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## THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



Rev. Harry Beatty

May 3, 1963 along with our State Home Mission Board, we journeyed to Jefferson City, our state capitol; to witness the organization of a new church. The Jefferson City Church adopted the cooperative plan of denominational support, and elected Rev. Earl Irish pastor. Brethren, if you know of Free Will Baptist people living in or near Jefferson City, send their names to Rev. Earl Irish, R 2, Jefferson City, Mo.

Aulsbury Chapel was host to St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting May 3-4. We enjoyed good spiritual services with all nine churches represented by letter and delegates. As a whole, St. Francis Quarterly Meeting is moving forward. I was privileged to bring the Sunday morning message in Desloge, and at Farmington Free Will Baptist Church Sunday night.

May 6-15 I was with Pastor Johnny Land and the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in a revival. This new church is growing and glowing for the Lord. Located at 2258 Tenbrook Road, Arnold, Missouri.

On May 18, the South East Missouri Ministers' Fellowship was held with The North Side Free Will Baptist Church, 4910 N. Broadway, St. Louis. Though the attendance was smaller than usual, fellowship was real good.

Sunday morning May 26th I was with Pastor Ray Middleton at the Cabool Free Will Baptist Church and brought the 11:00 A. M. message. They gave an offering to the Promotional Department. Sunday afternoon we joined pastor Leland Horton and his congregation at the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church, near Mt. Grove in Communion Service and Washing of the Saints Feet; the whole church participated in both of these ordinances. Sunday night I was privileged to be with pastor Clyde Montgomery and Oak Grove Church near Norwood and bring the evening message. Brethren, let us continue to form a united front: And cooperatively support every phase of our church work. When ordering Bibles, Communion sets and supplies listed in catalogue, please give name and address of your church. Missouri sales tax is required on individual purchases.

### COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS May 1963

Beacon .....	\$ 57.49
Farmington .....	47.61
St. Louis South Side .....	47.10
Thayer .....	34.53
Olivet-Marshall .....	16.65
Cuba .....	33.33
Pleasant Home, Mission Association .....	29.25
Hickory Grove .....	23.72
Victory .....	76.86
Mt. Valley .....	35.42
Copper Mines .....	37.18
Union F. W. B. League .....	35.00
Macedonia, Indian Creek Association .....	131.70
Carterville .....	16.20
Mine La Motte .....	6.85
Grant Ave., Springfield .....	122.94
Merl's Chapel .....	37.74
Fellowship .....	150.00
St. Louis District .....	219.50
Monett .....	98.57
Beacon .....	79.72
Hannon .....	30.00
Total .....	\$1367.36

### Disbursed:

Free Will Baptist National Association .....	\$ 720.05
Mo. Promotional Department .....	273.47
Mo. Home Missions .....	123.06
Mo. Youth Camp .....	68.37
Gem .....	68.37
General Fund .....	68.37
Missouri Superannuation .....	13.67
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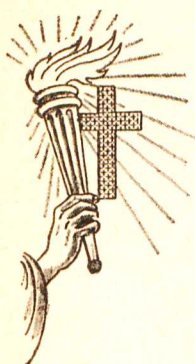
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# Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. Lester Jones

## Meet Your State Officers

Mrs. Jean Williams is the State Study Course Chairman. This is the first time Jean has served as a State officer but has had several years experience in district and local Auxiliary offices. She is both industrious and capable and we feel she is making a good Study Course Chairman. She is not only active in Auxiliary work but serves her church as pianist and also Sunday School teacher. It is not hard for her to find plenty to do as she is the mother of five children ranging in ages from sixteen to three and one half years old. Jean lives at Raytown and is a member of the Beacon Church.

## From St. Louis

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Northside F. W. B. Church met April 18 with twelve members present. Opening song was "Jesus Calls Us." Prayer by Nadine Shaver. Polly Tinker read the scripture. The lesson was given with topics by Kay Case, Bettye Poole and Nadine Shaver. Our ladies went to the Missouri Baptist Hospital and helped make bandages and also went to the Hubbert Nursing Home

and worked April 25. Wash cloths have been sent to the Orphanage at Greenville, North Carolina. We are thankful for the work they have been doing. An altar prayer was led by Peggy Giunta. Refreshments were served by Jean Cook.

Lila Riggs, Cor.-Sec.

## From Thayer

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Thayer Church met Tuesday evening May 4 with thirteen members present. The meeting opened by president: Lorene Pohnert, reading Psalm 49. Songs: "Work For The Night Is Coming" and "Blessed Assurance" were sung. Prayer by Ruby Brewer. Minutes read and approved. Business session closed in prayer by Sister Maxine Bostic. A special song by Donna and Paula Bennett, "I'm In The Army Of The Lord." Our lesson, "Hawaii" was given by Nettie Bennett, Lorene Pohnert, Phillis Miller and Ina Bennett. The closing prayer by Elsie Worel.

Ruby Brewer, Cor.-Sec.

## From Flat River

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met Tuesday evening, May 7 in fellowship hall of the church. Opening remarks were made by the president, Genevieve White and Scripture reading of Acts 10:34, 35. Prayer by Jean Blakeley. Jane Norris (new minister's wife) and Alberta Dalton were welcomed to the meeting. The song "Work for the Night is Coming," was sung.

During the business session the secretary and treasurer gave their reports and the Auxiliary sent \$12.95 in coupons to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and \$5.30 to Foreign Missions. Jane Norris and Alberta Dalton were accepted as members. After resignation of the vice president, Jane Norris was elected to serve in that position. Other items of business were discussed. Prayer was by Jane Norris.

The program "Hawaii, A State of Diversity," was given and a large map

of Hawaii was drawn by Jean Blakeley and as each topic was given a banner was unfolded on the map. Topics were given by Genevieve White, Alberta Dalton, Marion Wilson and Jean Blakeley. Benediction by Lizzie Pirtle.

Jean Blakeley, Cor.-Sec.

In a few weeks it will be time to make our yearly reports of work done in our Woman's Auxiliaries as reported to our Secretaries and Treasurers. These reports will then be sent to the District or State Secretary-Treasurer who will send a report to the WNAC Secretary.

The proper report blanks are free for the asking from the WNAC office in Nashville, Tenn. Please get and use these report blanks in making your reports for this year so that we can have a complete and accurate record this year.

Please be prompt in sending in your reports this year so that they can be included in this year's report. If you have a District Convention the local Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer sends her report to the District Secretary-Treasurer. If you do not have a District Convention the local Auxiliary-Treasurer sends her report to the State Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North St., Mountain Grove, Mo. All District Secretary-Treasurers send your report to Miss Hutsell.

## MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the report of the treasury for the months of January, February, March and April 1963.

Balance on hand

December 31, 1962 ..... \$142.17

### Amounts received:

National Foreign Missions .... \$128.39

National Home Missions .... 71.80

Student Loan Fund ..... 16.94

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# SERMON OF THE MONTH

*Message Delivered By Rashie Kennedy, Sr.*

*At The Central Texas District Association, January 5, 1963*

## THE LOCAL CHURCH AND HER OBLIGATION IN MISSIONS

Acts 13:1-3 "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers;... As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."

### The True Church

The true church is the universal, spiritual body of Christ. True believers; born again people, all over the world make up the true church. The true church is the Bride of Christ. He is the Bridegroom, She is the Bride. True believers; born again people are members of the true church and will become members of a local church somewhere. True believers; born again people are interested in missions. The local church that is true to her calling and command is interested in missions.

