

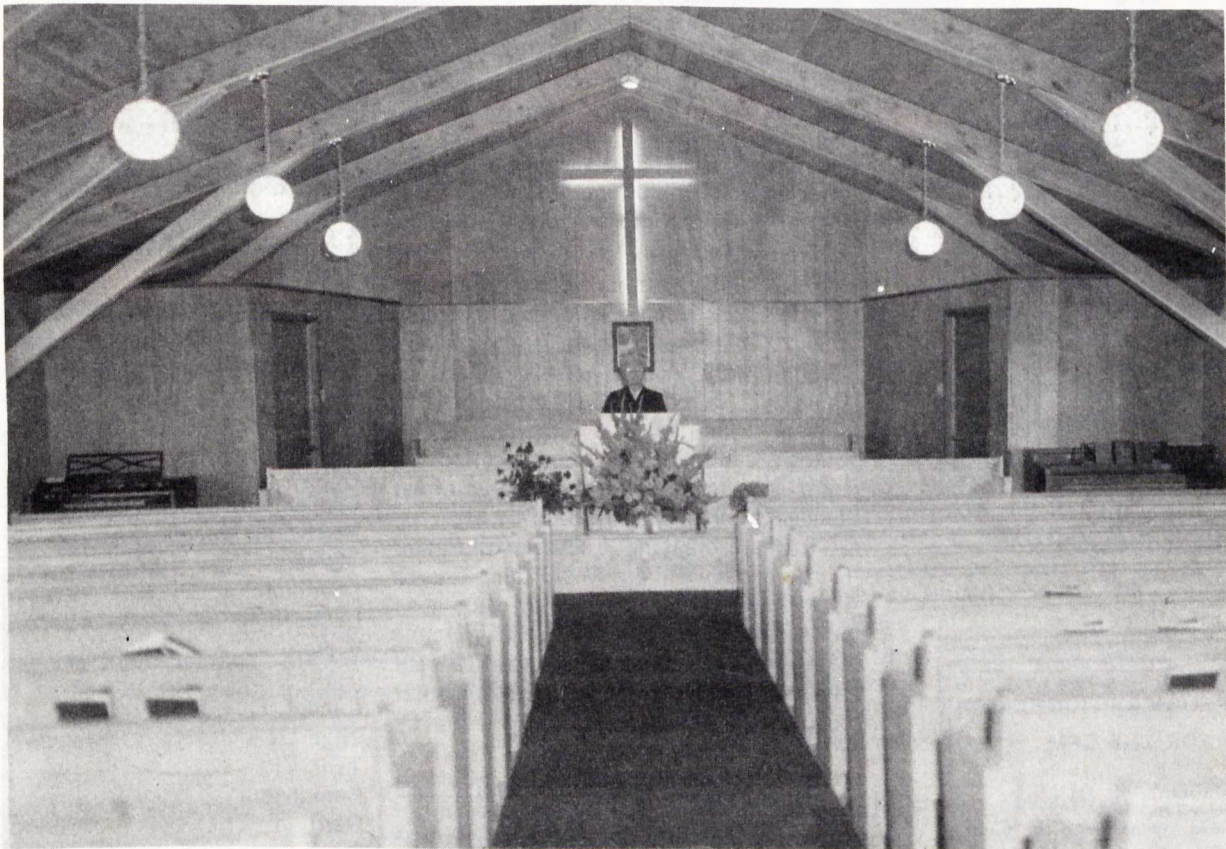
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Promotional Secretary's Corner

Sunday, February 6, I was privileged to supply for Pastor Johnny Land in our Grace Free Will Baptist Church while Bro. Land was hospitalized for a few days. Grace Church continues to maintain a good Christian witness and win souls for the Lord.

First Mission Quarterly meeting convened with Hartville Free Will Baptist Church Thursday, February 10, with each of their churches duly represented. Five gospel sermons were delivered during this session by the following ministers: Maxwell, Wynn, Roberts, Finley and Ronnie Turner. Time was also granted for our Missouri Co-operative program in which thirty-five percent of their churches participate regularly. These churches also contributed more than their suggested quota for Miley's travel fund account.

Farmington Free Will Baptist Church hosted the St. Francis County Quarterly meeting February 11-12. Mrs. Lorene V Miley was the speaker for each Worship Hour Service. Time was given for our promotional program which is supported by one-hundred percent of their churches. They voted and paid their suggested quota for Miley's travel fund account plus other offerings to Miley's general fund account. Pastor Robert King and the Farmington Church gave me the privilege of delivering the Sunday morning message February 13 in this good mission-supporting church. In response to an invitation from Pastor Harry Asher and the Overland Church, I delivered the Sunday evening sermon February 20. The Overland Church continues to win souls for the Lord and they support every phase of our denominational work also.

It was a blessing to share with Pastor Finis Johnson and our West Plains Church in their weekly Sunday evening radio gospel broadcast, February 27. They broadcast direct from the church over the local station. This church supports Missouri cooperative program plus other missionary giving.

Special Commendations to Missouri churches: We placed number one in Co-operative giving to the National Association for the calendar year 1965 - \$16,775.31. We also went over our suggested Foreign Mission Quota of \$23,000.00. Two more churches adopted the Cooperative Plan this month. 1966 SCRIPTURE PRESS Vacation Bible School Material is now available through your Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63111. Please order early.

Harry Beatty



HARRY BEATTY
Promotional Secretary
FEBRUARY, 1966

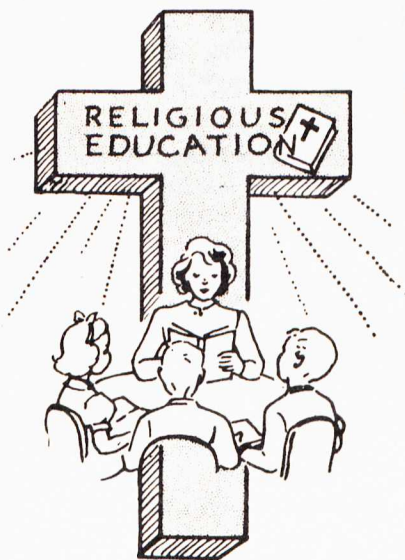
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Twin City	43.68
Hannon	34.50
West Plains, Bethel	39.00
Olivette	61.91
Grant Ave.	113.04
Cape Girardeau Mission ...	14.60
Beacon	107.78
Mt. Grove	251.85
Farmington	131.33
Monett	126.34
Carterville	14.57
Viburnum	39.18
Rock Chapel.....	19.54
Verdella	114.92
Parkview	94.30
Fellowship	50.00
Oak Grove	10.00
Cuba	61.43
Rolla FWB Mission	9.02
New Home, Laclede Ass'n .	15.00
Festus	65.00
Copper Mines	25.00
North Side	49.54
Thayer	52.24
Leadington	164.00
Lebanon, First	342.60
Victory	109.21
Fellowship	50.00
Cabool	47.38
Mine La Motte.....	13.90
Twin City	32.96
Farmington	130.56
Garfield	58.82
Total	\$2,723.20

Disbursed:

1% Mo. CTS	\$ 27.23
2.5% Mo. Youth Camp ...	68.08
4% FWB Gem	108.92
8% General Fund	217.85
12.5% Mo. Missions	340.40
17% Promotional Dept.	462.95
55% Nat'l FWB Ass'n	1,497.77

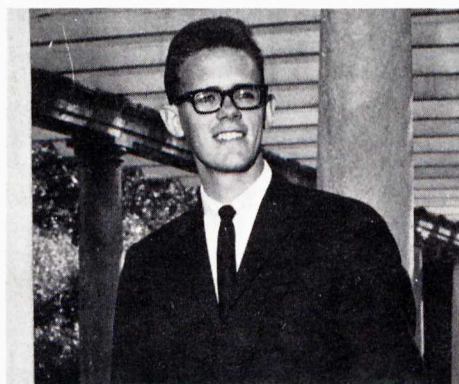
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FROM OUR COLLEGES



Ray Lee, Jr. 1944-1966
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT DIES

Ray Lee, Jr., 21-year-old Bible College senior and president of the student body, died Friday night, March 4, during an intra-society basketball game in Nashville.

With a large number of students looking on, including his wife of eight months, the former Jeanne Dukes of Lake Butler, Fla., Ray collapsed on the gymnasium floor during the early minutes of the game. Students administered artificial resuscitation until the arrival of an ambulance, which rushed Lee to the hospital. The doctor pronounced him dead on arrival, probable cause being a cerebral hemorrhage.

The College family and many of Ray's friends, still stunned by the sudden tragedy, filled the College auditorium for a memorial service the following night. Opening with solos by Don Clark, head of the College music department, and Rev. Bill McCuin, Alabama pastor; the student body vice-president, Jimmie Ferrell, spoke, with difficulty, of the excellent example Ray left for his fellow-students to follow. President L. C. Johnson brought the memorial message.

Several students and faculty members attended the burial in Tulsa, March 8. Ray is survived by his wife, Jeanne, and by his parents, recently moved to Houston, Texas, with his sister.

During his college career, many well-deserved honors were bestowed upon Ray. He was vice-president of his sophomore class and president of his junior class. He edited the 1965 College annual and was elected 1965-66 student body president. The faculty this year selected Ray as the most outstanding student in school, a fact that was not to be disclosed until early spring.

Perhaps the most fitting tribute left to Ray were the closing words of Dr. Johnson's memorial message: "Ray didn't cause problems; he helped us solve them."

