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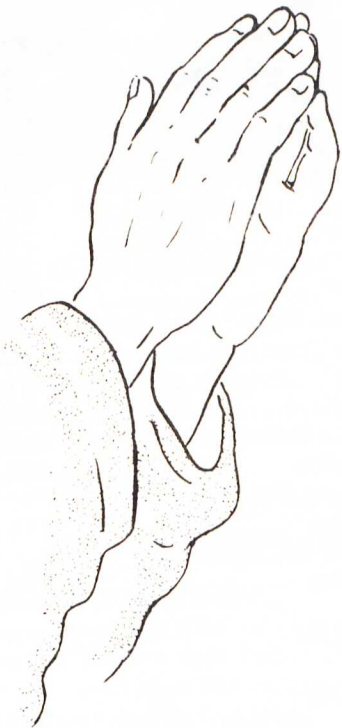
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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER

Sunday, December 1st, we enjoyed a good service with Pastor Robert Carlson and the Black Oak Church, and an offering was given to the promotional department. This congregation also contributes to Missouri Cooperative fund.

Sunday evening we enjoyed another good service with Pastor Dale Jones and Lebanon First Free Will Baptist Church. Delivered mission sermon in this service.

Tuesday, December 3rd, we met in Kansas City in joint meeting with Steering Committee and Missouri Executive Board, preparing and planning for the entertainment of the Free Will Baptist National Association, to be held there in July, 1964. While there, attended greater Kansas City quarterly meeting, held services with Beacon, Victory, and Central Free Will Baptist Churches, and Belton Mission Sunday morning. I witnessed souls being saved in Belton service. On my return home Sunday night, I visited Jefferson City First Free Will Baptist Church. They are having Free Will Baptist treaty study class each Sunday evening.

As Kansas City district leads the way with initial arrangements for the national meeting, churches, let us respond early with our help and finance as you have done so generously in past years.

LaCade County Quarterly Meeting convened with pastor, Vineta Broyles and Lynn Street Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon, Saturday, December 28. Each church was represented by delegates and letters. Sermons were rendered by three licensed ministers, Dale Broyles, Edward Ruble, and Zelbert Tannhill. Time was given for the Cooperative program. Also an offering was received.

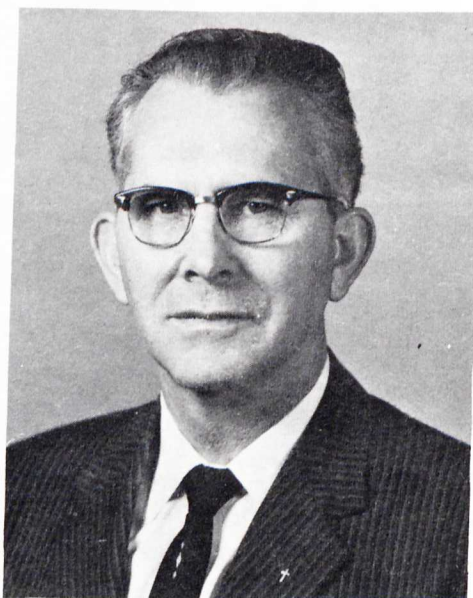
Saturday night, December 28, the Ni-

angua Quarterly Meeting met with pastor Frank Linton and Hope Well Free Will Baptist Church. I was privileged to bring the introductory message. All their churches were represented.

Sunday, December 29, we assisted pastor Dale Skiles in the funeral services of Rufus Brewer at Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church. An overflow crowd of relatives and friends paid their last respects to Mr. Brewer.

Brethren as we bid 1963 farewell, let us accept the great challenge of 1964. May the Lord give each of you a prosperous New Year.

Rev. Harry Beatty
Promotional Secretary



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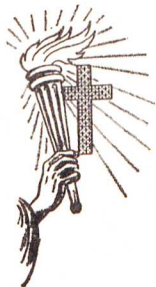
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Mrs. Peggy Davis

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ:

I'm sure you will find this month's auxiliary pages a little different. Let me share this letter with you. "Auxiliaries Churches - Gone To The Dogs!"

November 11, 1963
Competition, Missouri

Dear Editor and Gem readers:

I am very dissatisfied with the Gem!! There are things I read that I can't approve of, such as a few women having "get-togethers", playing games, having refreshments in the church.

The churches having clubs, bake sales and refreshments, that's all you can hear over the radio and newspapers.

The leaders of the church should be spiritual and not have so much formality. If the churches don't clothe themselves in sack cloth and ashes, and get down before God and pray till the power comes — it's gone! For without the spirit it is DEAD. Jesus says I am the truth and light and without the spirit we can't serve Him.

Women's Auxiliary try to run the church business, let the money and offerings go to the church. It may have gone too far to stop now.

The majority is for formality. Bible says "in the last days, they confess God

Woman's

with their mouths and deny the power thereof."

It sets my soul on fire just to think our preachers will endorse such stuff!! Preach a big sermon then turn right around and make their belly their God!! I am praying for our churches and the children that's behind.

Well, I'll send this note but you probably won't print it. Anyway, I have done what I felt and I've cleared my conscience!

Gem Reader
Cordia Massey
Competition, Mo.

Reply to: Mrs. Cordia Massey
Competition, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Massey,

In reply to your letter, I must say I have mixed emotions.

First of all, the Woman's Auxiliary work is very dear and real to me because I believe it is a way to spread the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have facts and figures to prove that the Woman's Auxiliary is helping the church! Thousands of dollars were given last year for missions, home and abroad. Above even the money part and much more important is that souls were reached for Christ through the efforts of our women.

At the same time, Mrs. Massey, your letter has given me a challenge to let our readers know more about our mission work, but, women of Missouri, I need your help! Please send in your "news", not a list of your monthly program with who has this part or that part, but the mission part. Starting with this month month you will find a list of auxiliaries who have their monthly programs, and a new column entitled "Auxiliaries In Action."

I believe sincerely that the majority of our women are concerned and realize that the Woman's Auxiliary purpose is to help the church, teach and support missions.

These auxiliary pages are not for self praise and self seekers, but that the activities of others may challenge us to greater service for God.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Ted Davis

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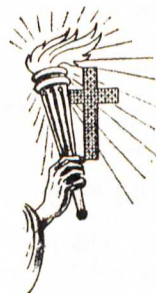
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AUXILIARIES REPORTING
DECEMBER, 1963

Grant Ave. FWB, Springfield
Lebanon, Missouri
Thayer FWB
Neosho, Mo.
First Church, Flat River, Mo.
West Plains Auxiliary
Berkley City Auxiliary
Mountain Grove, Mo.
Leadington FWB





Sunday School



Sunday School Visitation

Anyone who has attended a Sunday school class at Christmas time has heard, if at no other time in his life, the story of Jesus' birth. Indeed, the sole purpose of our Sunday schools is to teach about the coming of Christ and His salvation. The Sunday school does not exist to plan socials or to organize membership drives; it does not exist merely to meet at an appointed place each Sunday morning either, with the same members present week after week—although some of our Sunday schools seem to have been limited to just this function for as long as we can remember.

The Sunday school exists for the same reason that the angels were sent to Judean shepherds; for the same reason that Christ went to the multitudes; for the same reason that He sent out His disciples two by two; for the same reason that He later commanded His followers to make disciples of all men, teaching them all that He had commanded.