### The Local Church

The simplest form of a local church is set forth in Matthew 18:20. "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." One with Christ makes two. Two with Christ makes three. Two, three or more gathered in Christ's Name makes up a local church. The true Christian family is the church in the home. No Christian family, no true local church. Two or more Christian families with a leader, a pastor can form a local church.

### The Local Church Obligated

Christ is saying to each of those gathered with Him, "Go ye therefore and make disciples." Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He sent the early church believers out two by two and said, "Lo, I am with you." He sends us out one by one and two by two and assures us that He is with us. When

we go in His Name He goes with us. Why go? Jesus said go! And we are to go and introduce Christ to those that are lost.

### Person to Person Introduction

Christ desires to be introduced to each sinner. An introduction is usually short, sweet, and simple. Since Christ is with us in the person and power of the Holy Spirit and since He is the Son of God; naturally, it takes a little longer to introduce Him. He desires a person to person introduction. If two go together one person is to introduce Christ while the other person prays silently.

### A Suggested Introduction

The person introducing Christ could use this simple introduction: When you are with a person who needs Christ ask by name, Joe or friend:

Are you interested in Spiritual things? Pause for an answer. Then ask; Have you ever thought of becoming a Christian? Pause for an answer. Suppose someone were to ask you, What is a Christian? What would you say? Pause for an answer. Then say let us see what the Bible says. (note—with Bible in hand) Notice in Romans 3:23, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This means all—all includes you and me—Right?

Observe in Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." In this verse you choose death or life. Which will it be? If you reject Christ you choose death but if you receive Christ you have life.

In John 1:12 we read, "As many as received Him (received Christ) to them gave he power to become the sons of God." Christ received into your heart gives life.

May I introduce Him to you? As He says in Revelation 3:20, "Behold

I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in." See Christ is knocking at your heart door and wants to come in. As your best friend why not say, "Come into my heart Lord Jesus and save me for Jesus sake. Amen!" Let us bow our heads together and say, "Come into my heart Lord Jesus and save me for Jesus sake. Amen!"

### The Local Church Fulfilling Her Obligation In Missions

When one person goes out and introduces another person to Christ the local church is fulfilling her obligation in missions. Each member of the local church has the God given obligation to go out and introduce Christ to some friend and neighbor.

The local church grows and multiplies as each member goes and fulfills his or her obligation to introduce Christ to some other person in a person to person introduction. Soon the local church is so large that it needs to divide and send some of its members into another community, town, city, state, or nation.

### The Denomination

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

When two or more churches work together under one covenant and treatise to evangelize the world this is a denomination.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists is made up of churches working together to evangelize the world.

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists is a part of the National helping to evangelize the world.

The Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists is a part of



the State helping to evangelize the world.

Your local church is a part of the District helping to evangelize the world.

You, my friend, are a part of this great denomination helping to evangelize the world.

1—You will notice the local church fulfilling her obligation in missions starts with you. You are the key person. You use the keys as you introduce Christ to a friend. Your church enlarges, grows, and multiplies as you are faithful to Christ.

You are the key person. You are a true believer. You are born again. Your desire is to see others saved. You are saved to serve. You are called to witness. You are commanded to go and introduce Christ to a friend. You need the blessing of seeing someone else saved. Your church needs a revival of souls being saved.

#### Your Church Multiplying

2—You will observe the local church fulfilling her obligation in missions as her members are faithful. As goes each member so goes the local church. As each member is faithful in introducing Christ to his or her friends the local church will be faithful in growing and multiplying as the local church is faithful in growing and multiplying she will have need of dividing and helping to evangelize the world.

#### Your Church Dividing

3—The local church will:

(1) divide her youth with her denomination to help evangelize the world.

(2) divide her money with the Free Will Baptist Bible College to train her youth and help evangelize the world.

(3) divide her money and her membership to start another church in another community, town, city, state, or nation.

Gordan Sabastian of Hookerton, North Carolina and his church prayed for and paid salary of a missionary to start another church. His church was only three years old at the time.

(4) divide her money with a local mission, district, state and the National Home and Foreign missions to help evangelize every community, town, city, state, and nation in the world.

4—Where is the money coming from?

(1) As you, a born again person, are faithful in introducing Christ to your friends you will be happy. Happy Christians give generously and cheerfully of their tithes, and offerings. Non-tithers are not happy. Are thieves happy? Malachi 3:8-10.

(2) As your church grows and multiplies her treasure will overflow.

(3) The local church will rejoice as she fulfills her obligation in missions.

5—The question is are you ready to carry out your part of her obligation in missions? Your church needs faithful dedicated members in fulfilling her obligation in missions—that includes you—it starts with you.

#### A Scriptural Example

Acts 13:3 "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."

The early church had grown and multiplied, now she was ready to divide.

1—She divided her time in fasting and praying. verse 3

2—She divided her money into a common treasury, Acts 2:45, "And sold their possessions and parted them to all men, as every man had need."

3—She divided her members to start other churches.

(1) The church in Jerusalem scattered. Acts 8:1-4

(2) The church at Antioch. Acts 13:1-3

#### An Urgent Need

Friends, there is an urgent need in Houston for more Free Will Baptist Churches. In your city, or county; in Texas; In all of North America, and in all the world, there is a great need of more Free Will Baptist Churches of fire for Christ winning souls and establishing other churches everywhere. You and I need the blessing of helping to fill this need.

#### A Mission Conference

Acts 13:52, "And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost." The occasion for this joy was report from the missionaries sent out in verse 3. The church had a mission conference. They saw what their prayers, money, and missionaries had accomplished. A good mission conference will help us get started.

#### Soul Winning Institute

A good soul winning institute will help us move forward. Every pastor is obligated to learn how to win souls and teach his people how to win souls. This is missions.

#### Personal Dedication

Let us dedicate our lives to Christ and to our church in 1963 to help evangelize the world.

#### Conclusion

This is the local church fulfilling her obligation in missions. Let us pray.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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Co-Laborer .....	56.02
CERF .....	10.65
Mo. State Youth Camp .....	5.00
Mo. State Home Missions ....	56.21
Land in Uruguay .....	308.33
Tithes .....	41.39

Total receipts ..... \$694.73

Total ..... \$836.90

Checks issued for the above items ..... 653.34

Checks issued for expense (supplies) ..... 9.09

Balance on hand

April 30, 1963 ..... \$174.47

Auxiliaries contributing to the State Project—Land in Uruguay, during this time are as follows;

St. Louis District .....	\$ 15.00
West Plains .....	20.00
First FWB, Flat River .....	5.00
Park View FWB, Desloge ..	5.00
St. Francis Co. Dist. ....	15.00
Verdella .....	15.00
Hannon .....	25.00
Victory .....	21.00
Beacon .....	80.00
Grant Avenue, Springfield ..	12.72
Mtn. Grove, First FWB ....	36.61
Neosho .....	4.00
Kirksville .....	21.00
Fellowship FWB, Flat River ..	10.00
Oskaloosa .....	10.00
Thayer .....	5.00
Leadington .....	8.00
Total .....	\$308.33

Amount previously given on the project ..... \$ 39.49

Total amount applied to project April 30, 1963 ..... \$347.82

As of April 30th we have reached one-half of our goal of \$700.00 to purchase land in Uruguay. Has your Auxiliary had a part in this project yet? Would you like to see us reach this goal in the near future? Each dollar that is sent for this project brings us closer to the goal.

