing power through the offering of Christ the Hebrew writer declares, "How much more shall the blood of Christ...purge your conscience from **dead works** to serve the living God?"

In this state of death the believer formerly walked according to the world. His actions were governed by the principles that were operating around him. The normal was to go the way of least resistance. The natural thing was to follow the flesh and its dictation. Paul states. "...in time past ye walked according to the course of this world..."

This previous walk was furthermore, directed and controlled by Satan. Ephesians 2:3 declares that, "...ye walked...according to the prince of the power of the air..." This sinful world is the domain of Satan. Paul affirms in II Corinthians 4:4 "...that the god of this world...is at work'...blinding the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ should shine unto them." Jesus referred to Satan as the prince of this world. John 14:30. Thus is described the past life of the believer—a life controlled by the devil! By the same token the Bible presents the fact that the unbeliever is still controlled by Satan. In Ephesians 2:3 he is described as "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."

The extent of the former sinful life is described in verse three. "...we all had our **conversation** in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desire of the flesh and of the mind and were by nature the children of wrath..." This sinful life is a matter of man's nature and his choice. In Isaiah 53:6 the prophet gives insight to the nature of man. "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one unto his own way..." The word 'conversation' in the King James Version actually means manner of life. Our manner of life was according to the flesh, its lusts were our delight

and our energies were devoted to the fulfillment of its desires. These many acts and thoughts of sin are set forth by Paul in the Galatian letter: "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like..." Look at all these things and then thank God for saving you from these. If God for Christ's sake had not pardoned and forgiven us for some of these things, who knows but what eventually we would have been guilty of every sin mentioned!

Finally, let us observe that in this former state there was no contact with God. In verse twelve we read "...at that time ye were without Christ...having no hope and without God in the world." Hope is the wellspring of the human soul. A popular saying is "As long as there is life there is hope." But man has sinned and lost contact with God, the source of life and therefore, he is without life and consequently without hope. This may sound like a paradox but it remains true that man, though alive physically, is dead and lifeless in his sin.

In this hopeless state man is subject to the wrath of God. In verse three we read, "...we were by nature the children of wrath..." In the letter to the Romans, Paul declares in no uncertain terms that the "wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness..." Rom. 1:18. In this condition it is indeed "a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Heb. 10:31.

But...this does not have to be the end for man! God has also moved toward us in love and given His Son
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CLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

Southside Junior Masters Men

The Masters Men are sponsoring a Jr. Masters Men softball team this year. The season is about to start. They will need about 15 boys to have a team. We urge all the boys of our church to join the Jr. Masters Men and get on the team.

Our boys, last year, took second place. Let's have a first place winner this year.

Kieth Tallent,
reporter

Youth Sunday At Southside

March 31 was the fifth Sunday of the quarter. Every fifth Sunday our young people have charge of the morning service. We had a youth choir who did a very good job in the singing. The program was as follows:

Opening remarks: Chesley Hill, sponsor

Hymn: "Jesus Saves"

Prayer: Verlon Sinko

Hymn: "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Offertory

Hymn: "Love Lifted Me"

Special Singing: Sue Mertz, Sharon Paul

Message: Wally Price, a student at our Bible College.

Benediction. Rev. McFarland

One soul was saved in this service and we praise God for this decision. All those that attended received a blessing from the service.

Kirkville, Missouri

The Fifth Sunday Meeting met with the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church. Because of the absence of the president, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, the Vice president, Mrs. Mildred Gilliam presided. The afternoon message was brought by Brother Jerry Pinkerton. There were several numbers from the various churches. Brother Jerry Pinkerton, a young minister from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirkville was granted license to preach the Gospel. The Reverend Kermit Crooks,

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pastor of Shibleys Point and Martins-town Church led in the ordination service that followed. Brother Howard Filkins and Brother Loyd Cory were ordained as deacons of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirkville. A very good service was enjoyed by all who were present. Rev. Cletus Nichols is pastor of the Hazel Creek Church.

Kirkville, Missouri

The Quarterly Youth Rally of North-East Missouri Free Will Baptists was held at the Hazel Creek Church on Saturday evening preceding the fifth Sunday. A very enjoyable and inspiring program was rendered by the youth. These meetings prove very beneficial both in fellowship and spiritual inspiration. Brother Cline Capps brought a challenging message.

HANDS OF CLAY

These hands of mine are made of clay,
I fold them when ever I pray:
They are all worn from toil;
I must rub them with an oil.

I wave them, when I am yu-hooing
these hands that Jesus said, when
giving, not
to let the left hand know what the
right hand is doing.

So let's join together our hands, across
the many, many lands. And when
our work is done, many souls for
Jesus will have been won.

And when we come to the end of our
day, these hands again will return to
clay.

Al Chrismer

This poem was composed by Al Chrismer who attends the Southside Free Will Baptist Church. The outstanding thing about this poem is that Mr. Chrismer is blind. We praise the Lord for men like this who cheer others up in spite of their own handicap.

Report by Marshfield Church

Greetings in Jesus Name: Just some lines to say the Marshfield Church is still on the move for the Lord. We have been having nice crowds for Sunday School and church. Our average running near 25, and more coming in for church services. We now have twenty (20) members.

On the second Sunday a special offering is taken for the building fund.

The day the building was dedicated or set apart for church services, a young father joined the church and dedicated his life for special service. On Easter Sunday his wife joined the church to become a worker with him for which we thank God.

Vada Reeves, Reporter

Perrys Appointed As Home Missionaries:

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Reverend and Mrs. Lewis Perry have been appointed as home missionaries by the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Mr. Perry is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and has recently served as pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Hartsville, Alabama. He is a native of Oklahoma where he attended East Central State Teacher's College at Ada.

Mrs. Perry, also a native of Oklahoma, is the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. I. L. Florence of Tucson, Arizona.

Mountain Grove, Missouri:

Forty people enjoyed spiritual blessings Monday night, January 7, as the

Baptist Church met for their regular meeting. The main order of business consisted of the installation of officers for the coming year, by the pastor.

An outstanding fellowship was enjoyed with the men of the Cabool Free Will Baptist Church, who were special guests of the Master's Men. They were each introduced by their pastor, Brother Ray Middleton.

The officers installed for the coming year were: President, Frannie Elliot; Membership Vice President, Ed Shannon; Program Vice President, Glen Hunt; Activities Vice President, Lynn Hurt; Secretary-Treasurer, H. C. Halliburton; Chorister, Murray Raney; Publicity, Edwin Wade. A vote of appreciation was given to the outgoing officers for a job well done the past year.

The program consisted of special music by Charles Ray, Ed Francis, Hurse and Albia Smith, Glen Hunt, and Sandra Hawkins at the piano.

St. Louis Master's Men Meet:

St. Louis District Master's Men Quarterly Convention was held January 6, 1963 at the South Side Church. Members were present from Overland, Berkeley, Faith (Lemay), and Southside Master's Men organizations. The meeting was under the direction of the president, Bro. Plummer. New officers for the year 1963 were elected.

Bro. George Rose, President

Bro. Schebaum, Program Chairman

Bro. Skiles, Membership

Bro. Chesley Hill, Promotional Chairman

Bro. Plummer, Sec-Treas.

Bro. Ray Burch, Cor.-Sec.

Bro. Albert McFarland, Song leader

Plans were made to sponsor the Junior Boys' softball league for the coming season. A committee composed of Brothers Burch, Pratt and Plummer were elected to govern and set-up rules for league play.