If we study the methods of Jesus, which should surely be our own, we will observe that He did not teach regularly in one place only to those who came to hear Him. Instead, He went to the people: to the joyful, celebrating a marriage; to the sorrowful, mourning a deceased relative; to the concerned, lamenting a fatal illness of a friend. He went to sinners, to despised tax officials, to "inferior" Samaritans, to the lame and the blind and the diseased and the poor as well as to the wealthy and the socially prominent. He went not only to the synagogues where people worshiped, but also to homes where people lived, to the sea shore where people worked. In short, wherever people were, there Christ was.

We have heard much about people coming to Christ and about people coming to church, but one of the basic tenets of Christianity that distinguishes it from other religions is that man does not seek God; it is God who seeks man. Was it not for this purpose that Christ came into the world?

If our Sunday schools are to adopt the methods as well as the spirit of Jesus, then we must go to the people who are not

now attending our churches, for our purpose is to proclaim the gospel where, as someone has said, it really is news. We are to tell those who walk in darkness in the land of the shadow of death that a great light has shined; we are to tell those whose wearisome burdens are heavy that there is One whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light; we are to tell those who have sinned and come short of the glory of God that the Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world.

Exactly how can a Sunday school organize an effective visitation program? There are various plans, of course, all of which

will "work" if we keep our real purpose in mind and pursue it prayerfully.

(1) No Sunday school should be without an adequate records system. Every member should actually be enrolled, with his name, address, and other pertinent information on an enrollment card (available from our denominational Sunday School Department). Every visitor should be given the opportunity to enroll on his very first visit to the Sunday school. (2) The class secretary should keep an accurate record of attendance. Class attendance record books and individual six-point re-

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1963

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Copper Mines	61	75	82	95	84	83	88	95	88		
Fellowship, Flat River	179	178	192	214	201	191	183	179	175	175	178
Leadington	49	54	61	62	55	53	49		49	58	
Farmington	75	87	87	93	81	74	82	89	99	114	109
Liberty-Phillipsburg				97	81	82	82	74	75	73	77
Berkeley City	230	241	366	343	268	256	228	243	283	282	307
Richwoods	44	49	47	50	55	54	54	55	61		57
Beacon	88	91	87	102	101	87	75	81			
Kirksville	62	66	65	79	78	62	68	78	78	78	74
Grant Ave., Springfield	116	127	135	153	135	145	140	163	163	177	168
Hazel Creek	39	48	56	61	63	56	54	55	59	59	52
Mine La Motte	19	26	30	40	33	25	31	27	29	37	31
First Ch. Flat River						119	109	111	121	125	
Overland Church	133	137		162	150			138	140	159	
First Ch., Mtn. Grove	304	317	357	385	357	316	348	339	357	337	324
Bethel, West Plains	143	164	158	169	161	171	169	174	182		
Desloge	83	103	127	128	107	114	104	106	105	104	110
Thayer	98	107	105	120	108	102	108	101	98	93	
Grace, Arnold							111	144	143	165	139
Faith, Lemay	89	96	102	106	92	85	84	87	89	97	
Union Light	89	103	103	117	111	116	109	117	114	109	104
Olivet Church, Marshall	24	31	17	19	19	14					
First Church, Springfield	133	159	154	189	169	165	162		199		
Twin Oak Church	49	61	60	70	55	66	58	56	55		
Joplin	77	87	80	94	95	95	107	98	98	96	
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana		20	20	24	20	22	24	29	32	34	34
Central, Kansas City			47	51	46	38	59	63	65	102	84
Alton Church				96	96	75	98			108	
First Ch., Jefferson City					16	18	23	21			
Hannon							66	62	62	58	
Cabool						74	75				
First Church, Monett							116	125	133	131	130
Garfield-Couch							40	47	42	40	
Salem							32	46			
Victory	57	74	79	78	72	76	65	76	89	100	113
First Church, Fredericktown								151	151	151	
Northside Church										97	

GLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

MOUNTAIN GROVE MASTER'S MEN MEET

The men of the church enjoyed a very profitable evening as they met for a regular meeting Monday night, December 2.

The guest speaker for the meeting was

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port blanks are available for just this purpose. (3) Each class secretary (or teacher) should submit a weekly list of absentees to the pastor or general superintendent. A simple form for reporting absentees can be prepared by each church. (4) The teacher or secretary should contact each absentee for the first and second absence, but when a member has been absent for three consecutive weeks, the pastor or the general superintendent should contact him personally. (The absentee form should contain a column for "No. of Sundays absent.")

These steps will help to retain the current members, but an even greater effort should be made to reach the unenrolled. Again there are several plans that are effective, but they all involve an active visitation program with one night set aside (preferably each week) for actual visits. (1) A visitation board may be installed, on which are hung prospect cards arranged by age or school grade. New names may be obtained for these prospect cards from visitors' cards (every visitor should be asked to complete such a card, in every class), from religious census findings (if your church has never conducted one, begin planning now for a spring census), or from personal contacts made by any church member. (2) One night each week should be designated as visitation night—if no other time is available, visits can be made after prayer meeting. On visitation night, couples (preferably husband and wife) should get prospect cards from the visitation board and visit the prospects. (3) After their visits are made—they should be "disciple visits" too—they should write the results on the reverse of each prospect card, along with the date of the visit, and return the cards to a peg marked "return" as soon as possible. The pastor will then be able to see the results and know what follow-up work may be necessary.

Try these methods to proclaim the good tidings of great joy—and to enlarge your Sunday school and promote its effectiveness.

Dr. Jon Tom Staten, Superintendent of the Mountain Grove Public Schools. He gave a very interesting and meaningful talk that was a challenge to the group.

The order of business consisted of election of officers. The following men were elected to serve in their respective offices. President, Bob Hutsell; Program Vice President, Spig McCarty; Membership Vice President, Grant Smith; Activities Vice President, Willard McCarty; Secretary-Treasurer, Kenneth Chapman; Chorister, Clifford Sheppard; Publicity, Alvis Hagan. A good year is foreseen as the men of the church rally behind these and give them their support during 1964.

NEWS FROM F.W.B. CHURCH IN THAYER, MISSOURI

I would like to share with the Gem readers some of the things that have been a real blessing to our church.

On October 7 Rev. Rufus Coffey of Nashville, Tenn. came to be with us for a week's revival. The Holy Spirit was felt in each of these services. Rev. Coffey delivered some very good messages which certainly stirred our hearts. We were so thankful to have three saved and four rededications during this week of revival.

The Rhea Harmony Quartet from St. Louis were with us on November 23. The presence of the Lord was also felt in this service. During the short break which the quartet took the girls trio, composed of Nelda Bostic, Janice Lou and LaDonna Bennett sang two beautiful songs. Also the mens quartet, and Bro. and Sis. Bostic sang for us. This service seemed to be just the thing for getting our hearts and minds ready for the Sunday morning worship hour.

On Sunday, November 24, the Women's Auxiliary was in charge of the worship service. Sis. Nettie Bennett, program chairman, called upon the youth groups of the church to assist. First on the program were the Missionary Midgets. Paula Bennett sang "Don't Be Afraid." They took the letters in Thanksgiving and told the meaning of them. They also sang "Christ's Way Is My Way" and the chorus to "Count Your Blessings". The GTA's gave us several prayers taken from the Bible. 1. Prayer of Jonah. 2. Zacharias. 3. Solomon's prayer for help. 4. On Thanksgiving and 5. Moses prayer of Intercession.