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# THE MISSION FIELD

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It works! Vacation Bible School works! At least we are convinced. Why? Because it brings about results. Oh! No! Not in the housework for a week or even two. But in the hearts of those little ones to whom Christ says, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Yes, as the results of our two Vacation Bible Schools we have seen several children come to the Lord. But that which has really thrilled our hearts is that our own four year old daughter came to trust Christ as her own personal Saviour.

On the night of February 1, one week after Vacation Bible School here in Araras, Bobby was out making a sick call. I was at home with Debra and Rebecca. I had finished reading a Bible story, which I do each night before their going to bed. Once again I reviewed the story of Christ's death on Calvary for us. Then I mentioned the Wordless Book, which we had studied in Vacation Bible School emphasizing what the black, red, and white pages meant.

I told them that everyone ought to let Jesus come into their hearts and wash their black hearts white as snow. Debra looked at me and said, "Momma, then you need to let Jesus come into your heart." I replied, "No, darling, I've already accepted Jesus. I let Him come into my heart when I was a little girl. Don't you want to let Jesus take away your sin and give you a white heart?"

She dropped her head and didn't respond. Shortly before praying she said, "O! K! Momma, I'm ready."

"Ready to do what, Debra?" I asked. "To let Jesus come into my heart." Then I said, "All right, let's pray."

"O! K! But don't you help me! I want to pray by myself." So she began to pray, "Our Father. Help me let Jesus come into my heart and let His red 'sanguine' wash it white. Help me not to do bad things but do what

Momma and Daddy tell me. In Jesus' name. Amen." (Sanguine is blood in Portuguese.)

This is a child's faith. We truly believe that God saved her soul. Only Sunday night as Bobby was giving the invitation, she whispered to me, "I already know Jesus. I let Him come into my heart."

We never know when the seed of God's Word is falling upon the open heart of a child until it produces its fruit in bringing about a transformed life. Whether we sow the Seed in Vacation Bible School in the United States or Brazil, it still is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

## FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI April, 1963

North Side Church .....	\$ 10.82
Fredericktown Church .....	40.00
Fellowship Church .....	135.00
Farmington Church .....	149.66
G. T. A.—Fourth Church, St. Louis .....	5.00
Trinity Baptist Church .....	35.00
South Side Church .....	144.60
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Altis ....	27.00
Mo. State Association .....	172.33
Virginis M. Stalling .....	5.00
Oma L. Scott & Martha Coffman .....	4.00
New Hope Church .....	5.00
Oak Grove S. S. Class ....	15.00
Berkeley Church .....	105.00
First Church, Cuba .....	4.93
First Church, Houston .....	25.00
Myrtle Church .....	35.36
First Church, Cabool .....	27.00
Lehman R. Riggs .....	5.00
Grant Avenue Church .....	9.03
Missionary Midglets, K. C. ....	4.65
Rev. G. J. Pringleton .....	4.00
Grant Avenue League .....	20.00
Willow Springs Church ....	11.75
Hazel Creek Union Church ..	62.37
Central Mission .....	18.45
Paul Wills .....	4.00
Marie Hanna Auxiliary, Overland .....	5.00

Donald Kelsey .....	18.99
First Church, Mtn. Grove ....	130.00
Virgil Bandy .....	130.00
Fredericktown Church .....	30.00
Mrs. Bernice Cantrell .....	1.00
First Church, Monett .....	94.24
Merl's Chapel Church .....	15.14
Parkview Church .....	25.00
First Church, Festus .....	73.55
Big Creek League .....	1.88
Mrs. Clyde D. Johnson .....	10.00
Willow Springs Church .....	13.28
Richwoods Church .....	22.00
Clifford Altis .....	25.00
Mountain Valley Church ....	20.00
Verdella Church .....	1.00
New Harmony Church .....	50.00
Union Light Church .....	47.30
Mendota Mission .....	37.65
Graysville Church .....	20.00
Roscoe Mills .....	6.00
W. N. A. C. .....	1.00

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## PARADISE OF THE PACIFIC

For several centuries the Hawaiian Isles have been called the Paradise of the Pacific. It may be a paradise to the pleasure seekers of the world, but it is far from that to an honest missionary. The things that make the Hawaiian Isles attractive to the vacationer and visitor have little or no appeal to the missionary who has left all behind on the mainland that he might make Christ known among the heathen. There is much more to be seen than what a guide will show you. The scenes behind the scene are the ones that catch the eyes of the faithful soul winner.

The travel bureau will advertise the beaches, the climate, the natives, the dances, the rolling fields of cane and pineapple, and many other beautiful and lovely things. The chambers of commerce will point out the many attractions of the various islands showing pictures that are so breath taking. The many transportation agencies will tell of sight seeing tours which are



worth your time and money. The occasional visitor to the islands (who gets no farther than the beach) will tell how wonderful the paradise is. The native sons and the military personnel (non-Christian usually) will speak of the times that can be enjoyed in a fling through the islands. But the question comes to me, are the pictures which they paint factual or are they colored with sinful imagination.

The cross roads of the Pacific may be a paradise to the pleasure mad throng who go to the Hawaiian Isles for an undisciplined round at the lustful events, but it is far from a paradise to the missionary.

Regardless of the name, author, practices, customs, or intent every religion is given equal standing in Hawaii. For example, only recently it was voted by the politicians that April 8 be declared a state holiday in memory of the birth of Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. There are 100,000 Buddhists in the Hawaiian Islands. This means that one out of every six people you see is a Buddhist. You may say, "Well that's not so bad, that leaves five for Christianity." Oh! no. The majority of the rest of the people hold to the worship of idol gods, human gods, or Catholicism. The percentage of evangelical Christian is very small. Even here the laxity of some groups in trying to reach numbers is great. Any and every religion is respected by the majority. This truly makes it very difficult for the Christian missionary.

Do not make the mistake of saying, "Hawaii is American." Hawaii is very definitely Oriental. Even the Americans (from the mainland) there take up many of the Oriental ways. The views of cults and sects seem to change even in the minds of the mainlanders who stay for some time. Sometime ago a Southern Baptist joined the Buddhist and now preaches for the Buddhists. The temples, (one hundred and thirteen in all) give the average God fearing American an uneasy feeling. Everywhere you go you come face to face with idolatry.

The many races make the task a complex one. As you go from house to house you must try to understand the customs of the different peoples. While I was in the Waipahu church recently in a revival, I preached to Koreans, Filipino, Japanese, Negroes, American mainlanders, and many mixed people. Nearly every race is represented. This is a great foreign mis-

sion field. It is assigned to the National Home Mission Board.

We can be justly proud of our own Free Will Baptist work there and our beloved missionaries, Luther, Helen, and Brenda Sanders. The work is a good witness for Christ in Waipahu. The property is well situated. The quonsets make nice buildings conducive to living quarters, chapels, and educational facilities.

Soon Brother Sanders will be on the mainland trying to raise much needed funds. Please have him in your homes, your churches, and your special services. Pray much for the success of his efforts to raise the \$50,000 which must be raised by December 31, 1963. The price of the land may sound high to you, but believe you me, it is very cheap. I know, I have been there recently.

