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### A LOOK AT OUR CHURCHES

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Neosho was organized August 1951 with 13 charter members. The church had two previous buildings before moving to this building purchased from the First Christian Church in the early 1960's. Former pastors of the church include, Roy Alyea, C.E. Hatfield, James McCully, Lester Nutting, Lloyd Jeffreys, Bob Duck, and the present minister, Pastor Cecil Campbell. The present membership is 49.



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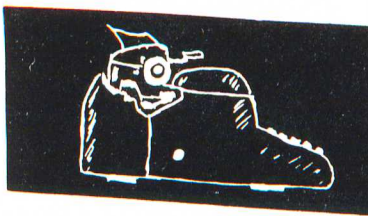
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## Editor's Comments

### THE EDITOR COMMENTS

The decade of the 60's is past and with it goes the success story as well as the dire problems which many have already forgotten but that influenced our society so much.

In the world of news you may have forgotten that the 60's saw four presidents lead our nation: one who leaves after serving two terms scarcely enters the decade; one whose term is shorten by assassination and in completed by a one time country school teacher who in his full term apparently gives up in despair with the many manifold problems; and then the present president. Every man had his problems and some of them asked God's leadership.

The 60's revealed a 129.3% increase in the cost of living but with it a greater income was gained by everyone.

In the church world, the decade of the 60's revealed the major denominations reporting a decrease in giving proportionally as well as a decrease in mission efforts and a decrease of ministerial students in their theological schools.

However, the reverse seems to be true in the evangelical denominations which showed an increase in membership and giving to nearly every department from the local cause to world-wide evangelization.

Our state has advanced in the period with a increase of nearly five times more gifts this last reporting year and compared to our gifts of 1960. Our churches and members are to be commended for the steady growth and giving that has permitted our churches, members and state to become involved with every phase of the Lord's work.

With the world growing at such a fast pace (3% yearly) and our population getting younger (50% of Americans are 25 or younger and by 1980 75% of the world's population will be under 25), we must make haste to present the gospel to all people.

The task is going to be hard. More people will bring an increase in famine, violence, roots, stealing and a general falling in morals.

As we advance into the decade of the 70's may we pray that the next 10 years will bring a period of great growth to the church and believers will grow and remain true to the message of Christ. May we pray that God will deliver us in this decade!!



*Alton Loveless*

Alton E. Loveless

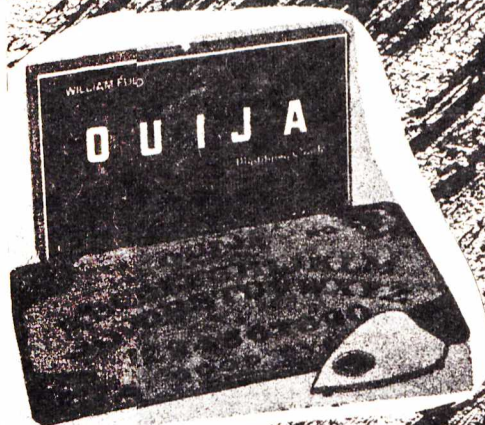


# BEWARE

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# OUIJA



by Andy Lay

**T**HE DOORBELL rang just as we were finishing supper. There on the porch were two of the college girls we had been taking with us to church. They were giggling and one was holding a box under her arm as I invited them in.

"We wanted you to see our ouija (pronounced wee'juh) board we've been telling you about," they said as they entered.

I could not remember ever hearing of a ouija board until we met these girls and they began telling of the current fad in the girls dormitory at the state college in our town. One of the girls had brought a ouija board from home, and frequently in the evenings after studies were done a group would gather in her room and talk with the ouija, who, they declared, would "talk" to them by moving a pointing device to the various letters and numbers on the board.

Of course, being an educated, twentieth century American, I did not believe in such hocus-pocus, so I invited them

in with a view to spoiling their faith in their toy.

They took the board out of the box and placed it on the table. Sitting down on opposite sides of the table, each girl placed her finger tips lightly on the pointer and began asking questions. Under the girls' finger tips the pointer would move slowly to the appropriate letter, pause a moment, then move on to the next letter until it had spelled out a word or sentence answering the question.

"They're obviously moving the pointer with their fingers," I thought to myself. "I'll give them a question they can't answer."

"Ask it where I am going tomorrow," I told them. Without hesitation the pointer spelled out B-r-a-s-h-e-a-r, the name of a nearby town.

"Ask it what I am going to do there," I continued. S-p-e-a-k- a-t W-C-T-U came the reply.

Suddenly I was a believer! Those girls could not have possibly known that I

had accepted an invitation to speak at the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Brashear the next day. In fact, at the time my wife did not even know! How could that board—that ouija have told where I was going and what I was going to do the next day?