April, 1966



Rev. Gene Waddell



Rev. Pat Henry

LONNIE SPARKS AND BOBBY JACKSON CHOSEN "OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN"

Two Bible College Alumni, Rev. Lonnie Sparks and Rev. Bobby Jackson, have been chosen for inclusion in the 1966 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." This annual publication, now under the direction of Doug Blankenship, past U. S. Jaycee president, is a compilation of the names of 10,000 young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have "distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding."

Lonnie Sparks, native of Sulphur, Oklahoma, attended the Bible College from 1950 through 1954, graduating with the B.A. degree. He is now serving his second term as a missionary in Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Bobby Jackson, also a 1950-54 B.A. graduate of the College, is a well-known figure among Free Will Baptist people, having served as a full-time evangelist for 12 years. During his stay at the school he travelled extensively through the denomination with the Bible College Gospeliers Quartet.

Past editions of "Outstanding Young Men" have included such notables as Nelson Rockefeller (1941), John F. Kennedy (1946), and Dr. Tom Dooley (1956). The foreword to the 1966 edition will be written by President L. B. Johnson.

COLLEGE TO PROVIDE FOR LARGE CONFERENCE CROWD

The 1200-seat West High School auditorium has been made available to the Bible College for use during the 23rd annual Bible Conference April 3-7. Located one block from the College, each evening service, with the exception of the Sunday night session, will meet there at 7:30.

The College administration has also announced that Evangelists Jack Paramore and Bobby Jackson will be among the speakers for the conference.

President of the Alumni Association, Jack Paramore, has stated that all College alumni are urged to attend the conference, and, especially, the alumni meeting and banquet Tuesday, April 5, 4:00 p.m.

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Cover Story A DREAM FULFILLED

January 16, 1966 - A date which will long be remembered in the minds and hearts of a large group of people gathered to help in the dedication of the lovely new church building in Greentop, Missouri. A dream of a church in their home town where the gospel would be preached as they believe it was shared by the Rev. Alta Mikel and her late husband, Gene, who died October 7, 1964.

Both Mrs. Mikel and her husband were born and brought up in the Greentop area. They retired from the business they founded, the Economy Gas Co., in 1957 and Mr. Mikel then assisted his wife in her pastoral duties. They served churches at Shibley's Point, Green Grove, Graysville, Martinstown and most recently, at Mendota, where she is still pastor. She is a Free Will Baptist who started preaching in 1938 and became a licensed minister in 1948.

After Gene's sudden accidental death, "the Lord whom we serve" directed and led Mrs. Mikel to build this church in memory of this consecrated man of God, and for the purpose of preaching and teaching the Bible, building up the believers and strengthening their faith and winning the lost both near and far away.

Attending the dedication were ministers from many different denominations and many miles away. The principal address given by Rev. Woodrow Matthews of Raytown, Missouri, pastor of Beacon Free Will Baptist Church. The other churches of Greentop sent beautiful floral displays. The auditorium, which will seat 200, was full to overflowing with chairs in the aisles and standing, but most precious was the sacred nearness of Jesus in our hearts as Sis. Mikel gave this beautiful brick building to the Lord in memory of this outstanding man of God, who often said to his wife, "Alta, what can we do to make this wicked old world better?"

One privileged to be present,
Alice Dickey

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF EVANGELICALS HOLDS
24TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
IN DENVER

Denver (CNS) - More than 1,000 pastors, denominational and mission leaders and laymen will meet here for the 24th annual convention of the National

Association of Evangelicals, April 19-21, at the Denver-Hilton Hotel where over 50 Protestant denominations will be represented.

Some of America's outstanding Christian preachers and teachers will lead delegates in considering the theme: The Evangelical Challenge - a people-to-people faith at today's Church frontiers.

The three-day convention will feature morning and evening public meetings and daily workshop sessions scheduled by NAE's ten commissions. The NAE affiliated organizations - the National Sunday School Association, the National Association of Christian Schools, the National Association of Religious Broadcasters and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association - will meet concurrently with the convention.

Addressing the 1966 convention are: Dr. Jared F. Gerig, president of Fort Wayne (Ind.) Bible College and NAE; Dr. Howard P. Courtney, general supervisor of the Foursquare Gospel Church; Dr. Robert E. Picirilli, registrar of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Louis King, foreign secretary for the Christian and Missionary Alliance; Dr. Malcolm Cronk, pastor of Wheaton (Ill.) Bible Church, and Dr. Harold Fickett, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Van Nuys, California.

Dr. Mariano DiGangi, pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, will bring Bible messages each morning during the convention. The Rev. Gilbert Kirby, secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship, London, England, and Dr. John H. McCombe, executive secretary of the American Bible Society, will also speak to convention luncheons and commission meetings.

A major subject on the agenda for the Commission on Social Concern will be "The Evangelical Faces the Challenge of the Race Problem." "Federal Grants to Church Institutions" will receive careful study in the Evangelical Action Commission meetings and Dr. Hudson T. Armerding, president of Wheaton (Ill.) College, will lead an Education Commission analysis of "Academic Freedom on the Christian Campus."

NAE's annual "Layman of the Year" award and the winner of the church architecture design competition will be announced during the Denver meeting.

THE LORD BLESSES NEW WORK

The Twin City Free Will Baptist Church in Festus-Crystal City, Mo. has

received many wonderful blessings from our Lord since organizing in July of 1965. The Lord has blessed us with some wonderful new brothers and sisters in Christ. We have some families visiting us now that we would like your prayers that they will find Christ as their Saviour in the near future. We have the Spirit and good unity in our congregation.

The Lord has graciously blessed us with a new piano to be used in His service. We are looking for a piece of property to buy so that we may erect a building in the Lord's name to be a shining light throughout the community. We would like all of your prayers that this may be done if it is the Lord's will.

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our coming revival starting on April 10th. Rev. Leslie Logsden of St. Louis will be our evangelist. Pray that this will be a soul-saving revival. Everyone is welcome to attend.



VALENTINE BANQUET

February 14, at the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, the Hannon, Verdella and Oskaloosa churches were hosts to the teenagers of the churches and their guests at a Valentine banquet.

After a devotional by Rev. Cletus Nichols and the meal blessing by Rev. Frank Johnson the 27 teens and Rev. and Mrs. Cletus Nichols, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickey enjoyed the ham supper served by the women of the three churches. The annex was decorated with a Valentine theme, with two baskets of cut flowers on two of the tables. The center table had the three queens and their kings at a specially decorated table. One of the couples was to be crowned at the end of the evening.

After the supper the group gathered in the auditorium of the church to view the teenage film "Seventeen."

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OM THE FIELDS

Following the film and after the votes had been counted the queen was Jacqui Thornton and the king was Keith Dickey of the Oskaloosa church. The attendants were Jimmy Dale Fast and Corky Walker of the Verdella church and Laynetta Beaman and Cecil Blythe of the Hannon church. The queens were presented corsages. The queen and king were crowned by Rev. Johnson.

The contest was a penny a vote, with the teens voting after arriving at the church. The amount came to \$40, which will be sent to the state youth camp near Marshfield.

LOCAL CHURCH SPONSORS MISSION IN ST. LOUIS

There is a new Free Will Baptist Mission now open in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. This mission is located at 2907 South Jefferson Ave. and is under the sponsorship of the Overland Free Will Baptist Church. It is the prayers of the Overland Church to see a strong Free Will Baptist Church in this part of the city where the Third Free Will Baptist Church was once located before the highway took their building. If any of the Gem readers know of someone in this area that would like to help see this come to pass, please contact the Free Will Baptist Mission, 2907 South Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Bob Wright is the pastor. The mission plans to relocate as soon as possible. We do not feel that people should be without a Free Will Baptist Church or Mission in their neighborhood. This is a step of faith on the part of the people of Overland and we desire your prayers for the success of this mission. Souls in South St. Louis are going to hell as fast as those in a far away country. Sunday School at the mission starts at 9:45 a.m. with evangelistic service each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.

FARMINGTON CHURCH HONORS CHURCH ORGANIST

The ladies of Farmington Free Will Baptist Church surprised the church organist, Mrs. Pearl Denton, with a reception in the church basement, Tuesday night, February 8, following Women's Auxiliary Meeting.

Mrs. Denton was soon to observe a birthday and had recently retired following eight and one-half years service at State Hospital No. 4.

The basement was decorated in keep-April, 1966

ing with Valentine's Day. A large red heart, pierced with a golden arrow, was displayed on a background of red and white lattice work. Before this stood an old-fashioned rocking chair.

A table, laid with white, held a large sheet cake, decorated in red and white and centered with a miniature rocking chair.

Punch, coffee and cake were served and Mrs. Denton opened the many gifts from those present and those unable to attend.

We were happy to pay this small tribute to our sister in Christ, our organist, our Sunday School classmate and our beloved friend who is appreciated by the entire church membership.

LETTER FROM A FORMER MISSOURIAN

Sneads, Florida

Rev. Bud Hill
3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

I am enclosing a check for \$1.50 to renew my subscription to the Gem. I am sorry that I let it slip my mind when I should have renewed it. I have had it coming to me for so long that I hate to miss a copy (about 1936).

I am, at present, pastoring in Florida. I do feel that we have just about finished our work here. We would accept a church in Missouri or might be in a position to conduct revivals after August 1st.

Prayerfully yours,
Wm. Buster

A REPORT FROM FOURTH CHURCH, ST. LOUIS

Dear Bro. Hill,

Rev. H. T. Dann, our pastor here at Fourth Church, has entered the Bethesda Hospital for a nose and throat operation. We ask the prayer of each Christian that knows the power of prayer to earnestly pray for a speedy recovery. May God guide the hands that perform the surgery, that Bro. Dann may soon be able to carry on the preaching of God's word.