Wade Jernigan, Chairman of  
National Home Mission Board

### **Bible is Studied Behind Cuban Bars**

Miami, Fla. (MNS)—A Cuban soldier captured following the Bay of Pigs battle won fifty of his fellow-prisoners to Christ, it was reported here. The soldier-evangelist is Juan Cabrera, who had been a Free Will Baptist lay preacher in pre-Castro Cuba and was a rifle-carrying member of Cuban Brigade 3506 at the time of his capture.

Juan started a Bible class in his four-by-six-foot cell at El Principe Prison in Havana. There were four members at the beginning. Attendance grew. It was observed that even the Communist guard listened attentively. Out of the group of 214 men imprisoned with Juan, some 50 accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Now the prisoners are free men. The Christians remain together most of them attending the Free Will Baptist Spanish mission here.

### **E. F. M. A. Adds Three New Members**

Buffalo, N. Y. (MNS)—The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association meeting in its 18th annual convention here April 23-25 received three new organizations into membership. This brings EFMA's membership to a total of 59 foreign mission agencies with a combined missionary staff of approximately 6,000.

One of the new members is Evangelical Literature Overseas, an agency founded in 1953 to stimulate and encourage the writing, production, printing and distribution of evangelical lit-

erature around the world. The Rev. Harold B. Street is executive secretary of ELO, which has headquarters at Wheaton, Illinois.

Also coming into the EFMA family was the Board of Missions of the Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends with 29 missionaries serving in Burundi, Africa. The president of the board is the Rev. Paul W. Barnett of Haviland, Kansas.

Third new member of EFMA is the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship with North American headquarters in Toronto. This mission has over 100 missionaries working in Pakistan, India and Nepal. The Rev. Dennis E. Clark is the secretary for Canada.

The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association meets yearly in conjunction with the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, of which it is an affiliate. This year's EFMA sessions drew 44 delegates and 51 visitors from 42 different organizations. The convention was held at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

### **Proposed Legislation Would Affect Christians in Pakistan**

Rawalpindi, Pakistan (MNS)—A bill allowing the disinheritance of Muslims who embrace Christianity has been introduced here in the West Pakistan Assembly. Habidullah Saadi, who introduced the measure, noted that a law passed by the British in 1850 had permitted Muslim converts to inherit property "in order to encourage the spread of Christianity." Now that Pakistan is an Islamic country, he said, a "Muslim apostate" should not be allowed to retain that right.

There were indications the government would oppose the measure. If the bill should become law, however, a Muslim convert to Christianity would lose all claims to his ancestral property.

Meanwhile, there was introduced in the National Assembly a constitutional amendment to change the country's name to "The Islamic Republic of Pakistan." Khurshid Ahmed, Minister of Law, who introduced the amendment, said the change in name is necessary to express the "theological aspect" of the republic.

Observers see this as the latest in a series of moves to promote the Muslim religion and discriminate against Christians and other religious minorities in Pakistan.



# Let's Stir Ourselves IN Co-operative Giving

Rev. O. T. Dixon  
Pastor: Gant Avenue F.W.B. Church  
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REV. O. T. DIXON

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the first of a series of articles to be written by O. T. Dixon, Pastor of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri.

The Reverend Dixon, pastor-evangelist and author challenges lives wherever he is permitted to preach his red-hot Bible messages and souls are saved. We trust that you will prayerfully read each article and accept the challenge. I feel that this is one of the greatest things that we as Free Will Baptists can and should do to see our denomination grow. We have had a number of churches start giving this way but we still have a number that are not giving anything. We hope that these articles will show you how much more you can do for the Lord through the Co-operative Program of Giving.)

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists is an organization being blessed of God. It's officers are dedicated men of God. The membership is composed of churches whose members have had an experience with God. They have been saved. Therefore, we should pause and give consideration to our work here in the great state of Missouri.

**WE HAVE A HEADQUARTERS BUILDING** which houses our book

store and from where our Promotional Secretary, Bro. Harry Beatty works. One cannot help but be impressed when you drive up to the building. Here the different boards and committees of our state association meet to pray and do the work which must be accomplished for Christ Jesus.

**WE HAVE A WORLD WIDE OUT-REACH** that allows for every Free Will Baptist in the state of Missouri to be a part of the whole. Through the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM we all can share in fulfilling the Great Commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:19-20). No other program could be more Scriptural than our COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. Is your church giving at least ten percent of its total income to the

program? If not why not? Also, it is not just enough to give, we **MUST CHANNEL IT THROUGH THE RIGHT SOURCE**. Every church in Missouri is morally obligated to send its cooperative gifts through the Headquarter's Office. You see by doing this the state is able to continue the work that God has ordained it to do. No other way is possible for us to carry out our obligations.

**WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STIR OURSELVES** by being faithful to our state program which is designed to prove that Christians are the **LIGHT OF THE WORLD**. Here in Missouri, as well as elsewhere, an unprecedented tidal wave of commandment-breaking, God-defying, soul-destroying iniquity sweeps the ocean of human affairs. Never before have men in the masses sold their souls to the devil at such bargain prices. Isaiah said, "There is none . . . that stirreth up himself to take hold of Thee." So let us be willing to pay the price to break the spell that now binds the heart of mankind. Your prayers and **COOPERATIVE GIVING THROUGH YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS** is the opportunity we need to stir ourselves as a state and move forward with Christ Jesus the Captain of our Salvation.



## HOW GOD TAUGHT ME TO GIVE

Oswald J. Smith

I commenced my pastorate at this particular church at a time when they were holding their Annual Missionary Convention. I had never been to a convention in my life, and didn't know the first thing to do. So I just sat there on the platform and watched.

The ushers were giving out envelopes, and presently, one had the audacity to walk right up the aisle and hand me—the pastor—one of the envelopes. I sat there holding it in my hand. Never will I forget that moment.

As I held it I read it: "In dependence upon God I will endeavor to give... \$—— during the coming year." I had never read such a statement before. I did not know that that morning God was going to deal with me and teach me a lesson that I was never to forget.

I started to pray, "Lord God, I can't do anything. You know I have nothing. I haven't a cent in the bank. This church pays me \$25.00 a week. I have a wife and child to keep,..."

"I know that," the Lord said. "I know you are only getting \$25.00 a week. I know you have nothing in your pocket and nothing in the bank."

"Well, then," I continued, "that settles it. I have nothing to give and I cannot give anything."

Then the Lord spoke again. "I am not asking you for what you have," He said. "I am asking you for a Faith Offering. How much can you trust Me for?"

"Oh, Lord," I exclaimed, "that's different. How much can I trust Thee for?" I knew nothing about a Faith Offering. But I knew the Lord was speaking. Once I had given \$5.00 for missions, once \$3.00, once \$2.00, but never more than \$5.00. I almost trembled as I waited for His answer.

Presently it came. I am not going to ask you to believe that God spoke to me in an audible voice, but He might just as well have done so. I was unaware of the congregation as I sat there listening to the Voice of God.

Fifty dollars," I exclaimed. "Why, Lord, how can I ever get \$50.00?"