Suddenly a thought came to mind. Could this be an evil spirit spoken of in I John 4? "Ask it if it believes that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh," It said. NO ANSWER! "Ask it if it knows it is going to hell."

"Yes," came the reply.

"When?"

"E-t-e-r-n-i-t-y"

I was really convinced! Convinced that that ouija board was a tool of Satan, manifesting supernatural power, leading young minds away from Jesus Christ, into the captivity of the Devil.

I do not claim that all ouija boards are possessed by supernatural powers, but the fact that one is makes the warning of Deuteronomy 18:9-12a up-to-date, practical and to be obeyed even in twentieth century America.

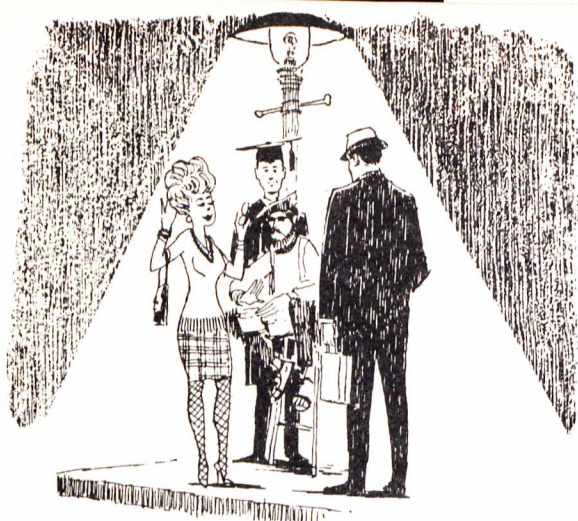
*When thou art come into the land which the Lord giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord.*

*Deuteronomy 18:9-12a.*



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# GIBEONITE SERVANTS

**W**HEN THE ISRAELITES were ready to enter the promised land, God gave them this commandment; *"Then ye shall drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places"*. Numbers 33:52. The commandment was to completely drive out, and destroy all the people, and all their idol gods. These people were evil heathen people, and God did not want his people being influenced by their ways. This was for their own benefit. The warning was, *"But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell"*. Numbers 33:55. This was God's warning that if they failed to obey him, and drive the inhabitants of the land out completely, that they would bring them trouble, and would eventually be their downfall. We find this commandment repeated in the seventh chapter of Joshua, with the promise of blessings for obedience, and the judgment or curse pronounced upon disobedience.

Now we find that the children of Israel were obedient to God's commandment to begin with, but soon the devil set a trap for them and they fell for the devils trap because they failed to ask counsel from God. The ninth chapter of Joshua gives the record of where the Gibeonites deceived the Israelites, and caused them to make a covenant with them. Now this is what God had told them not to do, but now that they had made the agreement with them they could not break the agreement, so they must let the people dwell among them. They had failed to ask counsel of God, and had failed to obey God. Now that

the Gibeonites were going to dwell among them they said; *"We will make them bond-men, and they shall be hewers of wood and drawers of water"*. How good this looked that they could have these Gibeonites as servants: but God said, *"they shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your flesh, and shall vex you"*. As we read the Bible, we find that God had told the people right, since these people dwelling among them were a continual trouble to them, and eventually brought about their downfall.

Now I want us to see a lesson in this story for today's living. God says, *"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon"*, Isaiah 55:7. In Luke 14:33 the Lord says, *"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple"*. The Lord calls upon man to forsake all his sinful ways if he is to be his disciple, and enter the promised land of God's blessings. He has promised us blessings in this life and in the life to come if we will forsake all and follow him.

Now the devil has deceived many people by making them believe they can hold onto some of their minor (if there are any minor) sins and using them as servants. But I believe God's word still stands that, *"they shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you"*. I would like to call attention to just a few of these *minor* sins that many supposedly good Christian people are keeping back and using for *servants*.

First, I would like to mention beer drinking. Most of our people will have to admit it is wrong to get drunk, but so many say, "there is nothing wrong with a bottle of beer. That is just a way of

being sociable". If it is wrong to be drunk then it is wrong to do the thing that makes people drunk and it is wrong to be partly drunk. If ten bottles of beer will make a man drunk, then the man that drinks one bottle of beer is one-tenth drunk. The Bible says to *"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright"*. Proverb 23:31. This means that when it is fermented and would make a person drunk, we are not to look upon it. Leave it alone. It will separate a man from God, and will eventually become his downfall.

Next I would like to mention the language people use. It is a common thing to hear language on the street that is not fit for a saloon keeper to hear, and many times by people who claim to be Christians. They will say, "Oh I don't mean anything by it", or "It is just a way of expressing myself", I'll agree it is a way of expressing themselves, and it tells just what they are. God's word says, *"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."* Matthew 12:34b.