We had four saved in our regular services this month for which we give thanks.

There were seven that united with the church during February.

We here at Fourth reverently pray that revival may break out in our churches throughout the country that Christians

may be stirred to the knowledge that there is a need for personal soul winning.

May we live a life before others that they can see the difference. A spirit-filled life that is lived in the presence of sinners is like a light that shineth in darkness.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matt. 5:16.

God helps us to be a bright shining light wherever we would be. May God give us all a deeper burden for those about us who are out of the ark of safety. May we have the boldness through the Holy Spirit to personally witness to our friends and neighbors, and those we come in contact with day by day.

Acts 4:31, "And when they had prayed the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

If our day to day living is as a light to those in darkness, then we will have the power of prayer that will reach the threshold of glory. We will be filled with the Holy Ghost and through Him all things are possible.

If our churches today want revival, then let us as individuals get on fire for God. Let us give our entire life to Him to use as He would. Let us be willing to serve in any capacity. Let us all be of one accord. LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER. I John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God."

So we must journey down the road of love before we can get to our destination of revival.

Again I ask the prayers of all that God will be in the hospital with Bro. Dann and that He will watch over him.

Your brother in Christ,
Leamon L. Killian, Reporter

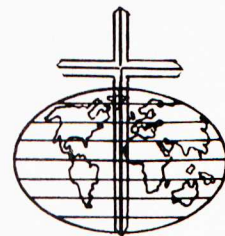
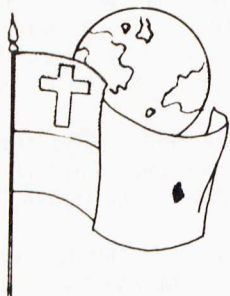
STATE PAPER

We are happy to report that another of our Free Will Baptist State has started a state paper. The State of Florida has started a paper and named it "The Co Ordinator". If you would like to receive this paper you may do so by writing to the editor, Rev. Luther Burns, P. O. Box 315, Chipley, Florida. The cost of the paper is \$2.00 per year.

THE

MISSION

FIELDS



The Owens Family

Dear Friends of Missouri:

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Thes. 5:18). Truly we can say that we have every reason to give unto Him our heartfelt thanks for all He has done for us and in us! It seems He has done so many impossible things recently that we find ourselves speechless in expressing our hearty appreciation. Our desire is that the Lord will help us to be more grateful and ready to serve our un-failing Friend.

At this writing Mack is gone on a seven week itinerate in Oklahoma and Missouri. The children and I are together after seven weeks of traveling in conferences and services in California. We had real good services there and hearts responded to the missionary challenge.

Last week, upon returning to the children, we moved into a four-room house here in Fountain, North Carolina. Of course all of our furniture is in Canada, but we are managing real well with household articles lent to us by relatives and friends. Pray that the Lord will meet our every need here.

Yes, the Lord has been real good in restoring health and strength to me and I am now carrying on all my work with much renewed vigor. What a blessing to be well again!

We want to thank you so much for your

prayer and financial help you have given us. It certainly is encouraging to see folks giving in such a needful way. Thank you each one!

Our real desire is to get back to Canada. We are looking to the Lord to make this possible in August. You see, Becky is already in school and Andrea will be starting this September, so we would like to get moved and settled by then. Please pray that this might be accomplished and that our needed support will be reached.

Again, our thanks for your gifts to us and the prayer concern, too.

Yours in Christ,
Mack and Jackie Owens

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI FEBRUARY, 1966

First FWB Church,	
Berkeley City	\$142.00
Hannon FWB Church, Liberal.	34.60
South Side FWB Church,	
St. Louis	85.00
Bethel FWB Church,	
West Plains	101.25
Oak Grove Ch., Mt. Grove ...	15.00
Pleasant Home Ch., Vanzant.	7.00
First FWB Church,	
Fredericktown	40.00
Thayer FWB Church	4.00
Mr. L. P. Fry, Mtn. Grove ..	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kelsey ...	2.00
First FWB Ch., Springfield ..	25.00
New Harmony FWB S.S.,	
Greentop	37.29
First FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove .	91.75
Garfield FWB Ch.	20.00
Willow Springs FWB Ch.,	
Mtn. Grove	11.65
New Rock Springs FWB Ch.,	
Cabool	20.50
Parkview FWB Ch., Desloge.	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Arnold,	
Florissant	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Murray,	
Kansas City	50.00

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest James,	
Alton	10.00
Festus First FWB Ch.	20.00
Aulsbury Chapel FWB Ch.,	
Farmington	15.00
FWB Ch., Leadington	14.00
Aulsbury Chapel FWB Ch.,	
Bonne Terre	19.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Muse,	
Alton	10.00
Fellowship FWB Ch.,	
Flat River	125.00
First FWB Ch., Berkeley ...	142.00
First FWB Ch., Farmington ..	121.22
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Boland,	
Fredericktown	100.00
Central FWB Ch.,	
Kansas City	113.00
Louise Thomas	6.93
Beacon FWB Ch., Raytown ..	20.00
Overland FWB Ch.,	
Stedfast S.S.	32.60
First FWB Ch., Joplin (WA) .	10.00
Merls Chapel FWB Ch.,	
Cassville	40.50
Mr. Floyd E. Greene,	
Harrisonville	15.00
Olivet FWB Ch., Marshall,	
for film	5.00
Neva Thomas, Kirksville	4.00
Total	\$1,571.29

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS MISSOURI RECEIPTS - FEBRUARY

Mary-Martha Circle,	
Mtn. Grove Ch., Mtn. Grove \$	5.00
Mary-Martha Circle,	
Mtn. Grove Ch., Mtn. Grove	2.50
Mrs. Pauline Means,	
Willow Springs	5.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	24.00
Mrs. Jewel Wagner,	
Willow Springs	5.00
Fellowship FWB Ch.,	
Flat River	10.00
First FWB Ch., Monett	50.00
Festus First FWB Ch.,	
Mtn. Grove	20.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Philip Fry,	
Mtn. Grove	5.00
Neva Thomas, Kirksville	4.00
Mrs. Ollie Smith, Flat River .	5.00
Willow Springs Ch.,	
Mtn. Grove	20.00
Mary-Martha Circle.,	
Mtn. Grove Ch.	5.00
Floyd E. Green, Harrisonville	5.00
Mrs. Myron Simon,	
Florissant	27.00
Mt. Pisgah FWB Ch., Cabool	10.00
New Home Ch., Hartville	10.00
First FWB Ch., Mtn. Grove .	4.00
Farmington FWB Ch.	24.25
Pleasant Home Ch., Vanzant .	5.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	20.00
Meramec Heights FWB Ch.,	
Kirkwood	58.03
Jewel Wagner, Willow Springs	5.00
Mrs. Fern Kelsey, Greentop..	2.00
Southside FWB Ch., St. Louis	20.50
Mrs. Lee Bunton, Liberal ...	25.00
Total	\$422.28

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

Kirby Joe Godwin	\$ 92.18
Harvey Henderson	528.37
Carl Johnson	3,526.37
E. B. Ledlow	331.05
Thurmon Murphy	949.09
Mack Owens.....	2,298.52
Johnnie Postlewaite	1,328.75
Miss Bessie Yeley	363.77
Luther Sanders	532.51
Richard Shade	2,290.80
*Kenneth Walker	1,089.48
*Malcolm Fry	386.66
*Roger Harwell	200.58
*Lewis Perry	2,335.67
*Lonnie Rolan	16.56
*Robert Sharry.....	114.97
Miscellaneous accounts.	602.00

*Not presently employed \$16,987.33
by the Home Mission Board

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN KOREA

Washington, D. C. (MNS) - The chart of statistics which is presented below was released in the Korean Report (October-December, 1965) which is published by the Korean Office of Information of the Korean Embassy here. No explanation of terms was given.

	Churches or Temples	Clergy		Adherents		TOTAL
		Male	Female	Male	Female	
Buddhism	2,473	5,223	4,766	319,851	632,785	962,625
Christian	6,851	9,493	6,904	308,307	487,550	812,254
Roman Catholic	1,117	1,141	1,491	325,428	426,414	754,471
Confucianist	63	626	1	61,647	1,174	63,448
Others	181	1,725	504	554,307	424,960	981,396

April, 1966



Archie Mayhew

Dear Friends in Mo. State Ass'n:

There have been several who have prayed in our church at Bondoukou. Our first statistics are very encouraging. God is blessing with souls and also financially.

The first convert here, a teenage boy, brought his employer's son today to be saved. He had witnessed to the boy but did not know how to tell him the plan of salvation.

You see we don't have a Bible in their language so it is quite a problem for our Christians. However, it does prove one thing: If a Christian wants to witness and see souls saved, it can be done in spite of many problems.

We need your prayers desperately that the Lord will give us wisdom as we deal with people here and also that we will learn the Kulango language well.

To give you an example of the problems of working through an interpreter: There is a woman who prayed here. She has three small children but has never been married. She cannot understand a word of French. She can neither read nor write. We dealt with her through an interpreter, a teenage boy, and she wanted to ask the Lord to come into her



Sarah Mayhew

heart. Since there is no Bible in Kulango and she could not read it if there were, she must live by what she believes to be right. We know the Bible says "Thou shalt not commit adultery." She does not know that and would not understand the word adultery if we told her.