But again the Lord spoke, and I obeyed His command. How I ever paid that amount I really cannot say. Every month I had to pray for \$4.00, and every month the Lord gave it to me. I received such a blessing, it was such a thrill, that as I paid the final amount, I realized that it had been one of the greatest experiences of my life.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1962—1963

	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	61	75	82	95	84	
Fellowship, Flat River ....	197	188	187	188	204	194	179	178	192	214	201	
Leadington .....	40	44	52	47	44	59	49	54	61	62	55	
Farmington .....	93	88	81	97	86	93	75	87	87	93		
Mill Creek .....	55	56	53	54	58	56	52	49	71	82		
Berkeley City .....	213	226	264	262	243	246	230	241	366	343		
Richwoods .....	62	60	73	58	57	57	44	49	47	50	55	
Beacon .....	79	77	78	92	81	83	88	91	87	102		
Kirksville .....	86	82	68	83	84	83	62	66	65			
Grant Ave., Springfield ..		128	125	129	128	112	116	127	135	153		
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	40		
First Church Lebanon ....	76	70	92		66	66	57	61	65	66		
Overland Church .....	126	136	133	141	141	138	133	137		162	150	
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	128	107	
Thayer .....	110	104	118	110	102	108	98	107	105	120		
Meramec Heights .....	40	35	38	34	38	37	27	27	32	29	38	
Faith, Lemay .....	98	98	94	109	99	112	89	96	102	106	92	
Union Light .....	104	123	108	118	112	118	89		103	117		
First Church, Flat River ..	149		132	138			104	112	144	106		
Liberty, Phillipsburg ....						64	48	74				
Olivet Church, Marshall					18	19	24	31	17	19		
Festus Church .....				67	56	53	46	49	46			
Northside St. Louis .....						69	71		80	73	82	
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	51		
Alton Church .....										96		
First Church K. G. ....							50	52	58	66		
Sunnyview Church .....										49	52	

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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## From West Plains

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bethel Church met April 22 with eleven members and one new member present. The singing was directed by Juanita Henry and Alice James. "Power in the Blood" by Venita Atkinson. Scripture reading from Mark, with prayer by Louise Louis. The minutes

were read by Eudine Atkinson in the absence of Betty Bell.

A prayer meeting was held Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald. We also planned a supper at the park for Saturday night to raise money for our Auxiliary. Plans were made to have our Bible School July 8-19. Addie Atkinson had charge of lesson. Topics were given by Pat

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# Our Youth Speaks

## Editor's Note:

As most of our people know, this year will be the Fiftieth Anniversary of our State Association. Because of this we would like to have 100 churches on our church family plan and over 2,000 subscriptions.

If you know of a church that is not on the plan, tell them we need them and they need us that they may be better informed as to the happenings in our state. The subscription rate for the plan is \$1.00 a person per year.

If you know of an individual who does not receive the paper invite them to subscribe. The cost is \$1.25 a year. Help us reach our goal.

If you would like to send a year's subscription of the "Gem" as a gift, specify the occasion (Birthday, anniversary, etc.) and an appropriate card will be sent announcing the gift and the giver.

## Editor's Note:

This is the last of the articles that I have for this section. If I do not receive some, I will have to stop this page. So young people, if you want a column, get busy and send some articles to:

Free Will Baptist Gem  
3100 Mt. Pleasant  
St. Louis, Mo.

## G. T. A. Meeting at the Southside F. W. B. Church

At our meeting May 6th, there were twelve present plus three visitors, one new member joined our group. Our theme for this month was, "Through The Temple Holy." We sang three verses of "Footsteps of Jesus." The memory verse was Psalm 29:2. We had four very good topics. Every girl read a part of a topic. We discussed the lesson, had a business meeting and gave out parts for June. After the lesson was discussed, we looked up verses in the Bible and read them. They tied in with the lesson. We also read the Ten Commandments and Matt. 28:19-20. Everyone enjoyed the meeting very much.

Wanda Paul, Reporter

## Three young girls from Southside Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Impression of the Bible College

There are so many things I could say about the Bible College but there

wouldn't be room to write them. All in all I'd say that the college was a wonderful place. Everyone was very friendly and showed me the joy they had in living and serving for Christ there.

At the college everything seemed to be in the atmosphere of God. The thing that impressed me most the night I stayed in the girl's dormitory was the prayer meeting that the girls had before retiring for the night. A group of girls met and had prayer and sang hymns. At their prayer meeting everything seemed to be in complete harmony with God.

Before the prayer meeting, a good number of people gathered into the college auditorium for a Foreign Mission Fellowship meeting where Lonnie Sparks, our missionary to Africa, gave the devotional. Sunday night the Bible College had a play titled "Into Thy Kingdom." It was a blessing to me and to the many people who attended.

Even though these activities seem like only a few, I'll always remember them for they gave me a good picture of what Bible College is really like. I hope if it's the Lord's will, to attend the college after my high school education, to train for better Christian service or whatever God may call me to do. My visit has proved to me that one can enroll at F. W. B. B. C. and get a well-rounded Christian education. In my opinion our college is better than some of the big colleges of today. I would highly recommend the Bible College to any Christian and know within my heart it would be the right place for that person to attend.

—Sue Mertz

To describe the college is almost impossible. The atmosphere is so Christ-like, it is a blessing just to step inside. The girls and boys and everyone are so Christ-like, they almost shine. Everyone was so friendly, it was a joy to fellowship with them. We were there only two days. I wish it could have been two weeks.

We visited the Headquarter's Building Saturday morning, here we saw the offices of the Foreign Missions, Home Missions, League, and Sunday School.

The College dormitory is pretty and we stayed with four other girls, Saturday night. Saturday at 6:30 P. M. we went to Foreign Missions Fellowship. There Lonnie Sparks, missionary to Africa, spoke. We received a real

blessing.

Afterwards at 9:30 P. M. we went to the dormitory prayer meeting. Everything was in complete harmony. We received a real blessing there.

I didn't know anyone at the college, yet we all had something in common. That something was Christ. This one thing made it seem as if we had been friends for ages. I became acquainted with many people. Those whom I met, I will never forget.

I hope to attend our Bible College some day. I know if I do, I will receive a blessing. There are many things I would like to say, but I cannot put them into words.

My impression of the Bible College was that of something very wonderful indeed. This experience of mine is really hard to put into words, but I will try and let you see it as I did.

We had no sooner arrived than we were greeted whole heartedly by everyone. The girls had their heads out of the windows wanting to know where we came from, how long we were going to stay, where we were staying and could we possibly come up and talk to them. Everyone of them were so friendly and interested in you that it didn't take five minutes until you felt you had known them all of your life.

The night we stayed at the college was the most enjoyable indeed. Everyone made you feel so welcome it seemed that you belonged there. I met so many girls I can't begin to remember half of their names.

They held prayer meeting that night in which everyone participated. This meeting was just too magnificent for words. It was opened with prayer by one of the girls. As soon as that was over someone started singing. This didn't have to go on very long for every one soon felt deeply aroused inside. I know for I was.

One of the girls had prepared a lesson from the Bible for the occasion and presented a message to us on the subject. Believe me, she had no trouble in acquiring or holding anyone's attention. She asked for prayer requests and the meeting was closed with prayer.

This may not sound like much of an impression on my behalf but truly words cannot describe the joy and glory in which these girls worship God.

We had our own private devotions in our rooms before going to bed and also in the morning when we awoke.

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**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

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Lewis, Opal Alsop, Claudia Combs. Two missionary letters were read. Dismissed by Effie Lou Moss.