Next, I would like to consider the manner of dress (or failure to dress) that we see today. God's word teaches that women should adorn themselves (dress) as becometh Godliness. Today much of the dress we see of women and of men is far from Godliness. Some use the excuse that it is more comfortable, but the fact is I have seen those that were dressed indecent, that were very uncomfortable that way. The truth is that others dress that way and they want to do what others do, but God hasn't called us to follow the worldly-ungodly crowd, but he has called us to, *"Come out from among them and be ye separate"*. He says *"My people are a peculiar people"*. The woman who is known as the mother of mini-skirts is



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by Rev. Len Gardner

quoted as saying, "Mini-clothes are symbolic of those girls who don't want to wait until dark to seduce men". The ungodly, worldly crowd know the purpose of these indecent clothes that women wear, yet many church people are following this ungodly fashion. I assure you that according to God's word anyone who follows this ungodly fashion will find out (probably too late) it will lead to trouble. If we are to be God's servants and receive God's blessings we must forsake all and follow him.

There are many more sins that people are holding onto but we cannot mention them all here. However, I would like to mention one more, and I know many will not be pleased with my calling it a sin, but I believe it is a hindrance to the cause of Christ and therefore a sin.

The use of tobacco is so common among our church people that it is accepted as all right and no one seems to question it, or to seek the answer as to whether or not it is a sin. If there is nothing wrong with using tobacco, why is it that about the first thing a boy (or a girl now days) starts to slip around and hide to do is to smoke? If it is not wrong why do they try to hide it? The fact is it is wrong, and at that tender age before their conscience has been seared they know it is wrong. Later as they grow older and their conscience becomes seared they begin to feel it is alright. The next reason I want to give why tobacco is wrong is, it enslaves people. Paul said, "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are, to whom ye obey". Romans 6:16a. A person that cannot break the tobacco habit is a servant to tobacco. How can a man be a servant of tobacco and a servant of God? God said, "No man can serve two masters": Paul says, "Know ye not that

ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?" If we are the temple of God we should keep that temple clean.

It has been proven beyond any doubt that smoking has shortened the life of many people. If we are as Paul said, "Not your own but are bought with a price," and are servants of God, then if we shorten our lives by smoking, we are shortening the period of service God could expect from his servant, and are cheating God or sinning against God.

We as Christians are to be examples to the world. Someone is following your example and my example. What kind of example are we setting for others to follow? If you are guilty of these habits (sins) you are responsible for someone else taking up that habit and possibly being led deeper into sin.

These are just a few of the many things that are being overlooked and passed by as all right, but they have helped lead our nation farther and farther from God. Remember God says, "They shall be as pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you."

God asks us to forsake all and follow him. Completely give up all those old sinful ways. Will you do it? Do it today. God will help you. "Come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord."

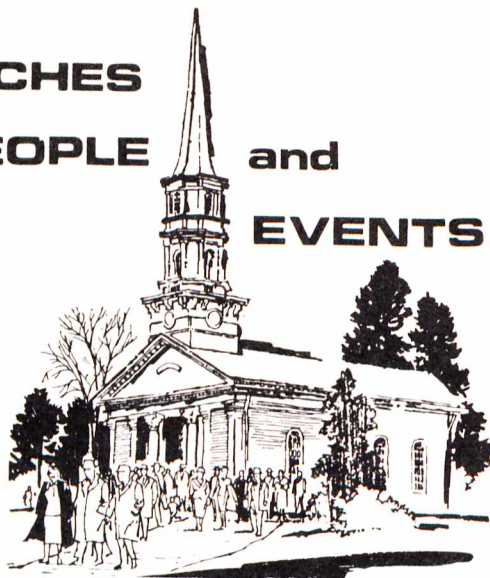


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# CHURCHES

## PEOPLE and EVENTS



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### NEW HOME CHURCH

The New Home Church of Falcon reports a victorious revival with Rev. Vergel Maness of Waynesville as the evangelist. "Old time revival, spirit-filled services were experienced by our church," writes Rev. Herbert Boggs pastor of the church. Ten conversions and 6 re-dedications were the results of the meeting.

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### JOPLIN MEMBER PROMOTED

Bill Haynes, a member of the First Church of Joplin, has been named head basketball coach of John Brown University.

Mr. Haynes entered John Brown as a student in 1965 to complete his education and to compete on the cage team of the university in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. During the two year period that he played at the school he set records which have yet to be broken or equaled. He was named to the honorable mention list of the 1967-68 NAIA all-american basketball team, an honor no previous JBU athlete had received.

Bill Haynes was named NAIA district 17 "coach of the year" last year while baseball coach at JBU.

The Haynes reside in Siloam Springs but sent three of their four children to our state youth camp last year where one was saved. One of the other childred was saved at Joplin and both baptized by their pastor Alton Loveless in 1969.

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### HARMONY

Rev. Lester Davis has accepted pastorate

of the Harmony Church, Seymour. The Harmony church is adding Sunday school rooms to their church according to Leanna Borders, Church Clerk.