Since according to their custom, this is an acceptable thing. How does one explain adultery to a woman through a boy interpreter? We have no Kulango women here to translate for us. They don't go to school. They go to the fields.

Do you understand our need to know the Kulango language? If ever a person needed the gift of tongues, it is us because this is certainly an unknown tongue to us.

Pray for us,
Archie & Sarah Mayhew

Dear friends in Christ Jesus,

This is the first letter that we have sent out by way of a letter to thank you for your gifts since the new year began. Our activities have changed considerably since LaVerne has entered his six months surgery residency at the Veterans Hospital here in Memphis. However, even though there is not so much time for itinerary services as before, the Lord continues to bless and funds continue to come into our account. We are indeed grateful, for it seems there are so many things to purchase before returning to the Ivory Coast. Among them are surgical equipment, a generator, and a vehicle. And, the Lord willing, we would like to return to the field in July or early August.

The children have done quite well in their school work, yet Africa still has for them a great attraction and in some respects they prefer it to our own country. Lorene continues to be busy with two Child Evangelism classes and numerous missionary services. Although we have

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

APRIL — FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

APRIL 19, 1966

STATE WORKSHOP

JOPLIN FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH — 2301 Conn.

- *Featured Speaker - Mrs. Miley
- *Informative Ideas
- *Interesting Program
- *Mrs. Jean Williams, Study Course
Chairman
- *Lunch & Fellowship Time
- *Music & Worship Time

WILL YOU ATTEND???

AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Monett - First Free Will Baptist
Flat River - Fellowship FWB
Thayer - FWB
Springfield - Grant Ave. FWB
Myrtle - FWB
St. Francois Co. Dist. Woman's
Auxiliary
Flat River - First FWB
Miss Hazel Hutsell - State Secretary
Mtn. Grove - First FWB
West Plains - FWB
Kirkville - First FWB
Indian Creek Dist. Woman's Auxiliary
Desloge - Parkview FWB

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3-7 - Bible Conference, Free Will
Baptist Bible College
April 4-8 - Pre-Week of Prayer - Offer-
ings go to the National Foreign Mis-
sions Department
April 19 - State Workshop, Joplin, Mo.

"JUST TOO FAR"

Are you saying, "Well, I would attend
the State Workshop, but it's just too far -
if only I had a place to stay all night!"

We at Joplin want you to attend that
live away and we would enjoy having you
stay with us.

If your auxiliary members need a place
to stay, please write to:

Mrs. Deane Eaton
3144 E. 10
Joplin, Mo.
Phone MO 3-4722

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Jean Williams

MEET YOUR STATE STUDY COURSE
CHAIRMAN

STUDY --- to KNOW --- to GROW

Does your auxiliary measure up to this
slogan? Is it being effectively taught?
Is it learning? Is it growing in concept
and vision of missions and the individual
and group responsibility? Study Course
Chairman, this challenge is for you, for
your auxiliary can "measure up" if you are
faithful in the duties of your office. Be
sure that you have the SALLY STUDY
Packet. (Order from National Office.) It
contains invaluable information - suggest-
ed programs, sample study courses,
workshop guides, etc.

According to the new manual an A-1
auxiliary has to have only four study
courses, the required courses are Manual
and Missions. I would urge you to have
at least one Standard Course during the
year. Use supplementary materials along
with the recommended books to make your
classes more interesting. Personally, I
think a study course chairman should be
an avid reader. Magazine and newspaper
articles can be used to excellent advan-
tage in presenting up-to-date information,
especially in courses in Missions, Stew-
ardship and Christian Living. Use visual
aids and skits and plays to add variety
to the class sessions.

Be a PLANNER. Make a calendar.
Use courses at opportune times. For in-
stance, have a Missions study class in
April, our Foreign Missions month - or

one on Evangelism just before a revival
or vacation bible school time. Advertise -
posters, bulletins - and don't forget to
use your telephone!

Two study courses that we (in our local
group) have especially enjoyed this year,
and I heartily recommend, are: "SOUL
WINNING MADE EASY." Be sure and
order the LP record that goes with the
book. Also, for our standard course, we
used both "NONE OF THESE DIS-
EASES" and "NERVOUS CHRISTIANS."
The themes are closely related. Order
the skit, "Nervous Christians" too. Have
a "problem-solver" time. I think you'll
find a marvelous response in discussion
time. Other books I personally like are,
"The Larger Stewardship," "The Bible
Basis of Missions", "In Unbroken Line"
and "Prayer - Conversing With God".

Do try hard to be an A-1 auxiliary.
But, remember, it's better to have one
well-planned, informative and challeng-
ing study course than to have four or
five that simply do not do the job.

THINK, STUDY, AND PRAY, and
you will accomplish your goal - helping
your church teach and support missions.
If I can assist you in any way, feel free
to contact me.

In His Service,
Jean Williams

NEW AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

A committee from the Indian Creek
Quarterly Auxiliary Convention met with
several ladies of the Merls Chapel Free
Will Baptist Church near Cassville in the
home of Mrs. Estel Hall on February 24
for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary.

A song, "Send The Light", was sung
with prayer led by Sis. Mary Hill of
Monett. The National Auxiliary Scripture
I Cor. 3:9, was read by Sis. Peggy
Davis of Joplin.

Sis. Davis took charge of the service
and gave the five basic goals of the
auxiliary and the aim and purpose. The
Standard of Achievement Chart was also
explained by Sis. Davis.

Sis. Davis turned the service to Sis.
Louise Boyd of Merls Chapel who ap-
pointed the nominating committee con-
sisting of Sis. Estel Hall, Sis. Ray
Hundley and Sis. Charlotte McClure.

Lovely refreshments were served to
all those present, the committee: Sis.
Free Will Baptist Gem

Peggy Davis, Sis. Mary Hill, Sis. Roselee McCully and the following ladies of the Merls Chapel Church: Mesdames Estel Hall, Harry Bush, Ernest Moudy, Monroe Eagan, Merl Wright, Ray Hundley, John McClure, Johnny Noll, Otho Boyd, Grace Sullivan, and Misses Deborah Boyd and Ernestine Moudy.

MTN. GROVE AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mtn. Grove, Mo. met at 7:30 p.m. in the educational building on March 1.

Mrs. Hazel Elliott gave a report on the district meeting which was held in Springfield and she stated the district project is for each member to give at least 50¢ to be applied on the purchase of property for a church in Cape Girardeau. Mrs. Gibson also commented on the meeting and urged the members to support this project.

Plans for a study course were announced by Mrs. Bonnie Maxwell to be held March 28 through April 1.

There was general discussion concerning the enjoyment and appreciation of Mrs. Miley's visit and her talk to the Auxiliary. Mrs. Gibson suggested the Auxiliary send a package a month to some missionary.

Miss Sue McCarty was in charge of the lesson, "Facts of a Field", by Mrs. Anita Sparks, a missionary in Africa.

TWIN SISTER TEA

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Kirksville Free Will Baptist Church held a "Twin Sister" Enlistment Tea on February 10 at 1:30. The Enlistment Chairman, Bernice Thomas, was in charge of the program.

Highlights of the afternoon included a duet by Joan Filkins and Kathy Lay, entitled, "I Want to do My Best For Jesus", and slides of several European countries shown by Joan Filkins. Also a few slides of the Miley's in Africa.

The program closed with congregational singing of "Here Am I, Send Me", followed with prayer by Velma Wellman and LuEtta Stewart. The group then went to Fellowship Hall where refreshments were served to the following members and guests: Ruth Jacobs, Bernice Thomas, Joan Filkins, LuEtta Stewart, Velma Wellman, Esther Hediger, Elfie Dare, Ethel Adkins, Laura Glospie, Maude Elsea, Alma Srivens, Grace Toney, Kathy Lay, Dorothy Houston, Ethel Thompson, Thelma Berry, Emily Vordiman, Mary Portin, Julia Mollick, Roberta Wood, Nancy Durham, Lola Mahaffay, Gladys Ziegler, Ruby Mulford, Ollie Allen, Allie Peterson, Wanda Riley, and April, 1966

Celia Lay.

The table was decorated with Valentine colors and a centerpiece of white carnations and red hearts and ribbons which were later presented to a neighborhood shut-in, Mrs. Cynthia Keim.

LuEtta Stewart
Recording Secretary

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

January and February, 1966

TITHES:

South Side, St. Louis\$ 4.41
First, Mtn. Grove 7.72
Beacon, Raytown 8.38

REPRESENTATION DUES:

St. Louis District
Woman's Auxiliary 2.77

STUDENT LOAN FUND:

South Side, St. Louis 2.21
First, Mtn. Grove 3.86
Beacon, Raytown 4.19

MO. STATE HOME MISSIONS:

St. Louis District
Woman's Auxiliary 16.10
Kirksville (For Rev.
Leland Horton) 10.05
Fellowship, Flat River 15.00
First, Mtn. Grove 18.89
First, Joplin 25.00
Beacon, Raytown 20.00
Hannon, Liberal 30.00

CO-LABORER FUND:

Kirksville 1.21
South Side, St. Louis 13.22
First, Mtn. Grove 23.14
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove . 2.06
Beacon, Raytown 25.16

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS:

St. Louis District
Woman's Auxiliary 21.00
Kirksville 2.00
Beacon, Raytown 32.81

MO. STATE AUXILIARY PROJECT - "MILEYS":

St. Louis Dist. Aux. 10.00
South Side, St. Louis 8.82
First, Mtn. Grove 15.42
Beacon, Raytown 16.76

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

St. Louis Dist. Aux. 12.00
Kirksville 2.00

FWB ORPHANAGE, TENN.:

Neosho 5.00
South Side, St. Louis 2.21
First, Mtn. Grove 3.86
Beacon, Raytown 4.19

THOMAS WILLEY, JR. ACCT.:

Neosho 35.00

CARLISLE HANNA ACCT.:

St. Louis Dist. Aux. 10.00

BILL FULCHER ACCT.:

St. Louis Dist. Aux. 10.00

WNAC GENERAL FUND:

St. Louis Dist. Aux. 5.40
MACK OWENS ACCT.:
Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove . 5.00

Total Received for January ...\$434.84

TITHES:

Beacon, Raytown\$ 2.26
STUDENT LOAN FUND:

Beacon, Raytown 1.13
MO. STATE HOME MISSIONS:

Kirksville 2.00
CO-LABORER FUND:

Kirksville 2.75
Beacon, Raytown 6.84
Myrtle 7.50

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS:

Kirksville 2.00
First, Mtn. Grove
(Mary Martha Circle) 5.00

MO. STATE WOMAN'S AUX.