Alice Sloan and Linda Archer sang "How Great Thou Art" for the YPA program. Alice Sloan was also the speaker. She gave us five things for which we should be thankful for and a brief summary of each. 1. Family. 2. Time. 3. Bible. 4. Friends. 5. Life.

To conclude the program Sis. Clara Allen, an active Auxiliary member gave us many more things in which to be thankful for. The theme she used was "Withhold Not Thine Hand - For We Are Chosen of God."

She compared us as Christians to the specially selected foods we find on the market at this time of year. These were 1. Specially Selected. 2. Tenderly Fed. 3. Preserved in Freshness. 4. Inspected and Graded. This program was truly a blessing to all.

We ask the prayers of everyone that our church will continue to grow and that we will always be doing what God would have us to.

REPORT FROM LEADINGTON CHURCH

The Ladies' Bible Class of the Leadington F.W.B. Church met for their monthly meeting Tuesday, December 3, 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Sam Mills.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards is teacher of the class. The devotionals were led by Elaine Spradlin, president of the class.

This class, joined by the G.T.A.'s visited the Bonne Terre Rest Home on December 8 at 2 o'clock p.m. A good service was enjoyed by all. Rev. Bob Wilfong, our pastor, brought a wonderful message and the girls of the G.T.A. gave an interesting cantata. Our church members, with the pastor, visit this home every second Sunday in each month.

REVIVAL A SUCCESS

The Union Light Church engaged in a revival meeting from October 21 to November 2, 1963, with the Rev. James Barker as the evangelist. The church was blessed greatly and as a result three souls were saved.

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HISTORY OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

from its first session

in 1914 to 1934

AS TAKEN FROM PROCEEDINGS OF
ANNUAL SESSIONS

Bro. C. E. Mann of Queen City, Missouri has been kind enough to furnish an Introduction and the First Session Proceedings.

Dear Brother Brown:

Complying with your request for a statement regarding things leading unto, and the organization of the Missouri State Meeting of Free Will Baptist, I submit the following:

----- INTRODUCTION

During the early part of my Christian life, and ministerial work, it was my pleasure to have for my spiritual advisor, Rev. G. S. Latimer, now of Washington, Kans., but at that time pastor of churches in the Northeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. At one time Rev. Latimer was clerk of the old Missouri State Meeting. From him I learned much of the work and results accomplished under this organization. It was my privilege to attend the last session of this conference and, being a boy, I failed to give it the attention and thought I should, therefore I was handicapped some years later when I sought to bring about the organization of the present state work.

In the winter of 1905 I met Rev. T. C. Ferguson at the Schuyler County Quarterly Meeting and from him learned of the work in Northwest Missouri, Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas. This was during my second year in the ministry. With a desire to know more of our Missouri work, I began a campaign of correspondence, but for several years was unable to gather the information desired, or the co-operation hoped for.

During the fall of 1912 I assisted Rev. W. H. McKown of Carlow, Mo. in a revival meeting, and later he assisted me in a revival at our home church. While associated together we began to lay plans for uniting our Free Will Baptist work in Missouri. As a result of our plans, and at the close of the revival, I began corresponding with ministers and clerks of

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the different associations I knew of. Letters were sent to Elders W. H. McKown, T. C. Ferguson, J. J. Wood, R. W. Waterman, S. B. Lewis, and G. S. Latimer, also Mr. Jerry Ahart, clerk of Northwest Missouri Association. I also visited in person, Elders P. H. Veach, W. D. McFarland, James Shoop, C. A. Phillips, W. B. Fadley, and several others in the interest of an organization. I made two trips into the Northwest Missouri Association, sat in council with the Northwest Missouri Association executive board, and visited a number of other meetings in order to determine the wishes of the people. Rev. Waterman of the Laclede County Association was the only one corresponded with who failed to answer my letters, and Rev. T. C. Ferguson was the only one offering objections. But upon being elected moderator at the second session of the State Meeting at Hannon, Missouri, he put forth his best efforts for the enlargement of the work, and for several years was a tireless worker, sacrificing both time and means for advancement of the cause.

After over a year's correspondence, and traveling, we succeeded in getting the question submitted to the Northeast and Northwest Missouri Associations, the Central Western and Southeastern Kansas Association, and the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting, resulting in a call meeting to be held with the Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri, beginning November 25, 1924.

----- PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1914 SESSION

The meeting called to meet with the



REV. IRA W. WATERMAN

Eldridge, Missouri

Clerk of the 2nd session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri on November 25, 1914, for the purpose of organizing a state conference of Free Will Baptist, assembled at 7:30 p.m. on the appointed date.

Rev. C. E. Mann, chairman of the Northeast Missouri Association, was elected to deliver the introductory sermon and address of welcome. The Scripture selected was Psalms 122:1.

----- THURSDAY MORNING

A quorum not being present, praise and prayer services were conducted until 11 o'clock, at which time the Gospel message was brought by Rev. C. E. Mann.

----- THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A quorum being present the conference was called to order by Rev. C. E. Mann, and the object of the meeting outlined. Upon nominations Rev. W. H. McKown was elected moderator and C. E. Mann clerk. The afternoon was spent in discussing the feasibility of an organization. Rev. W. H. McKown was selected to bring the Gospel message Thursday night, and Rev. S. B. Lewis to bring the Gospel message Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Business was suspended until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The messages brought by Rev. McKown and Rev. Lewis were very instructive and helpful and broadened our field of information of the work accomplished by the old State Conference, of which both ministers had been members.

----- FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the house was called to order by the clerk. The chairman then read a lesson from Isaiah 12th chapter, after which we were led in prayer by James Hardin of the Northeast Missouri Association.

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AUXILIARIES IN ACTION



Candy, cookies and Christmas gifts for our adopted ward, shown by Mrs. Ovendine, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Gandy.

"AUXILIARIES IN ACTION"

JOPLIN FREE WILL BAPTIST AUXILIARY

After much prayer and concern to help others in need, we contacted the director of the volunteer's department of the State Mental Hospital in Nevada, Mo. A group of our Women's Auxiliary went to the hospital and after seeing so many in need of love and understanding, we decided to adopt a ward of 40 ladies.

The Lord has richly blessed our hearts. God certainly gives the increase. Our own ladies have grown closer by just trying to help someone else.

We also praise God for the \$40.00 pre-Thanksgiving offering for home missions, and \$32.00 for the pre-Christmas offering for state missions.

We praise God for the baskets of food for the needy, the clothing for a needy school child, our state project money, student loan fund, and other mission projects that God has let our little auxiliary do.

We are praying that we will be a better co-laborer this coming year than we've ever been before.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Every auxiliary, local, district, convention, state convention, is requested to send the names and addresses of the W.N.A.C. office at the very earliest date possible.

Share your program ideas with the W.N.A.C. office. When your program is presented in an interesting manner, write out the method of presentation and send in to our office.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

If your local or district auxiliary is an "Auxiliary in Action", write me about it, and send some pictures along, too!

Thanks!

Your Editor,
Peggy Davis

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT STATE MEETING

I. We recommend that we accept Mrs. Lester Jones' resignation, and that we give Mrs. Jones an honorarium of \$50.00 for her services as editor of the women's page in the Gem.

II. We recommend that our corresponding secretary be responsible for securing the names and addresses of all local officers and sending them to the state secretary-treasurer's office and keeping a compiled list in the secretary-treasurer's office. (Hazel Hectsell, 534 W. North St., Mtn. Grove, Mo.)

III. We recommend that our G.T.A. and Y.P.A. Declamation contest be conducted at the Youth Camp in June. The winners to be given time to perform at the State Woman's Auxiliary meeting.