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### Rev. Davie Combs Honored

The Koshkonong Church honored their pastor, the Rev. Davie Combs, December 7th, with all day services celebrating his 25 years in the Ministry.

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### OAK HILL CHURCH JOINS GEM FAMILY PLAN

The Oak Hill Church near Fredericktown has subscribed to the Gem's church family plan with 14 subscribers. (If your church is on a family plan, join it, or encourage your church to form one if your church is not on the plan at the present.)

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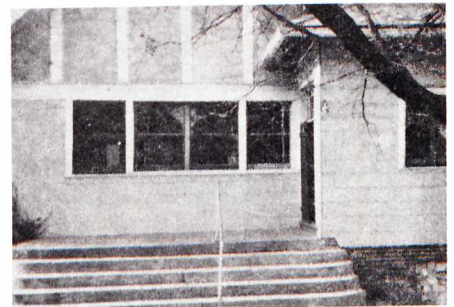
### VIBURNUM

The Viburnum Church has enjoyed a number of conversions in the last few weeks according to reporter Mrs. Betty Forrell. In addition to a revival held by Rev. John Rogers the church has been host to the community Thanksgiving service and shares in services with the Belleview Nursing Home for the Aged.

Mrs. Forrell states that the church has experienced some good fellowship services as well as hearing the telegraph Gospels and a quartet from the Hurryville church in different services. Good singing, fellowship, Bible preaching are the keys to conversions and new members is the gist of her report.

### GRAY SUMMIT MISSION

The Free Will Baptist mission, under the leadership of pastor John Schebaum, in Gray Summit has purchased the Methodist Church of that city from the city fire department who had purchased the ground after the former church had moved locations. The mission acquired the property for \$4,500 and began services May 2nd, with 11 present. The record attendance for the church at this time is 33 but attendance is steady.



The building has three Sunday school rooms upstairs and a full basement with a kitchen.

Besides requesting prayer for the mission, pastor Schebaum asks you to advise him of friends or relatives in the area of Gray Summit by writing him at 4 Ann, Twin Oaks, Valley Park, Mo. 63088.

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### MERL'S CHAPEL CELEBRATE 4th ANNIVERSARY

The 4th anniversary of the Merl's Chapel church of Cassville was celebrated November 9th. The Rev. Winford Davis presented the morning message speaking on the theme. "To praise God for the past and trust God for the future."

A basket lunch was served in the Quaker school building where the church was organized in 1929.

During the day of services the chairman of the deacon board, Bro. Marion Black, presented the first pastor, the Rev. Mrs. Merl Wright, a corsage of red carnations, assisted by Mrs. Black.

The present pastor, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys reports former pastors that attended were Rev. Mrs. Merl Wright, Rev. Noel Greenway, Rev. O.T. Allred, Rev. Winford Davis and Rev. Tommy Carlson. Former pastors not present were Rev. W.K. Weston, Rev. John Swaffar, Rev. Charles Hatfield, Rev. Bruce Phillips and Rev. Otho Boyd.





(Picture identification) left to right, Deacon Marion Black, Mrs. Black, and the Rev. Mrs. Merl Wright.

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### MISSOURI SHARES WITH FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Missouri churches have given 42% toward their goal of \$12,000 to date. \$5,035.56 represents gifts given as of the November report and shows an increase of more than 400 dollars over the equal period a year earlier.

Missouri has given \$17,075.11 toward the college expansion program which places the state 10th of the 36 states contributing to the college which to date has received \$569,574.29.

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### OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE TO CONSTRUCT ACTIVITIES BUILDING

An activities building for the Oklahoma Bible College was given the approval by the Oklahoma State Association during their annual meeting October 14-16 at Tulsa. The building will consist of a gymnasium, which will also serve as an auditorium for larger campus functions, and a dining hall which will seat approximately 150 people.

The building will be financed through a current gift campaign designated as OPERATION PARTICIPATION and the sale of remaining bonds from a present program.

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### OKLAHOMA BIBLE COLLEGE CHANGES BOARD REPRESENTATION

The Oklahoma State Association has given each of the six surrounding states opportunity to officially represent their state on the OBC board of trustees. This

representation includes voting privileges. The states involved in this action are Arkansas, *Missouri*, Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado who will elect its own member for the specified term. The association also increased the representatives from Oklahoma to the board of trustees from seven to nine. The Rev. James Murray is the new board chairman.

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### MISSOURI AMBASSADOR CHURCHES

The National Home Mission department announced the following Missouri churches as ambassador churches: Southside, St. Louis; First, Fredericktown; Macedonia, Monett; Berkeley City, St. Louis; First, Leadington; New Home, Hartville; Central, Kansas City; and Overland, St. Louis. To be an ambassador church each had to give a minimum of \$300 in a 12 month period to National Home Missions. Each church will receive the ambassador church plaque.