PROJECT - "MILEYS":

Fellowship, Flat River 75.00
Fredricktown 15.30
Beacon, Raytown 4.52
Myrtle 30.00
Grant Ave., Springfield 103.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Kirksville 2.00
FWB ORPHANAGE, TENN.:

Indian Creek Dist. Aux. 2.78
Beacon, Raytown 1.13

ARTHUR BILLOWS ACCT.:

First, Cabool 10.00
DR. L. MILEY ACCT.:

Woman's Mission District
Auxiliary Convention 28.07

MACK OWENS ACCT.:

First, Joplin 15.25
JOHN MOEHLMAN ACCT.:

First, Joplin 5.00
WNAC GENERAL FUND:

Fredericktown 15.30
Total Received for February ..\$336.83

QUILT FOR MISSIONARY FAMILY

The Ladies of the West Plains Auxiliary met March 7 with eleven members present. Reports of officers were given. A study course on prayer was set for March 28.

We plan to organize another youth auxiliary for pre-teen age at our April auxiliary meeting.

We quilted a quilt and sent to our missionary family, the Rev. Wade Jerigan in Idaho.

We planned our pre-Easter service for the first week in April by each auxiliary member choosing a prayer partner for the week. They are to call their partner and decide the hour both can pray and each go to prayer at this hour and then at the end of the week we plan a service at the church and tell of some of our prayer experiences.

A L C O H O L I C

Beverages Are A Curse To Anyone

The Bible says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1). The Bible speaks against social drinking as well as habitual drinking. You may declare, "Oh well, one small drink will never hurt me." But here is a logical reminder: one drink makes you one-tenth drunk however you may feel about it.

To be spiritually, mentally, and physically fit, we must believe in "total abstinence" from any kind of alcoholic beverage in any degree. While the money gluttonous promoters make and sell these beverages, we need to be doing something to counteract their impact upon society by promoting Christ as the elimination or the cure.

God asks, "Who hath woe, who hath sorrow, who hath contention, who hath wounds without cause, who hath redness of eyes?" Then answers, "They that tarry long at the wine. They that go to seek mixed wine." Then He gives warning, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." (Proverbs 23:29-32). Although this scripture was recorded approximately 3000 years before this scientific space age, it pretty well describes the blight of alcoholic consumption.

The young person who is "eaten up with liquor" and "burned up with smoking" will naturally be twisted in mind, body, and soul. Take a lesson from nature: The crops that are damaged by fires, insects, and blights will be worthless if they even survive to a mature age. That is true of man too!

Much has been said about temperance, however, it has been misused and misinterpreted. Temperance generally means "moderation." Christians are to be moderate or temperate in partaking of food, in dress, and in other things that are not evil within themselves. There is an area of life, however, where temperateness is not enough. We need to realize that "total abstinence" is to be observed in things that are harmful to society, and one's body.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages has been called a "problem", however, a more correct term is "crime." Crime meaning: "a violation of the law; an offense against morality or the public welfare; wrong doing." It is a crime even though it is legalized. The laws of God make it a crime. It makes no difference if the supposed public norm identifies drinking as an act of social adjustment. It is still a crime and is a personal mal-adjustment which eats away at our civilization. Public norm can be wrong - many times it is wrong - leading to all sorts of crime. Crime is sin! There is a cure for sin: (1) understanding the sin and its nature, (2) finding a cure for that sin, (3) accepting or believing the cure for it, and (4) experientially turn from it. This will solve the problem!

Alcoholism is sin - a crime! Foregoing thoughts, scripture, and definitions have substantiated the crime of it beyond doubt. In fact, seeing the drunk and the blinding side effects in his life helps us understand the crime of it. It is evident everywhere you look.

To understand alcoholism better, we need to learn some basic facts. To get these facts, listen to a few quotes: "If any other disease (other than alcoholism) affected our citizens so much, a national emergency would be declared." Dr. William C. Menninger, Menninger Clinic, Topeka, Kansas: "Eighty million

adult Americans - 71 percent of the population over 21 years - drink alcoholic beverages." Center of Alcoholic Studies, Rutgers University: "Ten percent of the population - 19 million people - are alcohol-dependent, and 5 percent - 9 1/2 million - are alcoholics." Life Extension Foundation: "New cases of alcoholism are becoming known at the rate of 200,000 per year, while only 30,000 to 35,000 are being treated with some success of any one time." Dr. Seldon D. Bacon, Rutgers University: "An intimate connection exists between the words 'alcoholism' and 'disease.' Disease exists when any function of the body is impaired. Alcoholism is a self-imposed disease, like addiction to other drugs. It occurs only because the victim, not knowing his or her susceptibility in advance, chooses to take a chance to develop the acute and then the chronic state of alcoholism. The continuous use of alcohol as a drug will in time produce even in strong-willed persons a habit and state of mind extremely difficult to correct." Andrew C. Ivy, M.D., Ph. D., president, National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism: "Although FBI statistics show that women run afoul of the law only one eighth as often as men, drunkenness gets more women in trouble than anything else. About 112,000 of them are arrested for such a condition each year." Vol. 16, No. 6, LISTEN: "Legal liquor sellers thus outnumbered the churches by 101,052." (Year 1964) Bertha Palmer. This figure was taken from the annual report 1964, Internal Revenue Service, United States Treasury Dept. and Yearbook of American Churches, 1965. There were 321,768 churches and 422,820 establishments for liquor distribution.

What is the nature of alcoholism? Well, the natural order of it may be given thusly, (1) Morally - religious, (2) Social, (3) Medical, and (4) Economic problems arise from it.

First, may I say, the alcoholic is an alcoholic because he is a sinner. By nature he has the tendency to drink, etc. After having inflamed himself with alcohol, he lowers his moral restraint to lowest types of crime. He deadens his physical feelings and depresses his central nervous system. A person who can't think straight can't go straight in any sense of speaking. As the Christian Civics Foundation of Missouri, Inc., Pastor's Personal Information states, "Alcohol is a narcotic. Like morphine and heroin, it is a depressant acting upon the central nervous system. It puts the brain to sleep...alcohol slows reaction time, thinking time and actually dulls the senses." This, of course, can be and is the cause of much manslaughter on the highways, immorality, profanity, divorce, and lack of child support. This makes it a criminal act too. "Thou shalt not kill" is commanded of the social drinker as much as of anyone else. William Standish Reed, M.D. wrote, "Several important factors create the carnage on the highways today. One is the placing of automobiles of extremely high horsepower in the hands of youngsters who are driving not out of necessity but for excitement and thrills. In addition, there is an increasing tendency for our present society to consider the drinking of beer and other alcoholic beverages as a normal part of life. One or two bottles of beer in the system of a youthful driver in a high-powered sports car spells potential fatality. THE HIGHWAY PROBLEM IS NOT THE CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC BUT THE SOCIAL DRINKER, whether teenager or adult. Alcohol dulls

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The following program will be observed during the conference:

Sunday, April 3

7:30 p.m. Rev. Jack Paramore

Monday, April 4

8:45 a.m. Mr. Paramore

9:40 a.m. Rev. Gene Waddell

11:15 a.m. Rev. Pat Henry

7:30 p.m. Mr. Waddell

Tuesday, April 5

8:45 a.m. Mr. Waddell

9:40 a.m. Mr. Henry

11:15 a.m. Mr. Paramore

4:00 p.m. Alumni Meeting

5:00 p.m. Alumni Banquet

7:30 p.m. Mr. Henry

Wednesday, April 6

8:45 a.m. Mr. Henry

9:40 a.m. Mr. Paramore

11:15 a.m. Mr. Waddell

7:30 p.m. Rev. Bobby Jackson

Thursday, April 7

8:45 a.m. Mr. Paramore

9:40 a.m. Mr. Waddell

11:15 a.m. Mr. Henry

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PASTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Charles H. Moyers has resigned the First Free Will Baptist Church in Festus, Missouri effective March 6, 1966.

**CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL
SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington, Missouri had a very successful Sunday School Campaign during the month of February. The average attendance for this month was 150. The Rev. Bob King is the pastor of this fine church.