Our Auxiliary met again on May 6th. "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" was led by Juanita Henry. Scripture read from Proverbs and prayer by Mrs. Wonsettler. The lesson was on "Hawaii." Topic I—Mrs. Giliam; Topic II—Betty Bell; Topic III

—Mrs. Wonsettler and Topic IV—Gracie Stevens. There were nine present and one new member joined. The minutes were read and other reports were given. We will have a study course on prayer, May 20. Effie Lou Moss collected \$9.25 from sale of articles sold at her shop. Dismissed in prayer by Rachel Murrey.

Ruby Blankenship, Cor.-Sec.

**From Mountain Grove**

The Auxiliary of the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church met April 14 in the recreation room at the church. Roll call was answered by seventeen members and one visitor. The meeting was opened with song: "Work For The Night Is Coming." Prayer by Sis Cleo Chandler. Scripture reading was taken from Romans 13.

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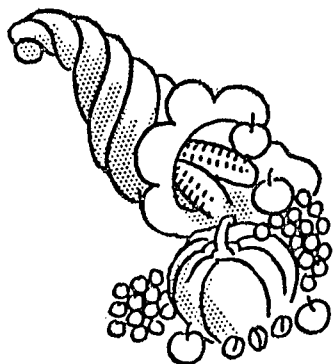
**EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN****OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS****100 CHURCHES**

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 Gower ..... 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  
 Jefferson City Church ..... Rev. Earl Irish  
 Mt. Zion, Thayer .....  
 Sunny View, Lebanon ..... Rev. Bill Eden  
 Mt. Zion, Cuba, Mo. ....  
 Willow Springs Woman's Auxiliary .....

Neosho .....  
 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 .....  
 Oskaloosa ..... Rev. O. J. Mackey  
 Jones Chapel .....  
 Pleasant Ridge, Urbana ..... 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 .....  
 Marshfield Church ..... Rev. Wm. Reeves  
 Royal Oak, Alton .....  
 Pleasant Ridge, Alton ..... Rev. A. T. Warren  
 Lead Hill, Mansfield .....  
 Editor's Note: Please send pastor's names!





# CLEANINGS

## FROM THE FIELD

### Church Plans to Build

Our church here at Grant Avenue is being blessed of God. During the past few weeks we have had over 30 decisions for which we praise God. We are starting our building program. The new auditorium will seat some 500 people. The church has approved plans and we hope to be in the new building by late Fall.

### Neosho Free Will Baptist Church Pastor Resigns

God has greatly blessed in our church and looking around us we can see the increase He has granted and many prayers have been answered. The Lord saved a young man in our church on Easter Sunday. God is on His throne.

Our hearts are saddened for our pastor, Rev. Robert E. Duck, has submitted his resignation effective June 2nd. It is God's will that he leave us and we pray God's blessings upon him and his wonderful family wherever He may lead them. Pray with us as we carry on in God's work and as we search for a new pastor.

### Pastor's Resign

The pastors at the following churches have handed in their resignations: Merl's Chapel, First Church of Monett, Neosho and Farmington.

### Kirkville, Mo.

The Master's Men of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirkville held their regular monthly meeting on May 7. We had the privilege of having Brother Jim McLain, missionary candidate to Japan, as the speaker for the program. We have a membership roll of eleven and have had an average attendance of eleven. Our president, Brother Jerry Pinkerton, will be leaving soon for Nashville, Tennessee where he will enroll in the Free Will Baptist Bible College next fall. We regret to lose Jerry as our president, for he has served effectively but we are thankful that God is still calling young men

from our midst to preach His Word. God is blessing the work of the Master's Men and there has been renewed interest and vigor in the entire work of the church since its organization.

### Kirkville, Missouri

The annual Sunday School Convention of North-East Missouri Association met at the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church the third Sunday in April. There were four churches represented and gave different parts on the program. Mrs. Howard Filkins was re-elected president for the coming year. Rev. Cletus Nichols is pastor of the Hazel Creek Church.

### Evangelical Free Church of Japan To Send Missionary

Minneapolis, Minn. (MNS)—The Evangelical Free Church of Japan has appointed Miss Sumie Yokouchi San as its first foreign missionary. Miss San expects to go to Singapore this fall to serve as a missionary fully supported by Japanese churches.

### Interest in City-Wide Crusades Increasing, Says Missionary Leader

Buffalo, N. Y. (MNS)—Mission leaders attending the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association's annual convention here were told that the potential of properly conducted city-wide crusades in foreign lands is staggering to the imagination, particularly in terms of its long-range effects. The declaration came in an address on April 23 by the Rev. Jack Stowell of Overseas Crusades, Inc.

Speaking on the subject "Confronting the Population Explosion," Mr. Stowell said that the barrage of statistics on the population explosion has undoubtedly stimulated church leaders to reach the masses with the Christian message.

A breakthrough in terms of opportunity was cited. "Permits are being given for public assemblies in countries that have previously denied them to evangelicals. A new level has been

reached in radio and television potential. Churches that have been pessimistic have seen the results elsewhere and are now ready to join in plans for co-operative evangelism.

The missionary leader pointed to the increasing interest in united crusades in almost every area of the free world. Recent successes in Guatemala, Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Formosa were offered as examples.

Billy Graham crusades have proven the effectiveness of mass evangelism methods, Mr. Stowell said. It has been established, he concluded, that "City-wide crusades can be one of the most valued means of rallying evangelicals, of mobilizing a significant segment of evangelical strength for the task of evangelism and of progressing toward true ecumenicity."

This year's annual convention of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association was held April 23-25 at the Statler Hilton Hotel here, in conjunction with the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

### POAU Publishes Study Guide On Church-State Relations

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS)—A short study guide on the subject of American traditions on church-state has just been published by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU). Entitled **Church State Relations: The American Way**, it is designed for church youth groups and adult groups studying church-state relations.

The study manual was prepared by the POAU staff in a 12-unit program so that it will fit right into a regular Sunday School quarter. At the end of each chapter there are discussion questions problems involving church-state relations in the country such as American freedom, the Supreme Court and separation, Roman Catholic power and education. All inquiries should be directed to POAU, 1633 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.



### Sudan's Catholic Bishops Train Lay Workers

Forestville, Ohio (MNS)—The head of the Sacred Heart Seminary here has reported that the Sudan's seven Roman Catholic bishops have begun training 500 lay catechists to try to save the faith of about half a million Catholics in the southern part of that land.

Father Anthony Todesco said the bishops, alarmed by the Moslem government's expulsion of missionaries, also plan to sponsor the higher education of at least 250 young Sudanese in the United States and Europe. He called these actions "the only chance to save Christianity from annihilation in Central Africa."

One Roman Catholic missionary, expelled from the Sudan after 71 days in prison, said, "If the Catholic position in the Sudan is further weakened, the whole of Africa soon may become the victim of Islam, just as northern Africa became Moslem when the Crusaders failed to drive the Moslem power from the Holy Land." He noted that persecution in the Sudan dates from 1956 when the nation gained independence.

### Missionary Pilot Builds 'Dream Plane' For Use in Jungle and Mountain Flying

HAMPSHIRE, Ill. (CNS)—A missionary pilot whose active service was cut short by an attack of bulbar polio is now nearing completion in the building of a "dream plane" which he began designing during his long months of recovery. Earlier while serving as a pilot mechanic for the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Peru he had first conceived an idea for a rugged new twin engine plane which would make flying over remote jungle and mountain areas less hazardous.