IV. That we pay \$25.00 toward the expenses of the Declamation contestant to the National Convention and give an award of \$5.00 to both the Essay and Declamation winners.

V. We recommend that we give Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders an honorarium of \$50.00 plus the missionary offering.

VI. We recommend that we pay our part of the minutes.

VII. We recommend that we conduct a workshop at Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo. on Tuesday, April 21, 1964, having an all day

service.

VIII. We recommend that we elect Mrs. Eunice Edwards to the office of State Field Worker, and that we pay her 6¢ per mile travel expense toward the promotion of new auxiliaries.

IX. We recommend that we adopt the Land Rush in Hawaii as our state project for 1963-64, setting for our goal the amount of \$1,000.00.

X. We recommend that we accept Mrs. Oletha Parsons' resignation, and elect Mrs. Ava Hellerd to fill the unexpired term of office.

XI. We recommend that we accept Mrs. Grover Terry's resignation and elect Mrs. Theroed Edwards to fill her unexpired term of office.

XII. We recommend that Mrs. Teddy Davis be elected as editor of the Woman's page of the Free Will Baptist Gem.

EXCHANGE SERVICE

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church observed Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer theme, "Withhold Not Thine Hand", Eccl. 11:6.

Special requests for prayer were given each night by Allie Penrod, our president. Monday night we had exchange service with the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary. The message, "Specially Selected", was given by Iva Treaster of Leadington Church.

Tuesday G.T.A. service, "History of Thanksgiving" by Jerry Wilfong.

Wednesday night, 7:30, "Offeratory Service." "Preserved in Freshness" by Ruby Boren. Also, our offering to Home Missions.

Thursday, 7:30, Farmington Church Auxiliary visited us. The message, "Inspected and Graded" by Pearl Denton of Farmington Church.

Friday, 1:30 p.m., Visitors Service. The message, "Tenderly Fed", was given by Norma Ruth Williams of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church.

This Thanksgiving season is a time of expressing thanks to our Creator for the bountiful provisions we enjoy.

Each one of our women gladly gave the designated amount for land in Hawaii.

We are also helping to send proper clothing for the Carl Johnson family, our missionaries in Alaska. At this time the temperature in Anchorage, Alaska is 7 degrees above zero. They need our prayers as well as our help.

Anna Lincoln
Corresponding Secretary



The ladies in the ward at Nevada State Hospital.



GIVING TO NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS EXCEEDS \$100,000.00

Nashville - "A goal that seemed so far in the future a few years ago has now become a reality." These words were spoken by Homer E. Willis, Director-Treasurer of the National Home Mission Board, when informed by the bookkeeper that receipts this calendar year have exceeded the one hundred thousand dollar mark. This is an increase of something near \$10,000.00 over giving for the last calendar year and more than double that given in 1958. For the past years, receipts to this department of work have averaged an increase of more than \$10,000.00 annually.

Mr. Willis also gave a personal word of testimony - "I was elected to the Board of Home Missions in 1952 and the following year our receipts were \$8,397.35. I am thankful that we have had a steady and consistent increase each year since that time. Our people have been wonderful in their response; the members of the board have been kind and considerate in all their actions; our missionaries and office help have been faithful. The Lord has added his blessings time and time again.

"It has taken twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year of continued work and planning - but the satisfaction of seeing our church extended into Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Old Mexico, and many cities and states in the mainland U.S.A. has been a great reward. I have traveled in all fifty states, much of Canada, and Mexico in the interest of the work. I have visited as many, or more, Free Will Baptist churches than any one among us. I am thankful that I have had this privilege."

We have now begun a National Home Mission program - let us not be satisfied - but press on to a greater work in the years ahead.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS FOR MISSOURI - NOVEMBER, 1963

Merl's Chapel, Cassville	20.30
Co-op	295.93
South Side FWB	46.40
Finis Sorrell, Myrtle	2.00
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	5.00

North Side FWB, St. Louis	4.76	W. I. Jemes	10.00
First FWB League, Monett	4.00	Leona Holt, Martha	
First FWB, Fredericktown	20.00	Coffman, Oma Scott	7.00
South Side FWB Jr. Dept.	16.79	Macy Gregory	5.00
Laura Belle Barnard Circle, Monett	5.00	Reverend James Barker	15.00
Grant Ave. FWB Young Adult League, Springfield	5.00	Oak Grove Sun. School Class	25.00
F.W.B. Woman's Aux., West Plains	5.00	Warren N. Livingston	10.00
Bill Medlin, Monett	5.00	Anna Lincoln	1.00
Clifford Altis, Independence	30.00	Park View FWB Church	15.00
Son Light Missionary Conference, Yokon	35.62	First FWB Church, Fredericktown	40.00
Louis Willhite, St. Ann	2.00	Willow Springs FWB Church	13.55
Willow Springs Woman's Aux., Mtn. Grove	4.00	Mrs. Mary R. Smith	1.00
Mo. State Woman's Aux. Convention, St. Louis	7.70	Woman's Auxiliary, Joplin	15.00
John Schebaum, Maplewood	20.00	Clifford E. Altis	30.00
M. E. Schuster, Unionville	1.00	Celestia Hale	20.00
Virgie J. Bandy, Yukon	25.00	Y.P.A., Fourth FWB Church, St. Ann	10.00
First FWB Youth Group, Kirksville	2.00	Twin Oak FWB Church	50.00
Paul Lierheimer, Mexico	5.00	Louise Thomas	1.00
Clyde Gross, Farmington	50.00	Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barks	50.00
New Harmony Mission, Greentop	4.74	Clyde J. Gross	50.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mtn. Grove	5.00	E. L. Duke	1.00
Dolly Pohnert, Houston	2.00	Park View FWB Church	25.00
Mrs. H. M. Shorter, Mtn. Grove	1.00	St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting	21.76
Cedar Ridge FWB, Windyville	19.58	Herbert G. Long	5.00
Beacon FWB, Raytown	14.62	Grace FWB Church	11.00
Lehman R. Riggs, Jennings	5.00	Fellowship FWB Church	135.00
Pleasant Hill Church, Thayer	11.00	First FWB Church, Festus	5.00
First FWB, Festus	5.00	Beacon FWB Church	8.00
		Lehman R. Riggs	5.00
		Aulsbury Chapel	15.00
		W.N.A.C.	25.00
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			\$1,606.44

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$685.44

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI NOVEMBER, 1963

South Side FWB Church	167.20
Cooperative Plan of Support	536.35
Missouri FWB, St. Louis	145.80
North Side FWB Church	14.28
FWB Church, Berkeley	90.00
FWB Church of Berkeley	27.50

Dear Friends:

This is a special issue of "MEETING THE CHALLENGE". You will notice this picture, this is the road that leads to the newly purchased property for the school here in Monterrey. This is Arthur, myself, and some of the students in the picture. The property is located about 7 miles from Monterrey on the highway to Mexico City. It is one and one-half city blocks from the highway. It is 3 acres. The property cost \$3,200.00. We

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bought this like we have done everything else, we bought it on faith. We borrowed \$400.00 to pay the first part of the down payment. Now we must have \$1,600.00 by January 31, 1964.

This is the entrance to the property. We have named it "THE INSTITUTE OF GOLD". The gates are iron, and the property is completely fenced in with 5 strands of new wire. It also has a cess-pool. The time has come when we must move the school out of town. We have no place to throw the dirty water, and we have no room for new students. We only took 7 new students this year because of lack of space. We have been praying that God would provide us with a place, and we feel God led us to this property.