**CHURCH STARTS
THE NEW YEAR RIGHT**

We at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Lemay, Missouri, have had a good year thus far. We certainly have a lot to praise the Lord's name for here at the church. Everyone has worked hard since 1966 rolled around. The Ladies Auxiliary had a bake sale and raised \$42.00 to help pay for a nursery for the church. The Master's Men group is planning on conducting a rummage sale to raise money to place the church bus back in running order. Since the first of the year a good number has been saved and April, 1966

more have joined the church. Also, inactive members have been placed back on the active list. At the writing of this article, our church is in a revival effort with Rev. Lawrence Thompson of Bettendorf, Iowa as the evangelist.

CHURCH HAS MISSIONARY SERVICE

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Monett, Missouri had the privilege of hearing Dr. LaVerne Miley on Sunday, March 6. Bro. Miley brought the morning message and in the afternoon he showed slides of his work in Africa. An offering of \$136.00 was taken for his work. The church was blessed by his

presence and a greater burden for missions has been felt.

A LETTER FROM A READER

Dear Friends,

Hopy you are all well and happy. We are just fine and still enjoying Florida.

I appreciate the Gem so much for it keeps me informed on what is going on back home. I may be a long way from there but Missouri is still home to me.

I enjoy your report each month in the Gem and it sure seems as if you are being kept busy.

Come see us some time. We would be happy to have you.

May God bless you,
Harvey

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1965

	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	December	January	February	March	April
Fellowship, Flat River	194	171	218	275	254	247	261	241	261		
Farmington		96	91	85	91	103	97		150		
Liberty-Phillipsburg	64		60	58	68	72	69				
Berkeley City	264	259	257	335	309	297	302	280			
Richwoods	50	49	50	54	49	48	37	46			
Kirksville	123	117	126	111	101	95	100	96	100		
Grant Ave., Springfield	199	190	197	184	205	191	185	205			
Hazel Creek		45	44	39	41	36	41				
Mine LaMotte	34	37	40	32	31	28	29	31			
First, Flat River		91	92	70	86	91	92	82	81		
Overland Church	155	139	167	168	189	185	163	167	196		
First, Mtn. Grove	310	327	306	332	323	317	313	297	319		
Desloge	110	111	107	113	112	105	113	100	99		
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	66	61	67	69	74	70	63	61			
Union Light	114	106	115	110	106	111	115	116	99		
First, Springfield	171	166	177	188	206	189	192	180	201		
Sunnyview Church	63	57	69	63	62	64	65	54			
Hannon	68	67	56	57	56	61	53	55	58		
First, Monett	123	117	121	123	133	126	131	120	126		
Garfield-Couch	51	44	47	50	47	49	46	48			
Leadington	105	87	107	124	136	130	122	128	197		
First, Fredericktown	139	147	160	171	193	178	191	164			
Copper Mines	76	79	96	75	87	80	89	67			
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.			35	37	34	30	30				
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	97	80	93	112	133	116	138	109	118		
Twin Oaks Church	64	61	59	60	59	58	59	54	54		
West Plains	198	187	180	191	183	175	177	187	191		
Belton			21	32	39	40	33				
Southside	152	141	154	156	159	148	131				
First, Lebanon	106	94		99	113	114	123	114	126		
Myrtle Church			71	72	80	67	75				
Twin City Ch., Festus	40	42	49	53	45	35	43	37	35		
Joplin	100	92	93	93	97	93	92	88			
Grace Church	150	115	146	157	171	146	165	179	188		
Salem	38		41			34					
Aulsbury Chapel Church		61	65					54	53		
Trinity Church, St. Louis	82	78	88	96	116	97	95	112	122		
Faith Church, Lemay				58	64	64	64	74	80		



CHURCH HAS SWEETHEART BANQUET

The Young Peoples Sunday School Class of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, enjoyed their 11th annual Sweetheart Banquet in the fellowship hall of the church.

The theme for this year's banquet was "By the Sea." The background was a beautiful blue sea, a gay moon, the large palm trees, flowers, fruit and birds. A highlight was a large pink fishing net completing the tropical isle scene.

The welcome was by Mrs. Dale Blakeley, teacher of the Young Peoples Class. The guest speaker and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Graham were introduced, along with the church pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest M. Kennedy and other guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kemp.

The opening of the program was a duet by the Rev. and Mrs. Graham and later he directed all while the group sang, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." He also gave the inspiring devotional and prayer. The blessing on the food was by the Rev. Kennedy.

The beautiful serving table was highlighted with a crystal punch bowl and bud vases containing red roses. The menu was baked ham, potato salad, baked beans, decorated cup cakes and punch. Each place setting was a place mat on which games were printed and after the meal, all enjoyed playing the games.

The Teen Trio of the church, Vickie Mathews, Karen King, and Rosie Kemp, accompanied by Mrs. Bob Kemp, sang two selections which were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Kemp played the processional music as the retiring queen, Miss Joyce Horton, escorted by Carl Moyers, took their place on the gold love seat throne. The attendants were Karen King, escorted by Ed Kennon, Brenda Horton, escorted

by Ronnie Jenkerson and Vickie Mathews, escorted by Mike Burcham.

Toni Lynne Blakeley was the flower girl and she carried the corsages, boutonniere and tiera on a white satin pillow.

The 1966 Sweetheart queen was Rosemary Kemp. Her enchanting dress was accented with the beautiful red carnation corsage presented her by the class. Her escort was Ronnie Wells, president of the Young Peoples Class. He was presented a red carnation boutonniere. The retiring queen, Joyce Horton, crowned the new queen, Rosemary Kemp, with a lovely rhinestone tiera. Each year the tiera is given to the queen as a treasure from her Sunday School Class.



REVIVALS REPORTED

First Free Will Baptist Church, Monett, Rev. Cecil Campbell, Evangelist, March 14.

Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Lemay, Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Evangelist, March 9-20.

Merls Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Cassville, Rev. Ted Davis, Evangelist, March 28.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Rev. Dale Jones, Evangelist, March 21-30.

(Editor's Note: I would like to have the dates of the revivals reported for this section and also the results of the revivals.)

MARCH WITH THE MARCHERS IN MARCH CAMPAIGN

A program "March with the Marchers in March" is underway at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Mo. This program is to "prove your love for the church in your heart" and stress will be on attendance in church and Sunday School.

Teachers and officers of the Sunday School met Wednesday, March 9, in a special session to plan for the program. Cleo Black serves as Sunday School superintendent and Gordon Holmes is assistant Sunday School superintendent. The Rev. Ernest M. Kennedy is church pastor.

Miley's Travel Fund

MILEY'S TRAVEL FUND ACCOUNT RECEIVED - FEBRUARY, 1966

Overland FWB Church, St. Louis	
District Quarterly Meeting	\$ 50.00
St. Francis County Quar. Meet. ...	140.00
Laclede County Quar. Meet.	50.00
First Mission Quar. Meet.,	
Mission Association	209.00
Verdella FWB Church, Central	
Western Association	27.25
Mt. Grove First, First Mission	
Quarterly Meeting	64.99
	\$541.24

Total received to date \$1126.77

STATE BIBLE BOWL AND TIC-TAC-TOE TEAMS TO BE CHOSEN

For the first time in the history of Free Will Baptists, young people of our denomination will have the opportunity of becoming State winners in Bible knowledge activities, with the responsibility of going on to represent the State of Missouri at the National Association in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 11-14, 1966. The information below refers to the entrance rules for State competition to be held during the Teen session of Youth Camp this year.

BIBLE TIC-TAC-TOE

1. Must be a member of C.T.S.
2. Must be in grades 7, 8, 9. However, a young person 12 years of age in the 6th grade may participate on this team, provided they are in no other competitive activity.
3. Teams shall be composed of not more than four nor less than two members.
4. All team members must be members of the same local church.
5. Dress for State competition will be: (Girls, dark skirt and white blouse; Boys, dark trousers, white shirt, black Free Will Baptist Gem

tie.)

6. Deadline for entry - June 1, 1966. Entry must have the names of members and alternates, if necessary. Entry blanks will be mailed to each local church from the State C.T.S. Board.

7. Each church may send only one Tic-Tac-Toe team to the State competition.

8. Each team must have a coach. The coach may be an individual or a man and his wife. The coach, or an alternate, must accompany the team to the State competition.

9. An appropriate award will be presented to the winners.

BIBLE BOWL

The entrance rules for competition in Bible Bowl are identical to those of Tic-Tac-Toe, with the exception that the participants must be in grades 10, 11, 12. However, a 15 year old may participate if they are in the 9th grade, provided they are not in any other competitive activity.

The source of questions for State competition in Bible Bowl are given below:

Books of Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.

Teen Voice Magazine (July 1, 1965 - June 30, 1966)

Memory Verses from High Teen Sunday School Quarterlies (July 1, 1965 - June 30, 1966)

All questions and memory verses will be quoted from the King James version of the Bible.

The questions for Bible Tic-Tac-Toe will come from the following categories. The source material from which the questions will be made are also listed. It is important that this information be available to all who plan to participate in the State Tic-Tac-Toe contest.

CATEGORY

Acts of the Apostles
Book of Beginnings
Free Will Baptist History
Heralds for Christ

Men of the Bible

Miracles of Jesus
Parables of Jesus
Uncompleted Bible Verses

Women of the Bible

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had the opportunity of being in many of our churches, still we have not yet seen some of you in person since our return from the field. But we thank the Lord for you and for supplying for us through you.

Again, thank you for your gifts to our account. Do pray for us that we may have the leadership of the Lord in all things and that His will may be done through us. May the Lord bless you richly as you serve Him.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
LaVerne and Lorene Miley

Romans 8:28



The Free Will Baptist Church
Waipahu, Hawaii

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been over two months since we published a News Letter and many things have happened in that period of time. We have seen a definite increase in attendance in all of our church activities. We now have about 90 enrolled in Sunday School and are averaging in the nineties in our total Sunday's attendance. We have had two baptismal services this year - one in January and one in February when a total of eight followed the Lord in Christian baptism. We have several more who are waiting to be baptized - perhaps

sometime in March.