Our program chairman, Brother Paul, introduced our speaker of the hour, Rev. Bud Hill who brought a very stirring message using as his text: Luke 22:54.

Our next meeting will be held March 31st at 2:30 P. M. at the Berkeley Church. We invite all Master's Men to meet with us. If your church has no Master's Men, let us help you organize.

THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

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phase of the Lord's work, why not in the near future make a special offering to Missouri cooperative fund? Or better still, adopt the cooperative plan of regularly giving and send through your Missouri State Association Headquarters 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St., St. Louis, Missouri. Fifty five percent will be forwarded to Free Will Baptist National Headquarters, Nashville, Tenn. and there disbursed into seven departments of the National Association. Forty five percent remains in Missouri, and is disbursed into six state enterprises. For each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) given in the Mo. State associational year July 1962, to July 1963, the monies will be allocated into thirteen departments, as follows:

F. W. B. National Foreign Missions	\$15.95
F. W. B. Bible College	11.55
National Association Executive or Promotional	11.00
F. W. B. National Home Missions	8.80
F. W. B. League Department ..	5.50
F. W. B. National Superannuation	1.65
F. W. B. Stewardship Commission55
Mo. F. W. B. Promotional Dept.	20.00
Mo. State Home Missions	9.00
F. W. B. Gem	5.00
F. W. B. Youth Camp	5.00
General Fund	5.00
Mo. F. W. B. State Superannuation	1.00
	100%

Promotional Secretary and Field Worker:

Harry Beatty

April Cooperative Receipts:

Houston	\$ 85.89
Aulsbury	83.50
Myrtle	95.80
Farmington	50.95
Fellowship	75.00
Monett	64.55
Carterville	11.40
Thayer	41.87
Beacon	84.54
Mill Creek	53.92
South Side St. Louis	67.80
Fredericktown	262.15
Walnut Grove—In Cave Springs Association	8.75
St. Louis District	162.92
Pleasant Hill	11.00
Twin Oak	68.95

Olivett	19.27
Mt. Pisgah—In Mission Association	15.00
Victory	84.08
Union Light	3.70
Alton	10.00
Oak Hill—In Madison County	7.00
Viburnum—In Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting	34.00
St. Louis District	488.85
Copper Mines	38.75
Hannon	27.00
Monett	68.40
Rock Chapel—In Mission Association	22.74
Mine La Motte	10.48
Mill Creek Sunday School ..	13.03
Verdella	425.54
Oak Grove	5.00
Total	\$2501.83

DISBURSED:

F. W. B. National Ass'n.	\$1376.00
Mo. Promotional Dept.	500.37
Missouri Missions	225.17
Gem	125.09
Youth Camp	125.09
General Fund	125.09
Mo. State Superannuation ..	25.02
Total Disbursed	\$2501.83

SERMON OF THE MONTH

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to bear His worth in our place and when we by faith acknowledge Christ as our Saviour and Lord, **the past is blotted out.** In the act of confession of sin, God forgives and forgets the sinful past. Isaiah describes this rich mercy of God in these terms: "Behold, for peace I had great bitterness, but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption for thou hast cast all my sin behind thy back." Isaiah 38:17. God assures us that "If we confess our sin he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

In this manner, the past can be remedied. God does forgive and cleanse. He gives to us a clean record sheet to write upon. "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are made new." II Cor. 5:17.



THE MISSION FIELD

The National Home Missions Board has a budget of \$110,000.00 for this year which means, in order to maintain our ministry of church extension and evangelism we must receive in gifts:

\$9,169.00 per month
300.00 per day
12.50 per hour

Some can support the work for one day or more, most can support for one hour, and all can give something. This month finds us \$3,205.47 behind in our giving, so you are challenged to give enough to support the missionary cause for one hour or more if you possibly can.

Board Adopts Foreign Language Literature Program

NASHVILLE—A definite step regarding production of foreign language literature has been taken by the Board of Foreign Missions meeting in annual session here April 2-5.

The board adopted a proposal by Director of Publications Jerry Ballard calling for immediate production of evangelistic tracts and other materials needed in the denomination's Latin American ministry and for immediate production to begin on a two-color evangelistic quarterly magazine for use in Latin America by 1964.

An expansion of Portuguese tract production is included in the program along with a Portuguese version of the magazine by 1965.

An expansion of Portuguese tract been employed by the board to work in this area.

This step is being taken in view of the lack of evangelistic material available in Spanish and Portuguese. A recent survey reveals that only four per cent of evangelical literature in Spanish is directed to the unsaved.

God Worked Behind Cuban Bars

MIAMI—The story of Cuban Brigade 2506 is now history. Except for the story of Juan Cabrera and the way God used him behind prison bars.

Juan had been a Free Will Baptist lay preacher in pre-Castro Cuba.

He was a rifle-carrying soldier when captured following the Bay of Pigs battle. He was taken to the El Principe prison in Havana.

There Juan started a Bible class in his three feet by six feet room. The original four members grew. Even the communist guard was found listening attentively. And men began to come to Christ. Out of the group of 214 men imprisoned with Juan, some 50 were won to the Lord.

Now the prisoners are free men. The Christians remain together, most of them attending the Free Will Baptist Spanish mission here. Of Juan Cabrera, leaders of Brigade 2506 say, "There, indeed, is a Godly man."

Receipts from Missouri for National Home Missions for March 1963

W. N. A. C., Hqts.	\$117.52
South Side Church St. Louis ..	36.40
Mr. & Mrs. Lindell	
Willhite, St. Louis	4.00
Mo. State Assn., St. Louis ..	5.50
Coon Creek Church Hartville	14.69
Co-op, Hqts.	104.83
Myrtle Church	5.00
Finis E. Sorrell, Myrtle	1.00
Mrs. Ruth Long, Phillipsburg	12.00
Fredericktown Church	20.00
First Woman's Aux., Monett	10.00
Liberty Church, Lebanon	22.51
First Church, Lebanon	49.00
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Fyr, Monett	5.00
Bessie Yeley Circle, Monett ..	10.00
Merl's Chapel Church, Cassville	23.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Shaner,	
Bonne Terre	11.00
Mary-Martha Circle,	
Mtn. Grove	5.00
Myrtle Church	5.00
Grace Church, Arnold	23.72
Festus Church	12.20
Berkeley Church	50.00
Richwoods Church	29.40
Southside Conference, St. Louis	16.75
Berkeley Conference, St. Louis	25.92
Robert Sharry, from Mo.	16.00
Festus Church	2.00
South Side Church, St. Louis	90.53
Mrs. Ralph Shrum, Monett ..	7.00

Grant Ave. Aux., Springfield	5.00
Fourth Church, Maplewood ..	14.80
Louis Willhite, St. Ann	2.00

Total Receipts \$756.77
H. E. Willis, Treas.

April 1, 1963

Friends:

Please make the following accounts an object of your prayers. For the quarter just closed these accounts have deficits that need to be caught up.

Alaska (Rev. & Mrs. Kirby Joe Godwin) \$534.98.

Northwest (Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite) \$704.20.

Colorado (Rev. & Mrs. Roy Thomas) \$428.30.

Cuban (Rev. & Mrs. Melitino Martinez) \$286.00, (Miss Bessie Yeley) \$244.00, (Building Fund-Miami) \$3,201.33.