This is the building that is on the property. We will increase the size and have a beautiful tabernacle for our yearly convention, youth camps, etc. It has a thatch roof, these are very typical in Mexico. The size is about 21 x 35 ft. It has a bathroom attached on the end of the building. You will also notice the well. It is equipped with 2 electric pumps. It has 4 meters of water that never runs dry.

This property is located in a small village by the name of Rancho De Uro. The population of this village is about 1,000. They have a school, one store, and a mill, (this is to grind the corn for the tortillias). The people of the village seem to be thrilled at the prospects of having an evangelical school in the village.

As you will notice in these pictures the view is beautiful. It is surrounded by mountains. The property faces the north. On the west side there are mountains, on the east side there are mountains, and on the south there are mountains. Driving down the highway 85 to Mexico City you can plainly see the property. Around the edge of the property runs a small creek, the water is very clear and runs all the time.

We have tried to explain as best we can the property. We wish it were possible for each of you to see it. Maybe someday you will come for a visit, and see just how God has blessed all of our combined efforts for the work here in Mexico.

Now we are asking you first of all to pray. After you have prayed, then obey. We are only asking you to do what God would have you to do. We feel sure if we could visit your church personally you would do something for the need at this time. Please keep in mind we must have \$1,600.00 by January 31, 1964. We realize we have taken a big step. To try to raise this much money in 6 weeks, but we have faith in God and in you, our Free Will Baptist, that it can and will be done.

As we told you, we borrowed the first \$400.00. Now, what will you do to help? Send all offerings to National Home Missions, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Be sure to clearly earmark your offering "Billows School Fund".

This season of the year brings to our hearts and minds the great gift God gave to all the world, when He gave His Son for the sins of man. Since we will not be sending any cards this year, we want to take this opportunity to wish each of YOU a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless all of our combined efforts for world wide missions in the coming year. Truly the harvest is white, and the time seems to be so short. We must work all we can while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

The electronic stencil did not come out good. Please forgive us. We are going to send the pictures to the Home Missions Office and have a good folder made of the property. May God richly bless each of you is our prayer.

Your Missionaries in Mexico

Arturo, Jenell and kids

MISSIONARY STAFF ON INCREASE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - Seven new missionaries have been sent to foreign fields of service already in 1963.

The Jimmy Aldridges and the Eddie Paynes are in Switzerland in language study preparatory to service in the Ivory Coast, Africa. Mrs. Dave Franks is in language study in Campinas, Brazil, where she will be serving with her husband. The Earnie Deedses also are studying language in Campinas.

An additional eight missionaries are presently under appointment and will be departing for the field during the next few months. The Bill Phippses are expected to leave for language study in Costa Rica preparatory for service in Panama before the year's end.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN CANADA

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - According to a report by the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, a Free Will Baptist Church has been organized in Canada. Designated as the First Free Will Baptist Church of Canada, the church is located at Millville, New Brunswick, Canada. The establishment and subsequent organization

of this church has been spearheaded by home missionary Mack Owens who has been ministering in the northeast for a period of four years. Another preaching point has been established at Cloverdale.

NEW SPANISH MAGAZINE LAUNCHED

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - The first Free Will Baptist magazine in Spanish to be used on an international scale has just been released by the Board of Foreign Missions.

The new magazine, called *Impacto*, is edited by Jerry Ballard and Benito Rodriguez. It is a 24-page, 8 1/2 x 11, two-color quarterly magazine with a Bible study format. It is the only magazine of its kind in Spanish.

A basic feature of the magazine is a 13 part study on a selected book of the Bible. The first series of studies is on the Book of Romans. Additional articles revealing the power of God at work through His Word are included.

The magazine will be used on all Free Will Baptist Spanish-speaking fields and has stimulated interest from other missionary agencies. A Portuguese version for use in Brazil is scheduled for release during late 1964.

Impacto is evangelistically orientated to meet the literature need in opening new works. The 13-study series in each issue is adaptable to personal Bible study, Bible study groups and formal Sunday school use.

Jerry Ballard, director of publications for the Foreign Missions Board, says that the publication is a major step in the board's efforts to give missionaries effective tools for evangelization. Samples of the magazine are available from the Foreign Missions Board on request.

Missouri Home Missions

A NEW WORK IN SEDALIA

Dear Gem Readers:

The State Home Mission Board is trying to get a work started in Sedalia, Mo.

We ask for your help and prayers concerning this work.

Here is one way you can help in this: If you know of any Free Will Baptists or those of Free Will Baptist background living in the Sedalia area, please send their name and address to:

Lester Jones
P. O. Box 326
Sedalia, Mo.

SERMON

Has This Nation Changed Gods?

(Note: This message was delivered on Sunday morning, December 8, 1963, on the Free Will Baptist church program presented each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. by the Pocahontas, Arkansas FWB church. The pastor is a former Missouri pastor, Rev. Ben Scott.)

From Jeremiah 2 and 11 we read: "Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but My people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit." This morning I'd have you consider with me this question: "Has this nation changed her gods?" Have we traded the Almighty God of our fathers for an idol of gold, pleasure, prosperity? If the evidence gathered would prove that we have changed gods, then I think our hearts might well be filled with fear - for who of us could deny that this nation was born, nourished, and has been preserved by the help of God Almighty, our Creator?

The prophet Jeremiah was speaking to a highly favored people, the chosen people of God. As a people they had left the land of bondage and oppression and had found under God freedom and liberty. But here is the extent of their guilt; God said, "And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled My land, and made Mine heritage an abomination." I think there is a striking parallel between the people of Israel and the people of America. Both were delivered from bondage and oppression, and both were guided on their way by the unfailing hand of God. And both were brought into a land of plenty - even of abundance. But like as they of old had defiled their good land and had blasphemed the name of the Holy God our nation today stands in shame and reproach because we, too, have defiled this good land. One generation after another sees a continuing breakdown of our moral and spiritual fibre. An honest, open-minded look around us will reveal that we have changed our gods. God is not the author of the confused and bewildered state in which we find ourselves. God is not the author of selfishness, bigotry, social injustice, and racial strife. I think we need among

us today a re-birth of plain old-fashioned patriotic pride; we need a revival of pure and undefiled and unadulterated religion. Christianity, if experienced in the heart and committed to practice, will erase social injustice, will remove seeds and germs of hate and malice, and will produce a proper love and sense of respect for our fellowmen; even for those who disagree with us.

For the sake of survival itself America needs to wake up! We are much farther down the road to judgment than we think! I'd like to give you a statement recently released by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI. And friends, this is not the opinion of some fanatic preacher who got disturbed and had to preach something. This is the statement of a man who has had his hand on the nation's moral pulse for years. And here is what Mr. Hoover says, and I quote: "It is high time that Americans take a closer look at what is happening to the nation's moral standards. We do not have the courage to stand in conflict with the mad rush for material wealth, indulgence, and social prestige." He goes on to say, "We are condoners and appeasers of a practice which we dis-

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trust and disapprove. Many persons are so preoccupied with selfishness and greed they no longer know - nor care for that matter - where honor stops and dishonor commences. But the danger does not stop at immorality alone," Hoover said. "Some theorists suggest our moral standards be scrapped for a less restrictive code by which our moral derelictions can be justified." And Mr. Hoover concludes his statement by saying, "If the destruction of our great nation itself were the goal of these advocates, they could not devise a better means to achieve it." As I go back to our point of beginning and raise the question, "Has a nation changed their gods?" I must conclude that evidently J. Edgar Hoover thinks so.