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### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE HONOR STUDENTS

Four Missouri students at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee were among the sixty-four students qualifying for the Dean's list for mid-semester. Sixteen seniors, 11 Juniors, 16 Sophomores, and 21 Freshmen maintained a 2.0 grade-point average or better during the first nine weeks of school. The Missouri students were seniors Bob Hesselmeier and Neva Thomas, sophomore Stephanie Vincent, and Judy Hovis from the freshman class.

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### MARSHALL STILL GROWING

The Olivet church of Marshall has experienced another spiritual growth in their revival with Rev. Johnny Land as evangelist. Pastor Cliff Bowman reports 21 altar decisions.

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### HICKORY GROVE REVIVAL

Rev. Jerry Fields, pastor of the Thayer Church, was evangelist for the Hickory Grove church in their recent revival. Pastor Bob Dickey reports no conversions but a revived church from the services held by Rev. Fields and

many visiting singing groups. The church asks your prayers as they grow in the will of God.

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### MERAMEC HEIGHTS REVIVAL

Eugene Waltrip, clerk of the Meramec Heights Church of Kirkwood, reports 17 decisions made for Christ in their November revival.

The church, under the leadership of thier new pastor Rev. Allen Helms, had 78 in a recent Sunday and are thankful for every prayer and the support of sister churches.

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### WAYNESVILLE

Pastor Vergel Maness wishes to advise parents of young men who are stationed at Fort Leonardwood that the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waynesville is just off the base and wishes to invite present as well as future military personnel of our Free Will Baptist families to worship with them. You may write Bro. Maness at P.O. Box 201, Waynesville if you wish him to contact your son. The church is located on business route 66, 2 miles west of Court House.

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### PARKVIEW ANNOUNCES THE UNUSUAL

The Park View Church of Desloge with a membership of 126 has 7 couples in their membership who have been married 50 years or more. Mrs. Alice Bowen, the church reporter, states that most still remain active and that pastor Harley Brown, who records the Sunday service, shares the services with those not able to attend. The seven couples who have celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries in the past six years are: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kennon, married February 12, 1912; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stegal, married November 21, 1913; Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Matthews, married August 26, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sirclum, married September 17, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, married March 24, 1919; Mr. and Mrs. William Harris, married September 5, 1915; and Rev. and Mrs. John Long, married November 23, 1919. Mr. Matthews and Mr. Sirclum are both deacons in the church and Mrs. Matthews and Mr. Long are ministers.



**OSKALOOSA**

The Oskaloosa Free Will Baptist Church report a special service which convened with their church the evening of November 29th. The service enjoyed the special music of a number of groups and the messages of Rev. Finis Johnson, Verdella Church; Rev. Fred Medley, Arcadia, Kansas; Rev. Bob Dickey, Hickory Grove Church; Rev. Carl Eden, Host pastor; and Mr. J.R. Smith.



**INDIAN CREEK HAS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE**

The Indian Creek Association held a four day missionary conference with missionaries Don Robirds and Sam Wilkinson of Brazil and missionary Herbert Waid of Japan. The missionaries spoke in ever church in the South West Missouri Association and the Macedonia Church of Purdy who also shared in the conference. An offering of \$600.46 was received for the missionaries and designated gifts toward the Dr. LaVerne Miley account was pledged.

(Picture identification) left to right: missionaries Don Robirds, Herbert Waid and Sam Wilkinson.



**REV. EARL LANGLEY TO EAST INDEPENDENCE CHURCH**

The Rev. Earl Langley family assumed pastoral duties November 23, 1969, at the east Independence Free

Will Baptist Church under the auspices of the Missouri State Home Mission Board.

Rev. Langley, who formerly pastored Friendship Church near Nashville, Tennessee, will be devoting his full-time services to building this church and its Auxiliaries.

The need in Independence is great. Rev. Langley, his family, and the Mission Board desire prayers for the success of the Independence Church.

**Mrs. Dena Hall Passes**

Dena Iva Hall, Daughter of Joseph and Henrietta Dale was born in Ripley County near Doniphan, Mo. October 26, 1897, and departed this life October 6, 1969, at the age of 71 years, 11 months and 10 days at the Burge Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

She was married to Joseph Amos Hall March 5, 1913. To this union 3 children were born.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one child. Survivors include two daughters, Sadie Bounds and Alma Crass, both of Springfield. Seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Two sisters, Mrs. Effie Hall and Mrs. Ava Doran both of Myrtle, Mo.

She was converted and joined the Walnut Grove Free Will Baptist Church at the age of 13 years and friends and family remember her unflinching faith and consecration until death.

**Rev. Warren Mitchel Passes**

The Rev. Warren Mitchell, pastor of the Harmony Church, Seymour, passed away September 9th.