Canada (Rev. & Mrs. Mack Owens) \$267.24.

Hawaii (Rev. & Mrs. Luther Sanders) \$4.33, (building fund) 1,867.04.

District of Columbia (Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Walker) \$550.36.

Kansas (Rev. & Mrs. Robert Sharry) \$146.18.

Will you do something special for this need at this time?

The Lord bless you.

Sincerely,

Homer E. Willis
General Director

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS.

MISSOURI

March, 1963

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Duke	\$ 2.00
South Side Church	155.70
Mo. State Assn.	80.99
Myrtle Church	7.76
Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Thomas	10.00
Cooperative Plan of Support	190.00
Fredericktown Church	40.00
Oma L. Scott	3.00
Oak Grove S. S. Class	15.00
Fellowship Church	135.00
Grant Avenue League	10.00
Willow Springs Church	12.43
Jackie Wantland	20.00

Berkeley Church	105.00	Thelma Hoyt	5.00
Beacon G. T. A. Group		Pleasant Hill Church	5.50
Raytown	7.55	Mr. A. L. Hays	5.00
Mary Martha Circle	15.00	Festus Church	3.00
Mountain Grove	15.00	Hurryville Church	25.00
Lester Barks	25.00	Chares R. Smith	5.00
Berkeley Church	50.00	Parkview Church	25.00
South Side Conference	16.76	W. N. A. C.	21.50
Berkeley Conference	25.91	Aulsbury Chapel Church	15.00
Myrtle Church	15.57	Fourth Church, Brentwood ..	69.63
South Side Church	90.53		
Faith Church	29.73	Total	\$1384.69
Grace Church	4.20		
Edward Schaffer50	Evangelical Leader Calls for Legisla-	
Charles Douglas	50.00	tion If Court Fails to Clarify School	
Pleasant Grove Church	59.95	Prayer Issue	
Grant Avenue Church	27.48	WINONA LAKE, Ind. (CNS)—If	
J. A. Hoyt	10.00	the Supreme Court's forthcoming rul-	

ing on prayer and Bible reading in the public schools does not adequately clarify the presently confused issue, evangelicals should support legislation that would, Dr. George L. Ford told a conference here discussing church-state problems.

Dr. Ford is executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, a cooperative Protestant organization numbering 40 denominations in its membership.

In his speech to the NAE-sponsored conference, Dr. Ford said "the public school yard is probably about the bloodiest battleground in this present conflict on church and state."

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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:

Fellowship Rev. James Earl Raper
 Amity Rev. Gordon Heckendorn
 Black Oak Rev. Melvin Nelson
 New Lebanon Rev. Glen Jones
 Leadington Rev. Robert Wilfong
 Copper Mines Rev. Willard Darnell
 Myrtle Rev. Dale Skiles
 Kirksville Rev. Lester Jones
 Overland Rev. Harry Asher
 Berkeley Rev. Harvey Hill
 Farmington
 Verdella Rev. Winfred Davis
 Richwoods Rev. Gaylord Huckaba
 Old Bethel Rev. Clarence Burcham
 Mt. Zion Rev. Ralph Cook
 South Side Rev. Al McFarland
 Thayer Rev. W. H. Bostic
 Carterville Rev. Wm. Beazley
 Fredericktown Rev. C. H. Burton
 Pleasant Grove Rev. Tommy Carlson
 Martinstown Rev. Kermit Crooks
 Hannon Rev. Lester Nutting
 First, Flat River Rev. Gene Norris
 Alton Rev. Millard Ehrhardt
 Trinity, St. Louis Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
 Salem Rev. H. T. Dann
 First, Waynesville Rev. Marvin Allsman
 Grace, Arnold Rev. John Land
 Faith & Hope Rev. A. A. Hogue
 Union Rev. Ezra Butts
 First Church, Aurora Rev. Edward Climer
 Springfield Rev. Henry Long
 Faith Rev. Bud Arnold
 Marshfield Rev. Wm. Reeves

Neosho Rev. Robert Duck
 Mine La Motte Rev. Albert Halbrook
 Union Light Rev. O. D. Matthews
 Bethel Rev. Davie Combs
 Mt. Pisgah Rev. Fred Wynn
 Fourth, St. Louis Rev. Max Courtney
 Twin Oaks Rev. Truman Huffman
 Victory Rev. Glen Rehkop
 Mill Creek Rev. Lloyd Durbin
 Beacon Rev. Woodrow Matthews
 First, Kansas City Rev. Alice Dickey
 New Hope
 Merl's Chapel Rev. O. T. Allred
 Oskaloosa Rev. O. J. Mackey
 Jones Chapel
 Pleasant Ridge Rev. Len Gardner
 New Harmony Rev. Mildred Gilliam
 Grant Ave. Rev. O. T. Dixon
 Monett Rev. Tommy Day
 Aulsberry Chapel Rev. Dean Burpo
 Lebanon Rev. Dale Jones
 Mountain Valley Rev. Homer Smith
 Liberty Rev. Cleo Covington
 Desloge Rev. Webb
 Meremac Heights Rev. Bud Hill
 Mendota Mission Rev. Alta Mikel
 Festus Rev. Chester Weir
 Pleasant Hill Church Rev. J. W. King
 Macedonia Church Rev. Selph Jones
 First Church, Greenfield Rev. Lowell Martin
 Hickory Grove Rev. Ralph Cook
 Northside Rev. Frank Giunta
 Hazel Creek Rev. Cletus Nichols
 Olivet—Marshall

Evangelical Leader Calls for Legislation If Court Fails to Clarify School Prayer Issue

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He said that "if evangelicals do not have the courage to take a stand here in the face of strong opposition even by some of our friends, we will be consigning our posterity to a secularized country where the religious heritage that has meant so much to us will be merely a bit of history to be learned."

Dr. Ford suggested as possible "remedial legislation" California Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike's proposal of a constitutional amendment to clarify the "establishment" clause of the First Amendment. Bishop Pike recommended that the clause be rewritten to read that Congress shall make no law regarding "the recognition of an established church of any denomination, sect or organized religious association."

In another address to the representatives of 28 denominations and 15 Christian organizations, John F. Blanchard, executive director of the National Association of Christian Schools, Wheaton, Ill., warned against state regulation of Christian day schools which could curb their educational freedom.

While Christian schools "must meet every reasonable standard imposed by state authorities," they must also be alert to "restrictive measures," he said.

"We must resist the alluring attractions of state support," Mr. Blanchard added.

He contended that Christian day schools are more necessary than ever now because of the trend toward centralization in government and the pluralism which "increasingly deprives public morality of the standards that have characterized our nation to this point."

In a speech on "Church, State and Tax Exemption," Dr. Dirk W. Jellema of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., said that the forces of habit, custom, tradition and inertia are on the side of tax exemptions for church-owned property, but he said it is at least possible that this practice would be found unconstitutional if it ever came to a clear-cut test before the Supreme Court.

Another speaker, Dr. Earle Cairns of Wheaton (Ill.) College said there is "abundant evidence" that the country's founding fathers intended the separation of church and state to be

"friendly rather than hostile."

"Public ethics will not long remain on a high plane if the dynamic of religion is separated from public life," he warned.

Archaeologist says 'Minoan Bridge' Discovery is More Important than the Dead Sea Scrolls

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS)—A world-famous archaeologist and linguist has predicted that the recent discovery of the "Minoan bridge" is even more important to biblical scholars than the famed Dead Sea scrolls. This view was expressed by Dr. Cyrus H. Gordon, professor of Near Eastern Studies at Brandeis University, in the March 15 issue of Christianity Today.