Not long ago while scanning over one of our daily newspapers I caught the following headline: D.C. HIGHEST IN DRINKING, and a following paragraph reads like this: "The District of Columbia does have a higher rate of consumption of hard liquor than any state. In 1962, 6.55 gallons of distilled spirits were sold for every resident of Washington, D.C. Nevada, where they lap it up in Las Vegas, was next on the list with 3.98 gallons per

capita." Friends, think with me for a moment. We live in so-called Christian America, and yet our nation's capitol sets the pace in consumption of hard liquor. And in the light of this fact it should not be surprising to know that our nation's capitol also leads all the cities of the country in rate of illegitimate births. If ever there was a time when our country ought to blush with shame and humble ourselves in sack-cloth and ashes, this is the day!

I believe the church and the ministry need to make some changes. We have listened to the song of the psychologists who have passed the whole mess off as being a result of social maladjustment - but the Bible calls it sin, and the Bible says, "Be sure your sin will find you out!" And then the Bible proceeds to give proof that this is true.

The sin of the old world was found out once, and God destroyed all that were outside the ark. The sin of a city was found out once, and we read of it in the book of Daniel. It goes like this: "Belshazzar the King made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone." Here was a world empire about to fall; a mighty kingdom was about to crumble! The hand-writing which spelled doom was upon the wall; and when the king, in his drunken stupor, saw the part of the hand that wrote his countenance was changed; we read, "And his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another." Belshazzar had throwned his last party; for the last time he had defied the moral and spiritual laws of God. He had suddenly come to the end of the line; and like it or not He must leave the throne and see his kingdom crumble. And that same night there came the armies of the Medes and Persians and they took the city and divided the kingdom. The king was slain, and mighty Babylon had fallen and the story sounds so much like the picture I presented a few moments ago of our own

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nation's capitol - a treadmill of wine, women, and song.

Jeremiah said in his day, "Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, saith the Lord." May God help us that we shall be shaken from our spirit of indifference and complacency. I hope that your soul will be stirred this moment, and that you, as an individual, if your heart is not right with God, will seek out a place of prayer; and on your knees before God, repent of your sins, turn to Christ with all your heart, and go down the road of life with the knowledge that your soul has been cleansed by the blood of Christ and that all is well.

The Bible says, "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord." And the Bible says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." And the Bible says, "The horse is prepared against the day of battle; but safety is of the Lord." The calibre of our weapons is not nearly as important as the calibre of our men!

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(Echoes from the Past)

Letters from the different associations were called for and read. Letters were received from the N. E. Missouri, the C. W. Mo. and S. E. Kansas Associations and the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting.

Motion was made and seconded that the letters be received, delegates seated, and that we proceed.

THE LETTERS

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Philadelphia church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri, November 25, 1914. The Central Western Missouri and South-eastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist sends greetings, praying God's blessings upon you in all your deliberations. May His presence pervade in every session of your Association in mighty power. This Association feels it has much to thank God for. His power was felt in every session of this year's meeting of our association.

This Association has a membership of 634, and church property valued at \$9,800.00.

We send as delegates to sit with you, Brothers W. H. Potts and A. W. Hartley of Wagoner and Stockton churches respectively.

The Association desires that a Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist be organized, and we hereby request that this Association be admitted to the body

as a member.

We earnestly pray that your coming together will be highly blessed of God, and that an Association which will greatly help to glorify God will be the ultimate result.

B. F. Brown, clerk.

Dated at Hannon, Missouri, October 10, 1914.

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, while in session with the Philadelphia church near Pattonsburg, Missouri, November 25-28, 1914. Greetings in Jesus' name: The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist prays God's blessings upon you in all your deliberations.

This Association is in fine condition spiritually and has many things to praise God for, especially for the number of souls who have turned to Him during the past year.

Our Association voted unanimously for a state conference and desire membership to the same.

Statistics: Number of churches, 9; resident membership, 639; non-resident membership, 160; total membership, 799; number of additions the past year, 246; number dismissed, 6; number of professions in meetings, 320; number of ministers, 11; names of delegates: Rev. J. F. Duckworth, Rev. Chas. A. Phillips, Rev. C. E. Mann, W. D. Houghton and J. M. Hardin and wife.

(Signed)

C. E. Mann,
Chairman of Association.



The ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Joplin Church setting the tables at the Nevada State Hospital.

From The Bookshelf

YOUTH MEETINGS

LET'S BE DIFFERENT YOUTH MEETINGS

\$1.25

Grace Yaxley. Originality and novelty are important characteristics of these programs. Here are a few typical program titles: "The Zero Hour," "Am I in Love," "Nails," and "Get the Exterminator!" 30-4675

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\$1.25

Grace Yaxley. This book grew out of the author's own experience in planning and conducting youth programs. The great demand for permanent information on the programs led to the writing and publishing of this book. 30-8195

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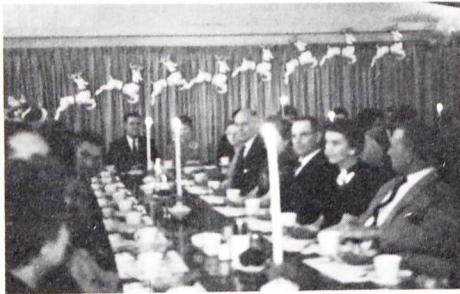
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MASTER'S MEN BANQUET

The Master's Men Group of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett on December 14, honored their wives at a banquet in the Banquet Room of the Lakeland Restaurant, with seventeen couples present. The guest speaker of the evening was Rev. O. T. Dixon, pastor of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri. Special music was by Sis. Gilbert Fortney, a member of the church of Springfield.



Part of the group attending the Master's Men banquet given by the Monett Church Master's Men.



The Pastor of the First F.W.B. Church of Monett, Rev. Bud Hill and his wife, President of the Monett Master's Men, Bro. Jr. Coker and wife; and the guest speaker for the night, Rev. O. T. Dixon and wife.

**INDIAN CREEK LEAGUE RALLY
 PROGRAM OF THE 5TH SUNDAY
 LEAGUE RALLY WHEN CONVENED
 WITH THE JOPLIN CHURCH
 18th and Virginia - Joplin, Missouri
 December 29, 1963**

Theme: 'Youths Surrender to God'
 Congregational Hymn
 Prayer
 Welcome: Joplin
 Response: Jones Chapel
 Business Period

Presentation of Theme by President, Marvin Jeffreys.
 Carterville: 'Surrender Your Goals' Phil. 3:14.
 Solo: "Our Best"
 Granby: 'Surrender Your Talents' Matt.: 25:14-40. Special Music: "Give of Your Best To The Master"
 Jones Chapel: 'Surrender Your Emotions' Special Music.
 Congregational Song: "O Happy Day"
 Joplin: 'Surrender Your Time' II Cor. 6: 2b. Junior Choir: "Take Time To Be Holy"
 Merls Chapel: 'Surrender Your Energy' Romans 15:1. Special Music: 'Living For Jesus'
 Monett: 'Surrender Your Thoughts' James 1:15. Solo: "Cleanse Me"
 Neosho: 'Surrender Everything'. Solo: "I Surrender All"
 Closing: Host pastor using challenge from Isaiah 6:1-8.
 Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"
 Altar of Prayer.

HELP!!!