At the present time, said Carl Mortenson of Wheaton, Ill., the designer-builder, almost all missionary pilots are obliged to use single engine planes which have a slim chance of survival if the power plant fails. Basic research for the project included a survey of missionary pilots and consultations with aeronautical engineers. He himself has devoted some 5,000 hours to the project.

Although its wing span is only 36 feet, the plane will carry six to eight passengers or convert quickly to accommodate bulky cargo. It is intended to take off in just 200 yards and yet be able to maintain 15,000 feet on one engine. It features a high wing to clear obstructions on rough air strips. Helping to build the new plane is Fred Culpepper, a former Boeing

mechanic, who works with Mortenson in a small rented hanger on a private air strip near Hampshire.

The total cost of the project is expected to be about \$54,000 which is being raised by private contributions. By late summer it is hoped that the Evangel 4500, as it is called, will be in the air. Following testing of this prototype it is expected that more planes like this will be produced by some aircraft manufacturer.

### Bible Translation Group Conducts First Linguistic Seminar in Africa

SANTA ANA, Calif. (CNS)—The world's largest missionary organization which is devoted exclusively to the scientific translation of the Bible unto unwritten languages recently conducted its first linguistics seminar in Ghana, West Africa. Enrolled in the special five week course at the University of Ghana which was conducted by the Wycliffe Bible Translators were six Ghanaian nationals, representatives of missionary societies and personnel from UNESCO and the Peace Corps.

The introduction of linguistic studies to Ghana will assist nationals and missionary personnel to analyze and reduce to writing the many unwritten languages of West Africa. Directing the seminar was Dr. John Bendor-Samuel, a native of England and a former translator for the Terena Indian tribe of Brazil. Wycliffe entered Ghana last year upon invitation from the government, university officials and interested mission groups.

During the final week of the course the students tried actual translation of Ghanaian languages with informants from the Dagbani, Ewe and Twi tribes. Ghanians speak upward of 13 of the more than 300 languages in West Africa which need Bible translation. A similar seminar will be conducted late this year at the nearby University of Nigeria at Nsukka. These courses are but one phase of training in Bible translation which is taught by Wycliffe in the United States, England, Germany and Australia.

### Biologist Declares Racial Inter-marriage Is Neither Helpful Nor Harmful

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (CNS)—A leading biologist declared here that racial intermixing is neither particularly harmful nor beneficial from a biological point of view. He held that the principal need at the moment is an understanding that people can be equal but different—not better or worse.

This view was expressed here by Dr. V. Elving Anderson, an associate professor of zoology and assistant director of the Dight Institute of Genetics at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Anderson told a regional meeting of the American Scientific Affiliation, a group which seeks to reconcile the findings of modern science with the Christian faith, that it is impossible to distinguish between "good" and "bad" traits, since these depend upon existing circumstances, tradition, etc. He said that it is also biologically inconceivable that one group or race would possess all the "good" traits to the exclusion of all "bad" traits.

The professor, a Baptist layman, said that intermarriage is already a fact since the present U. S. Negro population already possesses, on the average, between 20 to 30 per cent white genes. Racial mixing does not result in grotesque combinations, such as big teeth in a small jaw, he said, because there is an embryological balance operating to fuse these traits into a smoothly functioning human being.

Rev R. W. Langhans, the pastor of an interracial Lutheran church in St. Paul for the past ten years, told the meeting of scientists that neither the Old nor the New Testaments support any concept of racial inequality. "There are no overtones of favoritism anywhere in the gospel of redemption—it is truly universal," he said.

The director of the Minnesota State Commission Against Discrimination stated that the state's emphasis on conciliation in dealing with matters of racial discrimination was very effective. The official, James C. McDonald, cited several cases in which job seekers and home buyers claimed discrimination and were settled through conciliation. Generally it was worked out to everyone's satisfaction and without the fears of the defendants ever materializing, he said.

### Rev. O. T. Allred Resigns

Rev. O. T. Allred has resigned the Merl Chapel Church after 15 years of service at the church. Bro. Allred is now available for pastoral or evangelistic work.

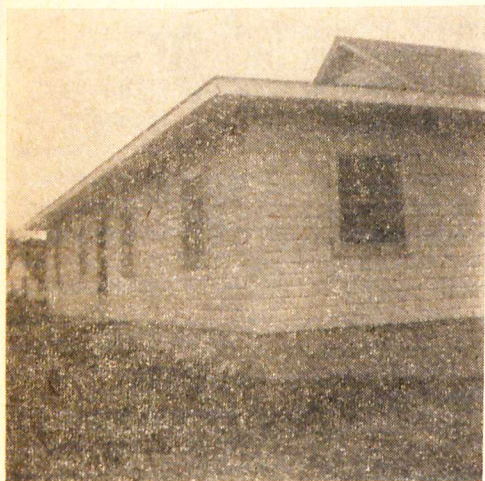
### Quarterly Meeting

The Laclede County Association will convene at the New Home Church June 29. If any of our Free Will Baptist people are in this area, come by and visit with us.

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# STORY OF A CHURCH



**Rear View of the Sunday School Rooms**

The Alton Free Will Baptist Church Alton, Missouri was organized September 16, 1955, following a tent revival, conducted by Rev. C. A. Dodson, Rev. Harry Beatty, Rev. Billy Rogers and Rev. Davie Combs. This ordaining council of ministers and deacons met under the tent and organized the Alton Free Will Baptist Church, (Rev's. C. A. Dodson, Harry Beatty, Davie Combs, H. C. Crase, Billy Rogers, Keith Johnson, Ernest Harding, Meril Shaw—deacons Lee Clark, W. B. Combs, Luke Boze, Andrew Moore, Lee Lynch, Roy Martin, Wallace Strain, Raymond Williams, Mack Warren and Dale Archer), with 43 members. By choice of the body, Bros. Clifton Wright, Elgin Williams and Jim Harding were selected as deacons; Ernest James, Treasurer; Barbara James, Clerk and Rev. C. A. Dodson as Pastor.

Our need for a place to worship was our first problem but through the goodness and generosity of our local Funeral Home director, Mr. J. O. Clary, we had a place to go. He opened his doors to us one hour every Sunday morning and in this hour we hurriedly went through our Sunday School lesson and our pastor, would deliver a short sermon. Our first service was held Oct. 1, 1955.

We began searching for a place to build and immediately the Lord provided a place through a dear lady, Sister Eliza Bell, donating a large lot to the church. It was located near the North West edge of the city limits of Alton. On the following Sunday

after we had our one hours service, our little band of anxious people went to the building site, had prayer and elected a building committee consisting of Bros. Dan Cline, George Chronister, Elgin Williams, David Combs and Ernest James. Under the supervision of this committee, our building was soon started.

A donation of \$500.00 from the Missouri State Home Mission Department, donations of material and free will offerings, all totaling to the sum of \$2,939.54 certainly gave us a wonderful start. There was also many hours of labor donated. We then borrowed enough money from the Bank of Alton to complete our building. This was paid back by monthly payments.

Although our building was not completed, on Feb. 19, 1956, we held our first services in our new building. How our hearts did rejoice in praise to God for this wonderful privilege.