The archaeologist stated that the "Minoan bridge" is an ancient language which was used on the island of Crete from 3000 to 1000 B. C. Though basically Greek, it was so much like ancient Semitic that people of one tradition could converse with people of the other without an interpreter.

Gordon, who spent six years in the Far East—four as an archaeologist and two years as an adviser to the U. S. Army Persian Gulf Command—suggests that the consequent "new developments in the study of the Bible will be profound."

The knowledge that Greek and Hebrew literatures have a common denominator will help them to illuminate one another, Dr. Gordon says. This fact establishes a bridge "that brings Homer and the Bible to bear on each other."

By way of illustration he explains how this bridge lends authenticity to the unity of Pentateuch. He concludes, "The Semitic character of Minoan is touching off a drastic reappraisal of Hebrew and Greek origins and, by the same token, a rewriting of the origins of Western culture."

Bihl Named New President Of Youth For Christ

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—Dr. Carl J. Bihl was elected president of Youth for Christ International during its mid-winter convention in Denver early this month. (March) A 12-year veteran of the YFCI staff, he has previously served as its vice-president for development and as a director in Toledo, Ohio.

Dr. Bihl has done extensive radio evangelism and formerly directed the Children's Bible Hour, a radio program in Grand Rapids, Mich. He succeeds Dr. Ted W. Engstrom as

YFCI's fourth president in its 19-year history.

Anglican-Methodist Church Merger Proposals Will Affect Free Churches, Briton Warns

LONDON, ENGLAND (CNS)—A British evangelical leader has expressed surprise over the far-reaching proposals being made in the current conversations between the Church of England and the Methodist Church. The ultimate goal is a complete fusion of the two churches, according to an official report just issued.

Rev. Gilbert W. Kirby, general secretary of the Evangelical Alliance in Great Britain, said that regardless of the outcome the talks between the two denominations would have a strong effect among the other free churches in England. He felt that it would lead either toward the formation of a united free church or stimulate other free churches to seek a merger with the Church of England.

The present merger plans for the Methodist Church and the Church of England call for union in two stages. During the first stage which could last from 10 to 30 years, the two denominations would practice full intercommunion while retaining their distinct denominational life and entity. The second stage of union would involve the actual formation of one organizational entity.

Mr. Kirby observed that the Methodists will very likely have difficulty in reaching an agreement on the issue of historic episcopacy and the Anglican view of the office of priest. He said there was a possibility that a discontented Methodist minority would not approve the merger and leave to form their own denomination rather than compromise either their doctrine or practice.

Church Leader Urges Stronger Efforts Toward Conversion Of Communists

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—American Christians should make an all-out effort to convert Communists to Christianity rather than spend their energies in programs to "stop communism," Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., urges in the April issue of United Evangelical Action Magazine.

Dr. Hostetter is a bishop in the Brethren in Christ Church and is chairman of the Mennonite Central Committee.

Citing a church in Indonesia which he visited recently as an example, Dr.

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Our beloved Jasper Carlin Price, born January 17, 1902, Russellville, Illinois, was baptized and united with the South Side Free Will Baptist Church and remained a devoted member until his death March 22, 1963.

He loved his Lord and Saviour and never tired of telling others how much greater was the life of a Christian. He talked and begged his fellow workers to stop the things they were doing and go to church. Few heeded but the few that did I'm sure Jack got such blessings from that, he knew God understood all. The ones that did not heed, still loved and respected him as a Christian.

Rough men from the railroad stood over his earthly remains tears streaming down their face saying, "I never had a better friend." Several said it will never be the same any more down at the terminal.

He had a lot of love to give and gave it. A helping hand, a compliment filled with love, a big story to tell, a piece of candy or gum and a loving pat to the children. Everyone was his to love in one way or another.

Our hearts are heavy with grief at the loss of our loved one. But I can see him on the other side with a cheery smile and beckoning hand saying, "Mom, Carlin, Margie and Wally, come with me, these are things you haven't even been able to dream about." Not only his family, but every one come would be his prayer.

As he made this world a happier place for lots of people, I'm sure on March 22, 1963 at 9:45 A. M., he greeted our Saviour with a smile and a wave of the hand saying, "I know there's lots more coming this way." He's looking forward to our coming.

He was a good father to his children, in his words, "three of the greatest." A woman could never ask for a more loving, kind husband than I had. My prayers are that we will not have an unbroken circle up there.

I would like to dedicate this little poem sent to us from Julia McGraw. It is so true.

There is not time that we
could set for parting.

We who must remain

Are never ready for such pain
Ever our prayer would be:

Not yet! Not yet! Dear God—
Another day.

With us let our beloved stay.

We must believe, when falls the blow
That wisely, God has willed it so.

His wife and children

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Hostetter said, "In that church are leaders and teachers who once were Communists, but who received the truth, left the party and became committed Christians.

"This young church (in the Muria mountain district of Java), born in the travails of sufferings, passionately preaches Christ and faithfully teaches the Word. The truth about social justice, righteousness, freedom and equality has not been clouded by the church becoming entangled with economic involvements or political partisanship."

Scolding American evangelicals, Dr. Hostetter said they have been so active trying to "stop communism" that they have grossly neglected their responsibility to witness to Communists.

"How much has the church striven to bring Communists teachers, students and inquirers into a living encounter with Christ and His truth?" Dr. Hostetter asked.

He asserted that "45 years of Communist history bear witness that the goals of social justice and economic righteousness can never be realized in society unless man finds release and deliverance from a selfish, rebellious tyrant that resides in his own bosom.

"Christ...provides this release and is the way to justice among men and a righteousness that banishes oppression, domination and tyranny."

He suggested that evangelicals "quit confusing the issues and clouding the encounter with Christ by political and economic polemics and apologetics."

Chinese Christian Group to Open Student Center in New York

NEW YORK, N. Y. (CNS)—A special center for Chinese students in the metropolitan New York area will be opened here next fall by Chinese for Christ, Inc. Statistics show that New York has the second largest concentration of Chinese students and that it is a gateway for those in transit to and from the East coast.

Coming to New York from the pastorate of a large Chinese church in Bangkok, Thailand, to take charge of the work is Rev. Philip Lee. He was educated in Hong Kong and the United States and is fluent in several Chinese dialects.

"A center providing a home away from home for the students in this important city will do much to round out and complement the strategic ministry of Chinese for Christ to the future

leaders of China," a spokesman for the group said.

NAE Chaplain Wins Patriotic Award

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (CNS)—A U. S. army chaplain serving in Okinawa has been honored here by the Freedom Foundation with a Patriots' Award for his essay on the subject of "My Freedom and My Responsibilities."

This honor accorded to Chaplain (Capt.) Aubrey E. Smith who is serving under the auspices of the National Association of Evangelicals is the highest award received thus far by an army chaplain.

Chaplain Smith is an ordained minister of the Open Bible Standard Churches and has made over 130 parachute jumps with his airborne troops. He has earned every available insignia for a paratrooper.

His award-winning article was based on a memorial service entitled "Sentinels for Freedom" held for two of his soldiers killed in Viet-Nam.