**INDIAN CREEK MINISTERS MEET**

The December meeting of the Indian Creek Minister's meeting held at the

First Free Will Baptist church of Neosho was attended by every pastor of the Association, a visiting minister, and a deacon. (Picture identification) seated, left to right: Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., Rev. Frank Harris. Standing: Rev. Billy Joe Gentry, Rev. James McCully, Rev. Tommy Carlson, Deacon Lloyd Johnson, Rev. O.T. Allred, Rev. Robert Williams and Rev. Cecil Campbell.



**Dr. Miley Needs Support**

The Foreign Missions Department has advised the editor of the need for additional monthly support for Dr. Laverne Miley. Dr. Miley, a native of Kirksville, Missouri, is serving in the Ivory Coast, and has received good support throughout our denomination. Under the Department's new program it is desired that each state underwrite as much as possible those coming from his state. Your monthly gifts should be earmarked for the Dr. LaVerne Miley account.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IN REVIEW (Use Cut)**

**NOVEMBER AVERAGES**

Berkeley	357
Mountain Grove	283
Farmington	151
Trinity	144
West Plains	137
Lebanon (First)	119
Fourth, St. Louis	109
Parkview (Desloge)	88
Koshkonong	84
De Soto	81
Joplin	80
Waynesville	56
Meramec Heights	52
Hannon	51
Viburnum	41
St. Joseph	38
Salem	35
Twin City (Festus)	33
Mine La Motte	30

(We invite your Sunday school averages that they might be added in this column each month. The monthly averages for the entire year of 1969 will be printed in the next issue.)





The  
LisTEENing  
Post

This column is for youth only, so young people I am wanting to hear from you. If you have a problem you can't talk over at home or with your pastor then let the youth of our state help you by writing the LisTEENing Post. (Your name will not appear.)

Last month this inquiry for help was printed:

*"I recently was saved when attending church with my girlfriend. My parents, who are not Christians, made me attend their church which isn't a Bible-believing church. My spiritual life is getting colder but I can't rebel against my parents since I'm not old enough to make my own decisions. I want so to continue in the joy I have. What can I do?"*

Since this column is new the next issue of the GEM was sent to press before you had a chance to read the above inquiry so I am asking you to write me at once for this young person seeks your aid in what she must do. Please Help that young person by giving your prayerful solution today.

Our next inquiry comes from a young lady who has a sincere desire to do what's right but feels she will be dropped from the popular list and classified 'old-fashion' if she doesn't continue in something she feels may harm her Christian life. She states: *"I have very strict parents who never miss church and always take me and encouraged me to go. But recently I was invited by the best player of the football team to a school dance. I didn't want to miss the opportunity to date this 'handsome guy' that I accepted. I thought we could just sit as everyone else danced. But he thought I was just being silly for not wanting to dance so he chided me into dancing with him. It didn't take me long to see this 'handsome' boy was dirty inside. I asked him to take me home before the end and now he has told many I am a dead beat and not an interesting date. What can I do?"*

# Let God Bless Sunday School Teachers Through You

by H. D. Harrison

**S**UNDAY SCHOOL teachers are a group of Christians who are often attacked, maligned, run down, clubbed over the head, brow beaten and as a general rule unappreciated.

Had you ever looked at them as one of God's special gifts to the church? In 1 Corinthians 12:28 Paul tells us "...and God hath set some in the church . . . thirdly teachers," In Ephesians 4:11 we learn "...and He gave some . . . teachers." Throughout the Bible God gives to them a place of prominence. They are an important and necessary part of the body of Christ.

It has been my experience that they do about as well as they know how to do. Is it possible that we have failed them in being obedient to the admonition in II Timothy 2:2? Have we been faithful in committing to them that which was given to us? You see, the very fact that the message was first committed to us in an indication that we were assumed to be "faithful men."

How our teachers need our ministry to help perfect them. In Ephesians 4:11-12 we are told, "And His gifts were (varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us,) some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers. His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), (that they should do) the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church), (amplified New Testament).

When God's gifts to the church are not regularly and properly exercised,

the saints are ill-equipped to do the work of ministering. Trained teachers do a better job of teaching. Their fruit becomes productive. The preacher's load is lightened and problems are eliminated. A body of saints in the process of maturation is not so easily tossed about with every wind of doctrine. They are becoming more Christ like as they are being built up through the exercise of all the gifts to the church, His body.

Trained teachers edify the saints, create fewer problems, are more productive and thus bless the church. We owe them our support, our commendation, our prayers and our ministry of training them. God bless them. Where would our Sunday school be without them?

February each year is designated as National Teacher Training month among Free Will Baptists. This is designed to remind us of the importance of a training ministry. It is not intended to limit such training only to that month, but to give an added emphasis to this important ministry.