Our pastor, Bro. Dodson, and the church worked diligently together, the church grew, the debt was paid off and the church was dedicated to the Lord, Sept. 22, 1957. Bro. Harry Beatty preached our dedicatory message.



**Rev. Millard Ehrhardt & Family  
Present Pastor**

The heating system for our church the first two winters was very inadequate and in the fall of 1958 we had a gas heating system installed. This, of course, called for more money, which we borrowed and paid back by payments.

In the growth of our church we have had many wonderful mountain top experiences, which definitely pre-

pared us to meet the challenge of service in the valley below (Rom. 12:1).

Due to failing health, on Oct. 1, 1961, Bro Dodson offered his resignation to the church, and on Oct. 8, 1961, the church accepted his resignation and called Bro. Millard Ehrhardt as Pastor. Bro. Ehrhardt and his wife took up the work of the church in a wonderful way. The church continued to grow to the extent that we felt urgently the need of Sunday School class rooms. The deacons and pastor, Bro. Ehrhardt discussed the matter. It was brought before the church and voted on. The decision was to build the class rooms, and they were started in June 1962, under the supervision of the building committee elected—Bros. David Combs, Elgin Williams and Ernest James.

Again there was a wonderful response of contributions in the form of: Money, labor, material, consecrated prayer and untiring efforts on all that were so deeply intrested. The 4 classrooms were completed and used the first time Aug. 1962. How we did enjoy them and give thanks to the good Lord for granting to us another blessing. On Feb. 3, 1963, we dedicated the rooms to the Lord. Again we called on Bro. Harry Beatty for a dedicatory sermon and again he responded.



**Side Entrance to Main Auditorium  
and Church Group**

Another outstanding event that has happened in the history of the church, was when the Lord called one of our 17 year old young men into the ministry, Bro. Terry Forrest. We cannot find words to express just how proud we are of him, he is certainly on fire for the Lord and has gone whole heartedly into the work, wherein he is called. He has been licensed to preach





**Rev. & Mrs. C. A. Dodson**  
**First Pastor of the Church**

and will be ordained in due time.

Our present deacon board consists of Bros. Paris Wheeler, Elgin Williams, Clifton Wright, Leroy Chronister and Doyle Hickenbotham. We have a total membership of 102. The church has called Bro. Millard Ehrhardt as pastor for the coming year. It is his, and our, (the church) desire that this church will be as "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." St. Matt. 5:14, praying that we may be the means of bringing many more lost souls to Christ. The value of our church is \$10,000.00 and the seating capacity consists of 250.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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The following items of business were passed: that we send 50% of our Auxiliary offering to our home missionaries in Vancouver, Washington; that we use the first Friday of each month as a work day for our Auxiliary. The theme of our lesson was "Hawaii—A State of Diversity." We were dismissed with a season of prayer.

Letha Fry, Cor.-Sec.

### From Neosho, Mo.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Neosho Church met on the evening of April 16, at the home of Sis. Dorothy Childress. The meeting was opened with prayer by Sis. Wilma Pogue. The business session was conducted by our president, June Duck. The roll call was answered with Bible verses and then the minutes were read by our secretary, Sis. Anna Weston. The treasury report was given by Sis. Patsy Lefler.

A letter was read from Rev. Thomas H. Willey Jr., our chosen missionary project. We had asked for him to tell us something our auxiliary could provide for him or his family. He informed us his daughter, Alicia, needed play clothes or linens for their home. Each member will bring gifts for them next meeting. We are sure God will bless Rev. Willey and that our greatest blessing shall come in giving to help them in some small way in their wonderful work for the Lord.

Ruby Frankenstein, Reporter

### From Lebanon Mo.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Mo. met Tuesday evening, May 14, for their regular meeting, with 12 members and 1 guest present.

The president: Sis Farron Jones called the meeting to order.

Opening song, "I Want To Be A Worker." Prayer by Sybil Agan. Devotional was taken from 1st John. Minutes of previous meeting and Secretary's report given and approved.

The lesson for study was Hawaii—A State of Diversity.

Topic I—A Japanese convert, by Hazel Embry; Topic II—The convert becomes a follower, by Sybil Agan; Topic III—The convert: Her Family and Friends, by Jean Bowman.

The lesson was a very interesting one and enjoyed by all. There are so many nationalities and religions in Hawaii a great need for missionaries and prayer are greatly needed.

After a brief business session the meeting was closed with prayer by Alpha Admire.

We were glad to have Mrs. Virginia Broshears with us.

Henrietta Garrett, Cor.-Sec.

### OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

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We also made a tour of the boys dormitories, the auditorium, lunchroom, headquarters and so many other places. We also had our pictures taken with the Dean in front of the college.

All I have to say is this, if you ever have the opportunity to go to Nashville and visit our Bible College, GO, just go and see for yourself what it is like.

It's so hard to put into words this little corner of Heaven. You will just have to go, see and experience for yourself to actually believe what I saw with my own eyes.

—Linde Ledbetter

### Neosho, Mo.

The Neosho Y. P. A. first met in Nov. 1962, just a few short months ago but in that length of time our church has certainly felt their presence. They began cleaning the church on Saturday afternoons and received \$5.00 per week from five generous members of the church who each pay one dollar every week. This money was put to good use during Christmas for gifts to an elderly gentleman of the church and a small gift for each in the pastor's family. The Y. P. A. presented a very nice guest book to the church.

Recently the ones faithful in cleaning the church, including our pastor, Bro. Bob Duck, his wife, June, and his daughter Sandi; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frankenstein and children, Linda Childress, Sherri Andris, and Dick Pogue spent two wonderful evenings socially.

In May we sent \$9.64 for foreign missions. Great things are in store for these young people as they grow in number and in His grace.

The Sponsor,

Ruby Frankenstein

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## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

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### University Professor Urges Christians To Support Civil Rights Efforts

CHICAGO, Ill. (CNS)—A college professor who was an eye-witness to the race riots last fall at the University of Mississippi urged American Chris-

tians to support efforts to help Negroes gain their civil rights. He said that the ending of segregation in this country would be a strong blow against communism since the Reds only support civil rights matters for the momentary advantage it will be to them.

This view was expressed here by Dr.

Russel Maatman, an associate professor of chemistry at the campus of "Ole Miss" at Oxford, Mississippi, in an article in the May issue of **His** magazine. This publication is the official voice of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and is geared to its college student readers.

As an eye-witness of the riots resulting from the enrollment of Negro James Meredith the professor denied the official university explanation which said that the federal marshals started the riot. He said that this clash was the result of many years of racial hatred and that Christians who should have spoken out against it were silent. "This is true," he said, "because most of these people don't wholeheartedly accept the Christian teaching of compassion for the lowly."

Dr. Maatman said that after he had entertained James Meredith in his home for dinner that his family "was subsequently given vigorous treatment." He explained, "We had only wanted to show him friendship and the inside of a Christian home, so we told no one that he was coming." The professor found Meredith to be "an extremely interesting guest with considerable quick wit and analytical ability."

In the buildup to the crisis at "Ole Miss" all sorts of pressure was brought against those favoring integration, the professor said. Speakers and entertainers who had been scheduled were prevented from appearing after their integrationist sentiments were discovered while a law professor who advocated obedience to the Supreme Court was forced to leave the university.

Declaring his own position, Dr. Maatman stated, "I teach chemistry, but that doesn't abolish my responsibility to teach morals also."

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