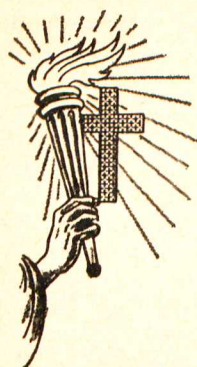
Washington Seminar For Pastors And Laymen Set For June 11-14

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS)—A special seminar to acquaint evangelical pastors and laymen with the complex workings of government will be held here June 11-14 under the sponsorship of the National Association of Evangelicals. The theme of the conference will be "Christian Responsibility in Public Affairs," it was announced by Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE director of public affairs.

Two of the scheduled speakers are evangelical members of Congress. One is a conservative Republican and the other a liberal Democrat and each will address the group on "Values Which Christians Should Support in Federal Legislation." One of the key sessions will be held in the State Department and another in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Opportunity will also be given to visit home state congressmen and to attend sessions of the Senate and House.

The purpose of the seminar, Dr. Taylor said, is to give pastors and Christian laymen a chance to see political life in Washington for themselves and to encourage them to assume the social and political responsibilities which a Christian citizen has.

Information about attendance may be obtained from NAE's Office of Public Affairs, 1405 G Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.



Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. Lester Jones

Editorially:

Thought For Today: "The Need Of A Family Altar." There are pure golden links that bind all families together for a time of studying God's Word and prayer, and always an unseen presence waits to bless them there. Waits with outstretched arms and hands to gather them close to Him; these ones whose altars rise—Beside a lighted lamp, or a glowing fire. They who turn for guidance and for strength, who take Him for a friend to walk beside them a life time's length. "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name—there will I be in their midst..." There He enters to keep His promise, entering as their sacred guest—Dear Lord, may more families find this Thy peace, Thy rest.

From Thayer:

The Woman's Auxiliary met April 9 with sixteen members present. The meeting was called to order by the President: Lorene Pohnert with Scripture reading. Opening song: "Onward Christian Soldiers." Prayer by Ruby Brewer. Minutes were read and ap-

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proved, then prayer by Shirley Caldwell. Interesting topics were given by: Elsie Worel, Shirley Caldwell and Charline Janes. Closing prayer by Maxine Bostic. Refreshments were served in church dining room by Jean Lau, Helen Underwood and Lorene Pohnert.

Ruby Brewer, Cor.-Sec.

Tips For Study Course Chairman

Study Course Chairman, you are "Laborers together with God!" The purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is to teach and support missions, and certainly you play an important part in imparting this aim to your local members.

1. First of all, you must realize you cannot **give** that which you do not possess, so give prayerful consideration to the condition of your heart and mind concerning missions. You should be acquainted with the missionary activities of our people, and also be a good example in stewardship and be a tither.

2. Plan and prepare your study course. Prayer and work is essential in accomplishing your goal. The teacher must be able to arouse and use the pupil's mind to grasp the desired thought. Various methods of teaching may be used effectively, but remember to project your whole personality into your teaching to make it interesting. Unless you are genuinely burdened for the heathen lost—unless your pupils can sense your love for Christ and His work—how can they be moved to act?

3. There are six areas of study: Missions, Stewardship, Prayer, Evan-

gelism, Methods, and Youth Study. (Please use Study Course Material as recommended by the W. N. A. C.) Find out in which study classes the women would be most interested. Remember, more will be accomplished by having a few **really good** study courses, **than** to have all of them poorly given.

4. I would suggest you set up a study course schedule for the year. Check with the pastor to see that the dates do not conflict with other church services. The schedule might have to be altered at some time during the year, but it is better to have a definite plan. Be sure to advertise the study course. Have it printed in the church bulletin, and announced by the pastor, put a notice on the bulletin board, and send cards to absentee members. Invite new people to the study course—everyone "perks up" when new faces are present.

5. Study the results of your efforts. Do you note a new awareness of spiritual need? Is there a greater sense of responsibility to those who have not heard the gospel? Has the auxiliary increased its offerings to missions—are there new tithers? Has the prayer life of the members been enriched? Have you seen new members hearken to the call of greater service for the Master?

Women, these are high goals, but they are not unattainable. Remember, we are not laboring alone in a hopeless task. We are "Laborers together with God," and can with His help, achieve these results.

If I can be of service to you, in any way, please feel free to write.

State Study Course Chairman
Jean Williams
8201 Harvard
Raytown 38, Mo.

From Flat River:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met April 2 at the church. Opening remarks were by the president: Genevieve White. Prayer by Marion Wilson. The hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was followed with Scripture reading from Matthew 16:14-19.

During the business session Jean Blakeley gave the secretary report and Frankie Eaton gave the treasurer's report, and both were approved. Motion was made and carried to have the pre-Easter service Wednesday, April 10.

The group then went to the home of Mrs. Beulah Henson, a member of the auxiliary who recently returned from the hospital and had the program and prayer. The program was "Beginnings." The introduction was by Edith Keeney with topics by Marion Wilson, Jean Blakeley and Lizzie Williams. A season of prayer with all praying followed.

Genevieve White gave a study on the Manual.

Thursday, April 4, the Auxiliary went to the home of the Rev. and Mrs. James F. Miller and had a prayer service. They also presented the Millers with a beautiful potted plant for their wedding anniversary.

Jean Blakeley Cor.-Sec

Meet Your State Officers

Mrs. Iva Treaster of Farmington, who is a member of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, is our officer of the month. She is serving as State Personal Service Chairman. Mrs. Treaster is very efficient in this capacity. She is a devoted Christian; always ready to give her services to the Lord. She is now also serving as President of the Leadington Auxiliary. She has served in different offices of the South-East District Convention besides the other positions she holds in her own local church. I am sure Mrs. Treaster would be very happy to help you (either District or Local) Personal Service Chairman in any way she can.

From Bridgeton:

The women of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church met February 17 and organized a Woman's Auxiliary. The meeting opened with hymns, "Bringing In The Sheaves" and "Jesus Calls

Us." Brother Spurgeon read a passage of Scripture from Luke 2. Marie Hanna Auxiliary was adopted as the name of the organization. The following officers were elected: Elaine Spurgeon, President; Opal Hughes, Vice President; Lois DePriest, Program-Prayer Chairman; Opal Davis, Secretary and Treasurer and Lucy Warden, Personal Service Chairman.

Opal Davis, Sec.

Southside, St. Louis:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Southside Church held their second annual enlistment banquet on March 19th. Each woman was presented with an artificial orchid symbolizing the colors of W. N. A. C. then they were served a very fine dinner. A skit was put on by the members and a visitor, Mrs. Lillie Tallent. A talk was given by Mrs. Mullins on prayer. As she spoke our hearts were touched and we realized we should spend more time in prayer. We had seven ladies to join: Mrs. Ella Dennis, Mrs. Etta Logsdon, Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Tallent, Mrs. Alma Pollard and Mrs. Lucille Phillips. We had some wonderful pre-Easter services. On Monday we had prayer partners, each assigned various missionaries to pray for; Tuesday, a study course on Missions by Rev. Harry Beatty. On Wednesday night our Program-Prayer Chairman took charge of the services. Janice Reeves had devotions and a wire recording of Rev. Calvary, our missionary to Japan was played. On Thursday, services were held at six in the morning for both men and women with Betty Camp giving the devotions. Breakfast was served at 6:30. Friday we resumed our prayer partners. We have had twelve new members this year.

Dee Stacy, Cor.-Sec.