I have been very busy as an electrician, plumber, and carpenter this month. We are in the process of building an addition to our overcrowded Sunday School building. We have certainly appreciated the help of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Helen's dad and mother, who have been a tremendous help in the heavy work load of yard work, painting, carpentering, etc. They will be leaving for Kentucky shortly after you receive this letter. Helen has seen an increase in interest and attendance in her three weekly classes that she teaches. Her Sunday School Class (Adult) has about twenty in attendance; the Religious Education class composed of 20 students from the Waipahu Elementary School meets with her and Mrs. Ralph Coffman at our church each Monday afternoon; the Ladies Bible Class which meets in the members homes on Thursday mornings has grown to an average attendance of fifteen. Brenda has been used of the Lord on the high school campus. She has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Future Homemakers of America in the State of Hawaii. We now have a Sunday school class of 15 hi-teens about Brenda's age and all but about three or four are saved. Bobby, our little boy, will be one year old on March 10. He sure is a live-wire - he can't be still even in his sleep. He certainly is enjoying having his Grandpa and Grandma Brown around.

We certainly appreciate your prayer and financial support; however the contributions to the "Land Fund" have been discouraging. With our heavy monthly payments plus our building, repairs, and general operating expenses we have seen a few tight places but God always lays the burden upon someone's heart and we have never been late in paying our bills yet.

We have recently seen four of our military men leave for duty in Viet Nam and we will see two more leave for this "Hot War" area within the next two or three weeks. Pray with us for them, especially for their families - some of whom are still with us.

We were happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cox and their four children to our congregation this month. They come to us from the Free Will Baptist Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Two things that I particularly would like for you to pray with us about are: (1) The Land Fund - please don't let the interest in this project lag in your state and church; (2) We need a small bus desperately. My 1959 Rambler station wagon has seen its better days and it is much too small and inadequate as a bus. A few nights ago I had the Rambler so filled with teenagers that a policeman stopped me and courteously asked me if I

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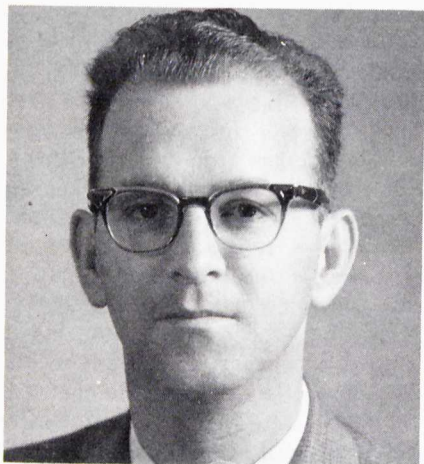
Books of Acts (Bible)
Book of Genesis (Bible)
The Free Will Baptist Story, by Damon C. Dodd
Questions for this Category will come from the TEEN MESSENGER from July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966, or to the date of your drill, and from the Heralds Handbook. Questions will be made from the following list of men in the Bible: Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Gideon, Samson, Eli, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, Peter, Andrew, Paul and Timothy. The Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Bible verses used will be the memory verses which appear in the TEEN Sunday School quarterly from July 1, 1965, to June 30, 1966, or to the date of your drill.
Deborah, Esther, Hannah, Jezebel, Miriam, Naomi, Ruth, Sarah, Dorcas, Rachel, Eunice, Priscilla.

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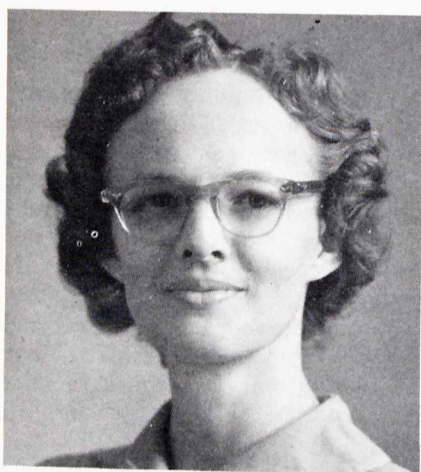
thought I could handle that many in my Rambler. He said the front end was off the ground. I assured him that we would be o.k. and I would drive carefully. Perhaps some state group would like to take this as a missionary project - I can assure you that it is urgently needed.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." Romans 15:30.

Your representatives in Hawaii,
Luther, Helen, Brenda, Bobby
Sanders



Rev. Wesley Calvery



Mrs. Wesley Calvery

Nishi 2 Jo 3 Chome
Tsukisamu, Sapporo
Hokkaido, Japan

by Fred Hersey and Herbert Waid. After a couple of days of fellowship in their homes, we flew to Sapporo, Hokkaido in one hour. When we saw all the snow down below, we knew we were "home" again.

These few weeks since our arrival have been busy ones. We stayed in the home of missionary friend, Joe Richards, while looking for a place of our own. We do praise the Lord that He has provided an acceptable house in an area of the city where there is no church. It is a typical Japanese style house where the living room is used as the master bedroom. In other words, during the day cushions to sit on are put out on the straw mat flooring around a low table, and at night pallets are put on the floor to sleep on. Aileen says she gets her daily exercise folding these pallets two times a day.

The Hokkaido Association of Free Will Baptists had a very successful meeting January 8 and 9. The three organized churches seem to be doing well. The Koshimizu church is proceeding with the church building and is looking forward to having one of our Bible college students coming as pastor in the spring. Until then, I will be making the two hundred mile trip every weekend by train (8-10 hours one way). At the same time we plan to begin meetings in our home here in the city of Sapporo.

The children are glad they can attend an English-speaking school. They can reach the Hokkaido International School by city bus from our house. They're also enjoying the snow. There is much more snow than usual this year. It's piled up so high around our house that we can hardly see the sun when it shines. There is an 8-10 foot wall of snow all around our house about 6-8 feet thick. So, we are fenced in except for the two entrance-ways we shoveled out.

We're having our rounds with colds but so far we have managed to stay up and going. Pray for our health.

Please note our address above which will be our permanent Japan address.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support that is making it possible for us to be here.

In Christ,
The Calverys

EDITOR'S NOTE: It seems that our churches in Missouri are doing nothing. We received very little news from them. PLEASE, we need news of our churches. Send it and pictures if possible (black and white glossy prints). Let us have a Missouri paper with Missouri news. We appreciate news from other states also, so continue sending it.

Missouri Home Missions Report



Rolla Mission

FEBRUARY, 1966

This is another fine report to give you this month. God has blessed above every expectation. You, the faithful pastors and churches, have made such a report possible by your delight to do the will of God in carrying out His commission. Keep the good work going!

Pray for each mission and pastor. This must be part of our support. We are responsible to hold them up to God as well as holding out the money to support them.

Bro. Leland Horton gives the following: "I am enclosing a picture of the Rolla Mission. This is about the typical crowd on Sunday night. Just a note to let you know how things are going. We are having good services. Everyone seems to enjoy the services. One man about 50 years old was saved last night. We feel that much good is being done through this endeavor. Pray for the Rolla Mission that it would be as the Lord would have it to be."

Bro. Don Jones reports from the Cape Girardeau Mission: "We are not making great strides over here, but it seems we can hold our 17." It seems that each mission has done good considering the adverse weather during the month this is excellent.

Bro. Don Jones new address is 505 Timon Way, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701.

The following financial report is very encouraging:

*Carterville Church.....	\$11.00
Mine La Motte Church.....	5.00
Copper Mines Church	5.00
Twin Oak Church	15.00
Cape Girardeau Mission.....	3.65
*Belton Church Auxiliary.....	8.41
State Auxiliary, Kirksville ...	10.05
Mine La Motte Church.....	5.00
Fellowship Church	15.00
Free Will Baptist Gem	

Dear Friends:

Praises to Him that we're back in the land to which the Lord has called us. The trip was so quick it seemed almost like a dream. We flew Japan Air Lines from San Francisco to Hawaii in five hours. After a quick telephone conversation with Luther Sanders, we flew to Tokyo in seven hours where we were met

Parkview Church	10.00
Central Church.....	10.00
First Church, Farmington	10.00
State Woman's Auxiliary:	
Kirksville	2.00
Monett.....	16.10
Fellowship	15.00
First, Mtn. Grove	18.89
First, Joplin	25.00
Beacon, Raytown	20.00
Hannon, Liberal	30.00

126.99

*Old Bethel, Madison Co.	15.00
Copper Mines.....	5.00
Merls Chapel, Cassville	11.00
Coop. Fund	340.40

Total\$606.50

*New contributor under new set-up.

Pastors of newly added contributing churches are Rev. Gary Terrell, Carterville Church; Rev. John (Jack) McAllister, Belton Church; and Rev. Clarence Burcham, Old Bethel Church. These pastors are to be commended along with others for their vision and response!

Send all Home Missions monies to Missouri State Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists, 103 West Murta Street, Fredericktown, Missouri 63645.

Bob L. Jones, Sec.-Treas.