This coming July, the National Association of Free Will Baptist will convene in Kansas City, Missouri and because of this we will need a small amount of money to help with the expenses. The Steering Committee and the Executive Board met in Kansas City December 3 to lay some of the plans for the meeting. The following are the appropriations that we are asking each Yearly Association to give if possible:

North East Missouri	100.00
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Central Western Missouri	100.00
(South part of the Association)	
Indian Creek	150.00
Liberty	150.00
Niangua	50.00
Laclede County	50.00
Mission	300.00
Cave Springs	150.00
South East Missouri	400.00
TOTAL	\$1,500.00

We hope that each church will help and send their offerings in for this special fund. Be sure and mark it, "National Association Entertainment Fund". We will need this money as soon as possible. Send all money to Rev. Harry Beatty, 3100 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis 11, Mo. There will also be six committees that will be selected to help make the National a success. The committees are: Prayer, Registration, Publicity, Hospitality, Ushering and Auditorm. We will be placing the names of those on these committees in a future issue of the "Gem".

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, December 1, was Laymen's Day here at South Side and the men of our church had full charge of the morning services, sponsored by our Master's Men. They had an all male choir for this service. Following is the program which they presented:

Opening remarks, Bro. Harold Baldwin
 Congregational Singing
 Prayer
 Pastors Welcome and Announcements
 Scripture Reading
 Devotional, Bro. Al Chrismer
 Congregational Singing
 Tithes and Offerings Received
 Congregational Singing
 Program Theme: "A Dedicated Life of Service brings Joy to Christian Living."
 A Dedicated Life, Bro. Wm. Cruse
 A Life of Service, Bro. Norman Tallent
 The Joys of Christian Living, Bro. Paul Pratt.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Max Cortney has left the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis and has accepted the Free Will Baptist Church in South Roxanna, Ill.

Rev. Bud Arnold has resigned the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Lemay, Mo. Future plans are undecided.

Rev. Robert Duck has resigned the Free Will Baptist Church in Neosho, Mo.

Rev. Earl Jenson has resigned the Jones Chapel Church near Neosho and has accepted a church in the state of California.

Rev. Bob Jones has accepted the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fredericktown, Missouri. He was formally the pastor of the church in South Roxanna, Illinois.

Rev. Bill Price has accepted the Faith and Hope Free Will Baptist Church.

The Pleasant Hill Church has called as pastor Rev. Owen Harvell.

Rev. Ronald Clifford has accepted the Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church for the coming year.

Rev. Lonnie Skiles has accepted the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Lemay, Missouri for the coming year.

(Editor's Note: Some of these changes may be a little late. If your church changes pastors or you preachers change churches, please let me know.)

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Southside Free Will Baptist Church January 24 and 25.

The Indian Creek Quarterly Meeting will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett February 4, 1964.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE NOW AVAILABLE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - A Bible study course is now available for new converts. Titled *Into the Word*, this study has been prepared by Rev. Paul Inbody, pastor of the Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The study contains ten (10) lessons covering such subjects as "Assurance of Salvation," "How to Grow" and "Stewardship." The design of the study is to get the new convert into the Word by having them fill in Bible answers to specific questions. The study is available through Free Will

Baptist Book Store, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37205. Price is \$1.00 or \$10.00 per dozen.

SCOTTISH BAPTISTS VOTE TO REMAIN OUT OF WCC

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND (CNS) - By a 316-59 vote, the annual assembly of the Baptist Union of Scotland decided to continue the denomination's "disaffiliation" with the World Council of Churches.

The Scottish Baptists broke away from WCC in 1955. The Rev. A. W. Speirs of Edinburgh argued that ecumenical con-

versations could not be carried on "at the national level" while the denomination refuses "to do so at the international level." But his motion was turned down by the delegates.

"The unity which Christ purposes for his people is neither external nor organizational - but spiritual, and this unity the Christian community already has in Christ," the committee recommendation declared.

Send all articles to: Free Will Baptist Gem, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, by the 24th of each month to get in the next month's GEM.

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:

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Cedar Ridge Rev. Maynard Moore

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A FRESHMAN'S FIRST VIEW OF COLLEGE

At last, I'm going to college! All those years of hard high school work are far behind me, and years of even harder college work in front of me. But I won't think about the work part of going to college, after all, I made it through high school so why shouldn't I make it through college?

There are some of the ideas that probably ran through your head when you finally decided to come to college and found that your application had been accepted.

After riding for what seemed thousands of miles, you finally arrive at the college - the place in which you will live, eat, sleep, cry, laugh, and study for nine months. Your first few hours on campus presented you with problems that you never dreamed existed.

The first thing that you are faced with is remembering students names. Of course, that task is almost impossible. You pass someone that you met only five minutes before, and you can't think of his name. So, you just say, "How are you?" and keep on going. The thing that's so pathetic about it all, is he doesn't remember your name either!

The next thing that you do is go into the building you will call home for your stay at college, and even though it doesn't look like home, you have a feeling of having arrived, so to speak. You take a long look at the room, test the bed for softness, and start bringing your belongings into your new home.

Then comes the big moment - the moment that you meet your roommate for the first time. When you see him you think to yourself, "My, that's a stupid looking jerk!" Then you have a heated discussion over where you are going to put your clothes and where you are going to sleep, after which you are the best of friends.

The next day you rack your feeble brain for answers on all sorts of tests that make you want to go home. By the end of the day you feel that you can rest awhile, then someone tells you that another day of tests are awaiting you.

After two days of head-splitting tests, you have to stand in line for hours, it seems, before you finally get registered. Finally, you get to class only to find that you have to do more home work in one day at college than you had to do in a week at high school!

And some poor misguided freshman had

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the utter discretion to believe that he would get some sleep if he went to bed! Now, I ask you, have you ever heard anything so absurd in all your life? Then what do you think happened? He finally got to sleep and was startled by a fire-alarm at the utterly crazy hour of 6:30 in the morning!

But after the first week; after the battle has been fought, and your courage has been drained from your body, you are able to say, "I am finally a college student."

By David Maddux

(Taken from the "Envoy" student publication of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.)

INQUIRING REPORTER

What has impressed you the most as a freshman here at Bible College?

By Ernest R. Bowen

Leroy Welch: The Christian fellowship and the Christian faculty.

Bill Metcalf: The teachers having prayer before class. It really hit me.

Louise Lovell: The high standards of the college and the wonderful attitude students have all the time.

Lois McVay: The life of the students.

Linda Fletcher: Reminds me of a shoe factory. They bring the heels in, repair the souls, and send them out in pairs.

Mike Trest: The smallness of the Free Will Baptist denomination amazed me at having such a strict college - and hard one.

Jean Everson: Of course, boys. Really though, I believe the classes have caught more of my attention.

Thurman Pate: The Christian love and fellowship shown by the students and the dedication of the students to their Christian life and principles.

Dawne Whelihan: Uh, I love it, all the students, staff, and the faculty mean something to me.

Bonnie Belcher: I know more morality, spirituality, and intellectuality is em-

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bodied in this institution than any other.

Gary Wilson: Well, being a Yankee, I noticed more students were from North Carolina here. So all of us from Michigan are here to help.

Jim Roebuck: The Christian atmosphere with the college standing up for Jesus has made this the best place I have ever been.

David Turner: The upper classmen have shown great interest in the freshmen and have been a blessing to me in my prayer group.