World's Second Missionary Radio Station Marks 15th Anniversary

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA (CNS)—More than 1,000 Costa Ricans gathered here recently to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the world's second missionary radio station and to accept the responsibility for its continued operation. The station was begun in 1948 by the Latin American Mission which followed the lead of pioneering HCJB in Ecuador.

The station, TIFC, still has several missionaries as key staff members, but Costa Rican Christians have assumed an increasing share in its management and support.

The board of directors of the station, most of whom are Costa Ricans, challenged their countrymen to increase their financial support of the station. They cited the example of YNOL, a Christian radio station in neighboring Nicaragua, which is supported entirely by its local constituents.

Leaders of the Latin American Mission emphasized that the drive for increased local support did not mean cutting off outside help. They explained that missionary radio funds will be channeled into new projects which will strengthen the outreach of gospel broadcasting throughout Central America. One of these projects will be the establishment of a new program production center at TIFC.

Aucas Plan Witness To Relatives

QUITO, ECUADOR (MNS)—Writing from her home among the Auca Indian tribe, Miss Rachel Saint reports that the upriver Christian Aucas are praying and planning toward a contact with their hostile and unevangelized downriver relatives.

The upriver Christians continue to grow spiritually as they are taught from the translated Word. Uncle Gikita, the oldest living man of the group and leader of the team that killed the missionaries in 1956, is a special joy, reports Miss Saint. In a spontaneous testimony recently he said, "I used to be hateful, but now my heart is healed."

Miss Saint, who is affiliated with the Wycliffe Bible Translators, has completed the first draft of the Gospel of Mark. She is assisted in the translation work by the now well-known Dayuma and the other Auca Christians.

Prolonged Visit By Moro Indians Encourages Missionaries

FILADELPHIA, PARAGUAY (MNS)—Suddenly and without warning a group of the feared Moro Indians appeared at the Fernheim Mennonite Colony here on February 5. The group, consisting of two men, three women and two boys, have remained in the town, moving around without restraint and visiting farmyards. They appear completely at ease as they try to communicate with adults and children.

Apparently this is the first prolonged contact with this primitive tribe, though efforts have been made through the years. Missionaries hope this will lead to fruitful permanent contacts.

From Your Sunday School Department

In a recent article in the **Free Will Baptist** our National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department was viciously attacked. I am not surprised: I have been expecting this for some time. I was hoping that the Free Will Baptist Press would let us alone and in return we would keep silent concerning them. Frankly, I do not like this bickering back and forth, but to be fair to our people I feel that I must answer their charges.

Mr. Ralph Lightsey takes us to task and says that we have been deceptive in placing the words, "Published by the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists," on some of the material that we receive from Lambert Huffman Publishing Company. This is done for us by the Lambert Huffman Company and is done **only as a courtesy** for our Department. Mr. Lightsey is a former English instructor and should know that the word "publish" simply means, "to bring before the public, as for sale." Our Department has never at any time made any claims that literature produced for us by anyone else is our own. Mr. Huffman has shown us the courtesy to provide us with the manuscripts of his workbooks before they are printed and we check them out to make sure that they are what Free Will Baptists can use.

We intend to produce our own workbooks as soon as we possibly can. There are three things that prohibit us from doing so at the present: money, volume, and someone with the experience in artwork to produce these for us. Pray that God will supply all three for us. In the meantime we plan to continue recommending the same workbooks to our people. I am confident that our people are not ignorant and unlearned as Mr. Lightsey seems to indicate in his article. They know what the word "publish" means and they know that we are not trying to deceive them in any way. Sometimes the accuser is guilty of the very thing he accuses others of. For instance, the Free Will Baptist Press has sold workbooks prepared by Lambert Huffman for many years and they have them for sale this very quarter at the same price at which we offer ours.

Literature that is our own, and by our own, I mean that which is written by Free Will Baptists for Free Will Baptists, is:

The Adult Quarterly—Rev. Reford Wilson, writer.

The Young Adult Quarterly—Rev. Harold Harrison, writer.

The High Teen Quarterly—Miss Mary Ruth Wisheart, writer.

The Junior Quarterly—Mrs. Faye Forlines, writer.

The Primary Quarterly—Mrs. Chester Phillips, writer.

The Free Will Baptist Teacher—Rev. Dean Moore, writer.

The Children's Teacher—Rev. Leroy Forlines, Mrs. Marcia Ellison, Mrs. Faye Forlines, Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, writers.

In addition to these, Rev. Paul Woolsey writes our Individual Lesson Leaflets. We are planning to add more quarterlies and other materials as quickly as possible.

Please remember that we were plunged into this business quite suddenly by the action of the Free Will Baptist Press in July, 1961. It was at this time they informed us that they "wished to be released from further commitments of the contract until after October 1, 1961." This stunned our Board and I read their request to the National Association and the matter was referred back to our Board to be worked out with the Press. We wrote them and told them that no provision was made in the contract for releasing either party for any period of time and that we would expect them to honor the contract by continuing to send the funds due us according to the contract. They failed to do so. In October we filed notice with the Executive committee that the contract had been violated and that we wished to be released from the contract as of January 12, 1962. The contract stated that either party had to give 90 days notice to the other party if the contract was to be terminated. We gave this notice to the Press on October 12, 1961 and on January 12, 1962 declared the contract null and void as of that date. This means the Free Will Baptist Press should have paid us our percentage due for the four quarters of 1961. They did not and they have not to this date. The amount approximately \$3,959.20...

(based on the amount that was paid us for the first two quarters of 1961.) Where has this money gone? Down the drain as far as our churches of the National Association are concerned. Just as many dollars have gone down the drain for many, many years. You see, the Free Will Baptist Press is independently owned by stockholders and they can do with their money as they please. If any of the profits were sent anywhere they were sent to institutions that are a part of the North Carolina State Convention that has pulled out of the National Association. You can be sure that if they send any money out now that it will go to these institutions that have alligned themselves with "connectional" Free Will Baptists. Any church that is affiliated with the National Association that continues to order their literature from the Free Will Baptist Press is sending their financial support outside their own denomination. The Free Will Baptist Press no longer has any method of channeling any of the profits back into the National Association or its affiliated churches.

Mr. Lightsey points out that their literature is cheaper, which is true. I challenge any of our customers to make a side-by-side comparison. Check the quality of printing, quality of paper, the beauty of the quarterly, but most of all, the message content. Our quarterlies are fundamental and true to the Word of God. Anyone knows that when one gets something of better quality that it costs more than that of poorer. I am sure that our people will not be tricked into buying outside of our denomination because someone points out to them that they can save a few pennies. On some items our prices are cheaper than that of the Free Will Baptist Press. You will note that the Press recently raised the price of their quarterlies and I predict that they will have to do this more and more as our people continue to make the change to the literature program of their own denomination. You see, when a printer's volume goes down, his prices have to go up.

In closing, let me say that it is a privilege to serve the Lord in our Sunday School Department. I would like to pledge my fifteen years in the ministry and my eight years experience as a writer and editor that our people

will continue to be supplied with the best literature available anywhere. Please continue to give us your prayer support and continue to order your literature from the only true source of supply that is a part of our great National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Sincerely Yours,

Free Will Baptist Sunday School Dept.

Roger C. Reeds

General Director

Editor Charges That Freedom For Protestants In Spain Not Granted

WHEATON, Ill. (CNS)—Press reports hailing "religious freedom" for Spain's 20,000 Protestants are exaggerated, an editorial in the May issue of United Evangelical Action charges. W. Stanley Mooneyham, editor of the official magazine of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), said that the proposed law which is now before the Vatican for its approval will merely grant Protestant churches recognition to practice their own religion, but not to engage in free and open evangelism throughout the country.