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the reflexes and creates sleepiness, and is far from being a stimulant as many people think. Alcohol coupled with tranquilizers, such as miltown and equinal (to mention only two), is deadly. Drug manufacturers warn against this combination in their literature, but few people read what they have to say. As to the remedies - the basic one is to try to stop social drinking. Alcohol in any form has been proved detrimental to the intellectual, spiritual and physical lives of human beings. Those who teach their children to drink, intimating that it will help them from becoming alcoholics, are simply uniformed. They seek an excuse for their own lack of self-control. If people were to obey the laws of the spiritual life set forth in the Bible, not only would the highways be safe but our entire American society would be immeasurably improved." Vol. 27, No. 4, Christian Life. Murder is murder with an automobile whether you do it or the child you have taught to drink does it. To teach a child to drink is a moral sin.

When a society such as ours is given to alcoholic beverages it is in a terrible declining spiritual condition. A poor spiritual atmosphere produces a degrading social state!

Who wants to live in a society of social drunks? Many a young person has fallen into immorality over the beer can - just a social drink. Social diseases, illegitimate births, unsafe driving conditions, juvenile delinquency, filled penal institutions, mental disturbances, etc. are the results of a drink-crazed society. Alcohol causes the worst sort of social sickness! Social sicknesses cause many medical cases and vice versa. So we must come to the next thought of the deviation from the normal functioning of the body mechanism through the use of alcohol. Abnormity in bodily function is a disease and April, 1966

that is exactly what drunkenness produces...self-inflicted disease! As little as one ounce of alcohol will produce observable symptoms. Less than that will produce symptoms that can be detected by scientific tests. The term "alcoholism" as a name for a disease must cover all conditions resultant from the effect of alcohol on man, from one drink to a score, from daily use to the Christmas-eggnog-once-a-year indulgence, from dietary use to deliberate seeking for drunkenness. Think of drinking and cancer: "Heavy consumption of alcoholic beverages has been linked to the development of cancer of the mouth and throat in a study conducted at three New York hospitals by Dr. Milton Terris, of New York Medical College, and Dr. Andrew E. Keller, of the Veterans Administration. The date, on 598 cases of mouth and throat cancer and an equal number of matched control patients without the disease, showed that heavy drinking was twice as prevalent among the cancer cases.

Drinking and smoking, when practiced together, seem to increase the chances for development of cancer; but, according to the study, each habit also seems to act independently of the other. In the study, heavy drinking arbitrarily defined as the consumption of 1.6 ounces or more of pure alcohol a day, or four or more drinks. It was emphasized, however, that the data probably underestimated the subjects true consumption of alcohol." John A. Osmundsen in New York Times. Use of alcohol lowers the resistance of the body to normally curb any disease. Millions of dollars are spent each year in research centers, rehabilitation institutions, penal institutions, extra law enforcement agencies, increased insurance premiums and payments, etc. because of this damning disease. Much of the cost is to the everyday taxpayer who never touches the drink. You and I help pay for the crime! The price of alcohol was summed up this way in Vol. 92, No. 11, Signs of the Times, "Alcoholic beverage revenues accruing to the Federal Government in the fiscal year ended June 30 (1965) exceeded \$3,500,000,000. Automobile accident costs attributable to the use of alcoholic beverages in the same twelve months totaled \$4,000,000,000, according to the National Safety Council. Expenditures last year for alcoholic beverages (more than \$12,000,000,000) and financial loss caused by alcohol-involved motor vehicle accidents could have furnished eight times the amount of money authorized by Congress for the antipoverty program. This does not include government expenditures for police, penal institutions, or mental hospitals in connection with alcoholism." Isn't this astounding? Alcoholism costs money! The medical problem involved is bad economically.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Really, the only way to prevent alcoholism is getting a commitment of the individual to Christ as early as possible - even during the first trace of accountability in childhood, however, we know many never receive any spiritual training. So you have a grown-up steeped in sin as result of no prevention leaving society with a person to correct in some way. In general terms, we think of broken homes depending on welfare and the problem with drunken drivers. This is hard to deal with. You have to support innocent children. One State penalizes all parties involved in drunken driving. "New Jersey, which failed to convince New York State that it should raise its minimum drinking age to twenty-one, has taken drastic action to curb teenagers who drink while driving. Governor Richard J. Hughes has signed into law a measure that "gets off the road" drivers under twenty-one convicted of drunken driving. Upon conviction such drivers are barred from driving for at least two years or until they are twenty-one - whichever penalty is greater. A second offense would bring mandatory ninety-day term in jail and suspension of driving privileges for ten years. THE LAW ALSO HOLDS RESPONSIBLE THE OWNER OR AN AUTOMOBILE INVOLVED in the conviction of a teenage drunken driver." Vol. 92,

No. 10, Signs of the Times. We don't agree with any allowance of drinking any time but this is a good curb on drunken driving.

I feel that we need more men like the late Frank Ernest Gannett, manager of twenty-two newspapers, four radio and three television stations, who said, "I urgently request that no Gannett newspaper, radio or television station or any other media of public information shall ever accept any advertising of alcoholic beverages because I sincerely believe the liquor traffic to be one of the most destructive agents in our civilization. I trust, also, that great care will be used in excluding any other advertising which, in the judgment of the directors, will be injurious to the public. Our advertising should be honest in all its representations so that the public shall not be misled by it." The total elimination of all advertising of alcoholic beverages will help our cause.

THE MECHANICS OF REPORTING

Now let's take up some standard requirements. Always remember that the closer you can come to making your letter ready to print as sent in, the better it will be for everyone. Study letters; compare yours with them. (Writing news letters is a bigger job than most people think, so it is worth continual study.) Then, try to observe as many of these standard practices as you can. You can't follow all of them all of the time. Just do the best you can.

Write on one side of sheet **ONLY**. This is a "must."

Typewrite your "copy" if at all possible, using double spacing between lines. If this is not practicable, be sure your handwriting is legible to a stranger in a hurry. Avoid flourishes and fancy capitals. But **PLEASE** don't hesitate to send your letter in simply because you cannot type it.

Put your name, address and the date in the upper left corner of the first sheet. If there are more than two sheets, be sure to number them.

Put your church name and city or town next. Be sure to include the state; there are many towns of the same name in different states.

Make each item a separate paragraph. **BE CAREFUL ABOUT NAMES.** Write them clearly, spell them correctly.

Always give dates, not just "last Sunday," or "the third Sunday in November." Try to be specific. Say when the event took place or will occur.

Tell **ALL** the news. Don't forget your "Five Ws."

If you want your name printed, sign the letter with your name and title; that is, Correspondent, Reporter, Pastor, Clerk, etc. If you do not want your name printed, sign title only.

If you have an urgent and important news item and time will not permit covering it by letter, use the telephone or wire

the essential details in a night letter. It will get special attention.

Now, the best of luck to you! Remember, your editor does want the news from your church. Do the best you can and rest assured he will do his best to publish your news correctly and on time.

—From the General Baptist Messenger

LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR READERS

Dear Bro. Hill and
all of the Dear Gem Readers,

I know that you will be surprised to read another letter from me. I can hear some of you saying, "Oh, I thought she would have passed on before now," but no, I am still here, praising the Lord for all of His goodness to us, for we both still are able to get around. I soon will be 80 and my husband 84 his next birthday. If we both live to see the 2nd day of April, we will celebrate our 62nd wedding anniversary. I do thank God for allowing us to live together this long.

We don't live far from our church, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown, Missouri. I am so proud of our church and all of the members. We have a wonderful Sunday School and we pray that God will bless every one that helps with it. Bro. Charley Smith is our superintendent. He also is our song leader. Rev. Sam Yount is the teacher for our Sunday School class. He is a wonderful teacher and we enjoy his teaching very much. We do thank God for men like him.

Our church is coming on just fine with Bro. Bob Jones as our pastor. We are so glad that we got him as our pastor and also are glad for his good wife. The Lord has been so good to our church for we think we are just about lost when we have to give up a good pastor but God is so good and sends us another good man for

There are three ways the Devil tempts young people to drink, etc., namely, (1) "Everybody else is doing it," (2) "Don't be a square," and (3) "It's a natural thing to do." Don't be fooled by the television commercials that make drinking look delicious and exciting. They do not show the effects of drinking, such as broken homes, unhappy homes, lonely children, murders, highway accidents, and other sinful acts that are committed because of strong drink.

Build for success - real success! Don't ever take the first drink!

This is a message delivered in Marble Hill, Missouri, to the Bollinger County Christian Civics Foundation meeting in January, 1966.

By Rev. Bob Jones
Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist
Church, Fredericktown, Mo.

the job and we do thank Him for that. We have a good prayer meeting on Wednesday night and a good prayer band on Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. while the children are in their Church Training Service groups. Now for our auxiliary. It is doing fine with Sister Easter Grayham as our president and Sister Andra Jones as vice president. I do love our Auxiliary meetings and I ask you to pray for our church that it may grow and that the lost might be saved. We are starting a building fund and I know that we can do it if we have a mind to work. So may God bless each one that reads this letter and if we never meet here on earth, when you get to heaven, look for me for I will be there.

From your brother and sister in
Christ,
Isaac and Aggie Jemes

LETTER FROM FORMER MISSOURI PASTOR

Dear Brother Bud,

Missouri being my home state, I always look forward to receiving the Gem and keeping up on the church news back home. We appreciate the fine job you are doing with the Gem and encourage you to keep up the good work.

We are now serving as Illinois State Home Missionary for the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptists. We have begun a mission in the State Capital of Springfield. This is indeed a very needy field and we ask you and all readers of the Gem paper to remember us in your prayers as we serve the Lord in this area. If any Missouri Free Will Baptist knows of anyone living in the Springfield, Illinois area, please send me their name and address. We will contact them.

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