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JOE JONES TALENT WINNER

By Jerry Norris

Mr. Joe Jones, representing the John Bunyan Society, won the top honor in the religious talent contest Saturday night, November 30, 1963.

Joe won the first place trophy by presenting a religious reading entitled Abraham and Isaac.

Second place was won by Mrs. Janis Williams singing "O Divine Redeemer," and the third place was awarded to Miss Jane Halliburton for singing "O Holy Night." Both girls were representing the Louisa Mae Alcott Society.

Judges for the contest were Mr. James Van Hook, music instructor at Trevecca College; Mrs. Gladys Sloan, bookkeeper for the Foreign Missions Department; Mr. John Oliver, principal of West End High School.

Other entrants were Helen Finch, Verla Pembroke and Bonnie Belcher representing the Christian Rossetti Society; Karl Sapp representing the John Bunyan Society; and representing the William Jennings Bryan Society were Eugene Workman, Keith Kenemer, Bill McCuin and Ken Riggs.

According to the Student Council, the secular talent contest will be held March 6, 1964.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH F.M.F. PRESIDENT

By Marjorie Hinton

An interview with President John S. Craft reveals details concerning Foreign Mission Fellowship.

Interviewer: What is F.M.F.?

President: A student organization for those who feel that the Lord wants them in foreign service or for those who are vitally interested in missions.

Interviewer: Who can belong?

President: Two types of people - full members and associate members.

Interviewer: What is the difference between "full" and "associate" members?

President: Full members are those who definitely feel that God is leading them into foreign mission work. Associate members are those who are vitally interested in the presenting of missions but do not feel, as yet, that they are being lead into a particular field of service.

Interviewer: When does F.M.F. meet?

President: Business meetings are held on Friday mornings, fellowship meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. each Friday, and special meetings are held every first and third Saturday nights.

Interviewer: Who can attend these meetings?

President: Anyone may attend Friday during fellowship meetings and business meetings, but they are particularly designed for those who are members. Everyone can and should attend our Saturday night meetings, because any Christian in the will of God must be connected with world-wide evangelism.

Interviewer: What type of programs are provided?

President: These programs are designed to promote and educate students in missions. This is done through films, testimonies, and qualified speakers.

Interviewer: What benefits can be gained from these meetings?

President: Students can pray for missions more effectively and can present missions in their local church better. It will also open their hearts to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. Ignorance is one of the greatest hindrances to missions, but knowledge is the greatest fire.

Interviewer: What are some of the functions of this organization?

President: It sponsors Missionary Prayer Band each day at 1:00 p.m., sends Christmas gifts to our missionaries, supports a Korean orphan through World Vision, tithes offerings received to home and foreign missions, and provides missionary emphasis on campus.

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"GO TELL AUXILIARY" REORGANIZATION

"Missionary Midgets" of First Free Will Baptist Church, Mountain Grove, Mo.

On November 14, 1963, the G.T.A. and the Missionary Midgets of the First Free Will Baptist Church met for reorganization in the main auditorium of the church. After being called to order several choruses were sung. Prayer for the success of the organization by Mike Wade. There were 24 present and 4 adults. Scripture reading from St. John 3:16.

The main purpose of this reorganization was to extend our church program for the very young as well as the pre-teens. Ages from 5 years through 8 years old will be the Missionary Midgets. The program will consist of getting acquainted with the Bible and applying it to their lives. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

The Missionary Midgets will meet the first and third Thursday of each month.

Ages from 9 years through 13 years old will be the G.T.A.'s. Their program will be centered around the "Teaching of Missions".

The Go Tell Auxiliary will meet the second and third Thursday of each month. Any boy or girl in this age limit has a personal invitation. Cars from the church will pick the children up at the school house after school.

After the prayer of dismissal, refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

HAWAIIAN LAND FUND REACHES 22,303.60

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE - At the miracle price of 77¢ per square foot, the Free Will Baptist Church in Waipahu, Hawaii, has purchased property on which they now have adequate facilities for worship and living quarters for the pastor. Total cost of this land is \$60,000.00. As of this date \$22,303.60 has been received toward this project. Total price of the land should be raised by the end of the year.

ATHEIST CHALLENGES TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF CHURCH PROPERTY

BALTIMORE, MD. (CNS) - Mrs. Madalyn Murray has filed a suit in Superior Court here challenging the tax exemption of church-owned property. Mrs. Murray, a professed atheist whose suit in the U.S. Supreme Court ruled out required prayer and Bible reading in the public schools, asked the court to declare the tax-exemption unconstitutional.

She argues that the exemption places a financial burden on her since property taxes for individuals, according to her suit, would be reduced by one to five per cent if the churches were made to pay.

She further contends the practice denies taxpayers due process of law under the Fourteenth Amendment and it violates the principle of church-state separation.

Mrs. Murray has been given a tract of land in Kansas for the development of a center for atheism. She promises to protest the use of nuns in the public schools in some communities in Kansas on the same principle as she challenged prayer and Bible reading.

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North West Mo. Association	Bro. Milford House	2 Years	1965
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PROJECT OF THE MONTH

YOUTH CAMP PROJECT

Starting this month the "Gem" will be sponsoring a "Youth Camp Project of the Month". These projects will be small ones which most of us fail to notice. Each month we would like for churches, youth groups, leagues, Sunday School classes or anyone that wants, to help with these projects. This month we are using as our project the building of a new back stop for the new softball field. This field is being built behind the dining hall and chapel. The cost of this project will

run around \$50.00. Let us get together and help to put this project over. Send your monies to Rev. Bill Reeves, Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Niangua, Mo. Ear mark the money as such: "Gem Project of the month; Back stop."

If we receive more than the money needed for this project we will apply the remaining part to the next month's project.

Each month we will be printing the names of those who gave to these projects. Let us help to improve our State Camp.

Two New Year Resolutions

The night was bright and cold so I decided to go for a walk. I love to walk, for when I'm alone, I can collect my thoughts and talk to the Lord. As I briskly walked along the street, enjoying the sights of decorations still shining in the windows, I thought, why this is New Year's Eve. The memories of by-gone parties and good times with the young folk of our church flooded through my mind. Oh, how we enjoyed the singing and just being together. There was always plenty of sandwiches and hot cocoa, too. Yes, those were good times.

I walked on and soon I heard loud laughing, glass breaking and what should have been music, was only loud pounding and clatter. How anyone could stand being in all that noise was beyond me! I peeped in through an open window and there it all was. The women were dressed in gaudy, bright colors, men stumbling as they danced, hollering and laughing, bottles were overturned and the noise made your ears ring. Oh, they thought

they were having a grand New Year's party. One man stood on top of a table, held his glass high and these words rang out, "—take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Well, that resolution will have a sad ending.

I hurried on down the street and turned the corner. I saw a soft light coming through the window of a small, but comfortable house. It seemed to draw me within its circle. I knew I shouldn't be looking into windows, but I couldn't help myself. I stepped into a shadow, unable to take my eyes off the scene inside. I just stood transfixed and drank in the warmth of this family. The man sat in a big old chair with the Bible in his hand. His wife sat nearby and children were gathered at his feet and one sat on the arm of his chair. Their faces shone with love and peace. I knew he was reading aloud, for I could see his lips moving and sometimes he would look up and speak to them as though explaining what he read. Then I saw them all kneel down beside the big old chair and I could almost see the Lord standing in their midst.

This family has chosen a long time ago and has practiced everyday, this New Year's resolution — "choose you this day

whom ye will serve — but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Which resolution is yours?

By Oneida Lombard

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