He said he doubted that the new law would do much to ease the situation of Protestants who have long suffered discrimination and persecution, although some restrictions are being relaxed.

The practical result of the law will be that Protestants can hold property as a church and that the tolerance shown them in the past few years will become "legal," Mr. Mooneyham stated.

"Thus ten churches in recent weeks have been given permits to hold services," he said, "though they had already been doing so anyway. Consequently there is no real change in status except for having the 'legal' permit. At the same time six churches which have been closed by government authorities have been refused permits to hold meetings and requests to open new churches in three cities have been rejected."

The editorial said that at the same time the new "religious freedom" law was being announced, Spanish customs authorities in Barcelona confiscated some 400 evangelical books and that fines were levied against evangelicals for holding meetings "without authorization."

The NAE journal quoted a Spanish evangelical leader as saying, "the situation is the same as before, although

there seems to be a better climate for reasoning with local and central authorities. Despite the trend toward more liberality to Protestants, all Catholics are agreed that only they have the right to propagate their religion openly.

The editorial explained that the restrictions against Protestants in Spain are based on the Catholic concept that to grant full freedom to them would go against the common welfare of the nation.

Deported Missionaries Reach Miami From Cuba

WASHINGTON, D. C. (MNS)—Informed sources here have revealed that Assemblies of God missionaries ousted from Cuba on "counter-revolutionary" charges reached Miami on March 27. One missionary, the Rev. Floyd Woodworth of California, remained behind in a Cuban jail.

The jailing of Mr. Woodworth, with the ouster of his wife and two children and other missionaries, came on the heels of a radio attack in which Castro personally blasted the "pentecostals" for their activities which he termed "yankee imperialistic acts." About a week before the deportation all American citizens and one Cuban pastor serving under the Assemblies were rounded up and taken to Havana, where Mr. Woodworth was jailed and the others placed under house arrest.

The party reaching Miami Wednesday night consisted of Mrs. Floyd Woodworth and two children, the Rev. and Mrs. K. Gonzales and two children (Mrs. Gonzales and the children are U. S. citizens, Mr. Gonzales is Cuban), and the Rev. and Mrs. Ramon Nieves (U. S. citizens born in Puerto Rico).

No immediate word was available concerning the fate of the Bible Institute which was directed by the Woodworths. Since the authorities had accused the missionaries of training "counter-revolutionaries" at the school, presumably it will be closed. The school was also charged with failure to teach Cuban history (Castro style).

In Springfield, Missouri a spokesman for the Assemblies of God expressed gratitude to God for the safe arrival of the missionaries and voiced the hope that Mr. Woodworth would soon be released.

Reaching Miami on the same plane with the Assemblies missionaries were five Jehovah's Witnesses who had been arrested by immigration authorities the previous week.

While condemning the work of the Protestants Castro indicated that he has patched up differences with the Roman Catholic Church. "Conflicts between the revolution and the Catholic Church have begun to disappear," he said in a radio speech. "In the Church, but now such talk is seldom heard."

Protestant Interdenominational Leprosy Mission Formed In Philippines

MANILA, P. I. (MNS)—Formation of an interdenominational committee to provide a Protestant ministry to patients in the eight government leprosaria has been announced by Miguel Gonzales, Quezon City attorney and chairman of the new group.

Incorporated under the name of Philippine Leprosy Mission, the new committee includes representatives of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the Methodist Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the American Baptist Convention and the Assemblies of God.

Specific purposes of the new committee are: (1) to assist in the physical and spiritual rehabilitation of leprosy sufferers and their families; (2) to cooperate with the government in the establishment, maintenance and operation of leprosy centers; (3) to provide opportunities for leprosy research; (4) to cooperate with other agencies engaged in leprosy work; (5) to act as a liaison in the Philippines for American Leprosy Missions.

The new group succeeds the Philippine Evangelical Leprosy Missions, an informal organization composed of individual members which had provided a spiritual ministry to Protestant patients in the Philippines for many years. With the financial help of American Leprosy Missions, permanent Protestant chapels were established in all eight government hospitals.

The Protestant ministry to leprosy patients in the Philippines began back in 1922 when the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Frederick Jansen began visiting patients in Culion, at that time the largest leprosarium in the world with a patient population of more than 5,000. Today there are upwards of 7,000 patients in the eight hospitals, 887 of whom are Protestant. There are also 10,000 who attend government skin clinics as outpatients.

OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

TIME AND SPEED

By Merle McCain

In this day and age we think of speed as fast moving cars, trains and air planes. This is not really what speed could be.

My Dad and Grandfather told me of how ten miles an hour used to be as fast as any car on the road. The cars in this day are very different from the ones back in time. Today when you pick up the newspaper it isn't strange to see that a car on the speedway has broken a new record.

Today if we Christians would add a little speed, prayer, and Bible study, to our church and Sunday School we could break any and every record that man has ever made. If we could speed up in going out and spreading God's word we ourselves could climb to higher heights for the Lord.

Youth Rally

The St. Louis District Youth Rally met at the Overland Free Will Baptist Church April 26. The program consisted of the second round of the Bible Bowl and the Good News Evangelistic Team which is composed of Rev. Bill Gardner and Rev. Herman Hersey.

The Bible Bowl began with the Southside team against the Overland team with Southside winning 185 to 55. The next game found the Grace team taking the Festus team 155 to 30. Faith Team beat Fourth by the score of 100 to 30. And the last game was won by the Meramec Heights team over Berkeley 175 to 70.

The second part of the program consisted of singing by Rev. Bill Gardner and a few numbers played by Rev. Herman Hersey on the piano. Then Rev. Hersey brought to us a short message from God's word.

This complete program was one of the best that has been held since the Youth Rally started. The President of the Rally is Larry Hill.

A Letter From The Berkeley Church President

As president of the Y. P. A. at the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church, I thank the Lord for what he has done for me and how he has helped me become a better Christian.

I am thankful that we have a church that lets the young people take part in the services. We have our own youth Sunday which is every month that has a fifth Sunday. On this Sunday the young people take over all jobs in the church. They teach Sunday School Classes, have their S. S. Superintendent, Pastor and Preacher. The young people pick their own speaker and ask him to speak for them on this Sunday. I imagine that most of the Churches in our denomination let their young people take a part in their services. If they don't, they ought to let them and with God's help the young people will have a real good service. The older people will wonder why they had not let them take part sooner. After all the "young people of today will be the church of tomorrow."

Please pray for me that I may grow stronger in Christ and pray for all the young people in our denomination that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in order that we may become the right kind of leaders in the church of tomorrow and help win souls for Christ.

Yours In Christ, Larry Hill

What The Y. P. A. Means to Me

The Y. P. A. of the Berkeley Church has meant a great deal to me down through the number of years that I have been privileged to be a member. It is through this organization that I have acquired many fine Christian friends. It has strengthened my Christian life and drawn me closer to God. Some of my most spiritual blessings have been received at our cottage prayer meetings, which are held once a month in the home of members of the church.

It is not only myself that has received blessings from the Y. P. A. It means a lot to our whole church. Besides the many projects that the Y. P. A. has sponsored down through the years, the organization has attracted many young people to our church who otherwise would not attend, and also their parents.