Training course materials in the areas of Bible survey, Teaching methods, Sunday school organization, Understanding students, Doctrine, Missions, Vacation Bible School and others are available through the Sunday School Department. A sizable library of free filmstrips and a sample packet of materials to aid you are also available. Write today for help and let us help you equip the saints for their role of ministering.

Mr. Harrison is Field Director of the National Sunday School Board.





**LEND A HAND TO THE HANNAS REPORT**

Amount received for the "LEND A HAND TO THE HANNAS"

Received from:

- Frist FWB Auxiliary, Fredericktown ..... \$25.00
- St. Louis District ..... 17.62
- First FWB Auxiliary, Mtn. Grove ..... 16.12
- Cave Springs District ..... 10.00
- Verdella Auxiliary ..... 10.00
- New Rock Springs Church\* ..... 6.00
- Mrs. Marth Robertson\* ..... 5.00

Total Received \$89.74

\*There is no Auxiliary there, but they sent this money to me.

Our offering taken at the State Auxiliary Convention for the Hannas was \$153.78.

The total amount of money received in the State Treasurer's office since I closed my books June 30, 1969 has been about \$1175.00 and includes the registration fees for the W.A. Retreat and the above items.

Hazel Hutsell

**MOUNTAIN GROVE**

A unique study course on the Woman's Auxiliary manual was conducted at the Mountain Grove Church with ladies of the Cabool and Willow Springs Auxiliaries present and participating in the program.

The theme of the study course was "School Days," with the women all

dressed as they did when they went to school.

The study course was divided into class periods. Mrs. Ollie McCarty, serving as principal, welcomed all the "pupils and teachers." Mrs. Janell Maxwell and Mrs. Deloris Phelps were in charge of the "Music" class which was followed by Bible Doctrine given by Mrs. Carol Mowry. Mrs. Laurine Maxwell gave the course on Responsive reading. Mrs. Dora Fry was the "History-Modern and Ancient" teacher. Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson was the teacher for the "Man: Modern-up-to-date."

Mrs. Lois Shannon was in charge of the "Awards" hour, with Mrs. Maude Hicks winning the award for being the oldest lady present. Mrs. Janell Maxwell was the youngest lady present, and Mrs. Lena Freeman, the most outstanding dressed "School Girl."

Recess was enjoyed with the ladies bringing their lunches as they carried them to school. Immediately after recess "School" resumed with a "Summary Test," which included: History-Modern and Ancient, 'Ritin, A Non I-Q Test, Library Science, Book Arranging, 'Rithmatic Percentages, Fractions and Division.

Candy was presented to the student completing the test. The Principal, Mrs. McCarty, closed with words of commendation to the 28 students enrolled.

**FELLOWSHIP**

Our Auxiliary went "Trick or Treat-ing" for Free Will Baptist Missions the night before Halloween. Everyone went

dressed in Halloween costumes and visited each of the Fellowship Church members homes. \$60.67 was collected for the mission program and send to the state project "Lend a Hand to the Hannas."



**BERKELEY**

The Berkeley Auxiliary sent 50 rolls of bandages to the Dr. Lavern Miley mission station. They also are sending toothpaste, and soap and deodorant to Mexican Missions.

**CENTRAL WESTERN DISTRICT AUXILIARY**

The Central Western District Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. John Stacy, Iantha, for a day of prayer. Mrs. Roger Phillips, President, directed as everyone gave their requests to God in prayer. Rev. Donovan Maxwell, Rev. Finis Johnson, Mrs. Ben Hizan, Rev. Lowell Martin, Mrs. Reed Smith, Mrs. John Stacy, Rev. Alice Dickey, Mrs. Lee



Bunton, Rev. Hollis Walker, Jr., Rev. Thayne Fast, Rev. Carl Eden and Rev. J.R. Smith each shared in the services of the day of prayer.

### CAVE SPRINGS DISTRICT

The Cave Springs District Auxiliary convention met at the Myrtle Church with 21 delegates present from Myrtle, Thayer, West Plains, the three Auxiliaries of our district, and 17 visitors present.

The 1969-70 officers were recog-

nized. President, Effie Lou Moss; Vice-President, Darlene Fields; Recording-Secretary, Bernice Cantrell; Assistant Recording-Secretary, Charlene Jones; Treasurer, Mamie Crase; Field Worker, Maureen Holman; Study Course Chairman, Blanche Wisheart, Stewardship-Prayer, Addie Adkisson; Personal Service, Elaine Skiles; Missions, Lorene Pohnert; Historian, Lavern Clark; Corresponding-Secretary, Phyllis Miller; Pianist, Barbara Cox; Song Leader, Lounita Spears.

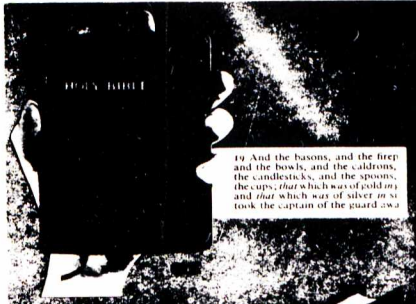
The program theme was "What is your Life?"