Remember to pray for the Berkeley Y. P. A. and also me that I may mean

as much to the Y. P. A. as it means to me.

Geneva Barks

Today the world is in a conflict between communism and democracy. The only way for America to stay free is to get closer to God, and pray for guidance. Communism is spreading faster than we realize. The only way we can combat communism is to send missionaries to foreign fields and teach them about Christ. If we will only go to Christ in prayer we can see miracles happen. Before we can teach those people in foreign countries we need to convert our own people in the United States. Pray for us, the young people of the Berkeley Church, that we might start a fight against communism during our coming revival in May, that out of that revival one of the young people may become one of the foreign missionaries we need to fight communism in the foreign fields. Just pray for me that I might help win a soul for Christ, for His kingdom.

Yours in Christ,
Judy Coulter
Berkeley Church
St. Louis, Mo.

More Work Urged Among India's Muslims

UPPER DARBY, Pa. (MNS)—"Indian Islam merits far greater attention and Christian concern than it has received," says an article in the current issue of **The Cross and the Crescent**, quarterly publication of the North Africa Mission here. "The 40 to 50 million Muslims who remained in India rather than migrating to Pakistan after the 1947 partition now constitute the largest religious minority community in any country in the world. There are more Muslims in India than in Arabia, or Egypt, or Turkey, or any single Muslim country apart from Indonesia and Pakistan."

Having given up hope of political expression, the Muslims feel a certain restlessness and dissatisfaction. As a minority under Hindu domination, they now seem to be moving closer in sympathies to Indian Christians (as a people of revealed religion) than ever before, the article concludes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1962—1963

Youth Camp Schedule

1963 Sessions

Dates: Pre-Teens (12 yrs. and under)

June 16—21

Teens (13 yrs. and over)

June 23—28

Workers: Pre-Teens

General Superintendent—W. H. Bostic

Principal of Teaching—C. H. Burton

Teacher—Glen Rehkop

Teacher—Christine Halbrook

Evangelist—Woodrow Matthews

Pianist—Carolyn Lovelace

Music Director—Al McFarland

Swimming Pool Supervisor—Bud Arnold

Playground Supervisor—Frank Giunta

First Aid—Max Courtney

Registrar—Freda Day

Cabin Sponsors—Bro. & Sis. Darnell

Refreshment stand—Bonnie Deatherage

Workers: Teens

General Superintendent—O. T. Allred

Principal of Teaching—O. T. Dixon

Evangelist—Jimmy McAllister

Registrar—Freda Day

Playground Supervisor—Dale Skiles

Swimming Pool Supervisor—Bud Arnold

Cabin Sponsors—Bro. & Sis. Harlinger

First Aid—Max Courtney

Refreshment stand—Bonnie Deatherage

Pianist—Mrs. Lonnie Skiles

Music Director—Lonnie Skiles

(names of other workers forthcoming)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU
AT YOUTH CAMP THIS SUMMER!

Burmese Christians Weigh Revision Of Judson Bible

RANGOON, BURMA (MNS)—“Should the Judson Burmese Bible be revised?” was the question discussed here by more than 100 leaders of Protestant and Anglican denominations and agencies. Opinion was divided as panelists debated the current value of the century-old work, and two opposed it.

Reasons supporting the need for revision given by Mrs. Katherine Khin Khin, principal of an Anglican girls' school, included the fact that the Judson Bible uses many Pali words which are not understood by the average Burmese today. No immediate decision

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Victory, Kansas City	64	69	83									
Mt. Pisgah	72	70	84	77	67	84						
Copper Mines	103	101	94	85	87	79	54	69	75			
Fellowship, Flat River	197	188	187	188	204	194	179	178	192			
Leadington	40	44	52	47	44	59	49	54	61			
Farmington	93	88	81	97	86	93	75	87	87			
Mill Creek	55	56	53	54	58	56	52	49	71			
Berkeley City	213	226	264	262	243	246	230	241	366	343		
Richwoods	62	60	73	58	57	57	44	49	47			
Beacon	79	77	78	92	81		88					
Kirksville	86	82	68	83	84	83	62	66	65			
Grant Ave., Springfield ..		128	125	129	128	112	98	136	140			
Hazel Creek	58	57	57	63	65	62	39					
Twin Oak	63	57	59	65	56	43						
South Side Church	168	199	188	185	183	183	162	191				
New Hope, Kansas City	96	114	103	105	96	93	88					
Mine La Motte	34	31	26	28	31	30	19	26	30			
First Church Lebanon	76	70	92		66	66	57	61	65			
Overland Church	126	136	133	141	141	138	133	137		162		
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	338	335	335	335	342	335	304	317	357			
Myrtle	69	65	68	81	75	76	69					
Bethel, West Plains		130	157	155	153	162	143	164				
Desloge	111	116	112	112	103	110	83	103	127			
Thayer	110	104	118	110	102	108	98	107	105			
Meramec Heights	40	35	38	34	38	37	27	27	32	29		
Faith, Lemay	98	98	94	109	99	112	89	96	102			
Union Light	104	123	108	118	112	118	89					
First Church, Flat River ..	149		132	138			104	112	144			
Liberty, Phillipsburg						64	48	74				
Hannon	52	56	57	55								
First Church, Greenfield					18							
Olivet Church, Marshall					18	19	24	31	17			
Festus Church				67	56	53	46	49	46			
Northside St. Louis						69	71		80			
First Church, Springfield							133	159	154			
Grace Arnold	89	82	88	150	118	138	133	141				
Joplin	82	81	83	87	80	96	77	87				
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana ..								20				
Fourth Church							54	60				
Central Mission, K. C.									47			

was reached on launching a translation program.

Judson sesquicentennial celebrations are planned in December by Burma's Baptists to mark the arrival here 150 years ago of the Rev. Adoniram Judson, first American Baptist missionary to Burma. In addition to his translation of the Bible into Burmese, he is famed for having compiled an English-Burmese dictionary still popular in this country.

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Europeans Need Help In Evangelizing Their Own Continent, Missions Leader Says

WHEATON, Ill. (CNS)—European Christians need help to evangelize their own continent for Christ, according to an American missionary leader who has worked there since World War II. This view was expressed by Dr. Robert P. Evans in the April issue of United Evangelical Action magazine, the official publication of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Dr. Evans is the founder and European director of the Greater Europe Mission and has helped organize all of Billy Graham's crusades on the continent since 1948.

Americans generally do not appreciate the problem of evangelizing Europe, he said, because they do not realize how small the evangelical constituency is. The state churches in Scandinavia and Germany represent a nominal Protestantism, Dr. Evans stated, but countries like Italy, Spain, Portugal and France are overwhelmingly Roman Catholic.

"Americans are always surprised to learn that historically evangelistic groups like the Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals and others comprise only a tiny portion of Europe's Protestants," the missions leader said.

He quoted Dr. Rene Pache, a prominent Swiss evangelical who says that Europe could use at least a thousand missionaries of the proper qualifications and attitudes.

Dr. Evans says that help is particularly needed to train Europeans how to reach their own people for Christ. Their high educational standards, organizational efficiency and mastery of the basic languages make it easier for Europeans to evangelize the continent, he said.

Among the obstacles to be overcome, he lists the spiritual weakness of the Protestant church, the prevailing emphasis on existentialism and universalism, and the strong opposition of a firmly entrenched Roman Catholicism.

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