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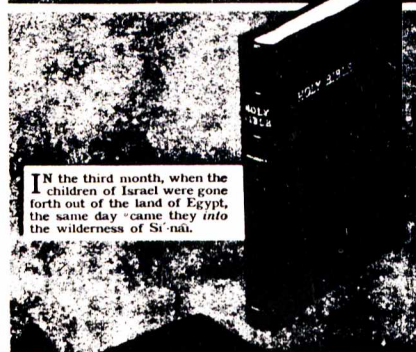
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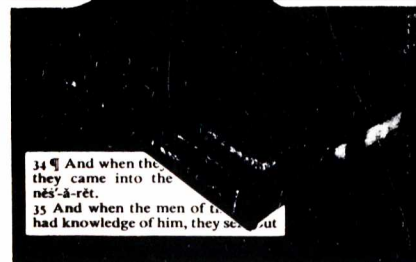
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19 And the basins, and the fire and the bowls, and the caldrons, the candlesticks, and the spoons, the cups, that which was of gold in and that which was of silver in so took the captain of the guard.



17 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sin.



34 ¶ And when they came into the né-s-à-rét.  
35 And when the men of had knowledge of him, they set out

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First Church Mtn. Grove	\$ 4.00
Olivet Church	25.00
Central Church	20.00
Fellowship Church	125.00
Fellowship Church	15.00
Cooperative Receipts - November	720.00
Willow Springs Church	10.00
	\$919.00

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**T**HE SOUTH EAST Missouri semi-annual minister's conference met Nov. 8th at the Flat River First Church with fifteen ministers present.

I wish to welcome three new pastors into our fellowship; Rev. Jimmy Bundy, Fredericktown; Rev. Wayne Waggoner, Southside, St. Louis; and Rev. Billy Walker, Fellowship, Flat River, who have come from other states into our state.

Host Pastor James O'Dell conducted the business session and Rev. Harley Brown of Desolge gave the devotional. A recorded sermon by Rev. Joe Ange, delivered in the National Association July 1966, concluded the service.

On November 9th I spoke to the O'Fallon Church in morning services and observed as Pastor Dale Underwood who baptized five who were saved in their recent revival. This church wishes to launch their church building program soon.

On Sunday evening I visited the Meramac Heights Church and delivered the message there. Four young people were saved in this service and ten joined the church. The church is moving forward under pastor Al Helms' leadership.

Sunday evening Nov. 16th we attended the closing service of the revival at the De Soto Church where Rev. Lawrence Thompson was the evangelist. Several were saved and new members

added to the church through this revival effort.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Kansas City District convened Friday evening Nov. 21st. With the Marshall Church in conjunction with a one week revival in progress with evangelist Johnny Land who delivered the message. The Business session followed the service and some were okayed for ordination. The Platt County Mission petitioned to be organized into a church in December.

I wish to welcome Rev. Earl Langley the new pastor of the East Independence Church. All of the churches in the Kansas City district co-operated in the co-operative program last year.

On November 23rd, I preached in the Sunday morning service at the Beacon Church in Raytown. The pastor, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, reports a good soul-winning revival there recently and new members added to the church. That evening I witnessed the most unusual experience of nearly forty years in the ministry as I attended the Columbia church when I heard Thomas Poozhicalayil, a native of Secunderabad, India, a student attending the University of Missouri, and also a Christian minister deliver the sermon. The outstanding fact that blessed my soul was how God uses a native of Idolatrous India to proclaim His true Word here in America where paganism is rampant on every hand.

I attended the Friday evening service of the Niangua Quarterly meeting Nov. 28th assembled with the Pleasant Ridge Church. Rev. Linton delivered the evening sermon. Time was given for our Missouri co-operative program.

The Grant Avenue Church of Springfield hosted the Harmony Quarterly meeting Nov. 29th. I was given time to give the promotional offices program and explain the 1970 allocation of the co-operative fund. Rev. Seth Draper preached the 11 a.m. message and a young minister, Bro. Thomas preached at 3 p.m.

On Nov. 30th, I delivered the Sunday morning sermon in the Grant Ave. Church which participates fully in the co-operative program. Rev. Bill

Adkisson is pastor of this church. To encourage pastor Thomas Boaz and the Springfield North Side Church I visited them and delivered the sermon on Sunday evening. This church needs your prayers and encouragement.

Our November co-operative receipts were some below average.

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Jackson	11.20
Victory	119.92
Desoto	75.00
Pleasant Ridge	12.80
Salem	20.00
Cedar Ridge	71.62
Grace	201.59
Fourth	207.75
Hannon	52.00
Farmington	152.43
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Columbia	50.80
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