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## CONVENTION ISSUE

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Convention Theme:  
*"Our Mission High Fulfilling"*



# Gospel Preaching Highlights Program

The heart of the program for the nineteenth annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is gospel preaching, according to the program committee.

Instead of the usual two or three sermons, there will be five major messages during the two-and-one-half day program, the committee has announced. The speakers named for the convention are among the outstanding pastors and denominational leaders, with the list being complimented by the name of a missionary home on furlough.

Three of the speakers are pastors, while one has just left the pastorate for a position as a Christian educator.

The program will open on Tuesday evening, July 12, with the keynote message being brought by Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Moulton



LOUIS H. MOULTON

took over a new work in Savannah about two years ago and has built it into a leading church. Keynote for the opening session is, "O Zion, Haste," with the scripture coming from Ephesians 5:16, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Mr. Moulton will speak on the subject, "Three Minutes to Midnight." Special music for the service will be brought by the sixty-voice convention choir from the Tulsa churches.

The emphasis Wednesday morning will be on "Christian Training—an Investment in Leadership," with the scripture from I Timothy 1:12, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord . . . for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." The message



W. BURKETTE RAPER

for this service will be brought by Rev. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mt. Allen Junior College, Mt. Olive, N. C. Mr. Raper recently resigned a pastorate to lead this institution which is supported by North Carolina Free Will Baptists. Mr. Jack Paramore, a sophomore at the college, will bring the special music.

Time will be taken out of the Wednesday afternoon business session for "Moments of Missionary Challenge" with Rev. Daniel R. Cronk, home on furlough from India, speaking on the subject, "To Every Tongue and Nation." Special music will be brought by Rev. Clyde Cox, Concord, N. C.

The Wednesday evening service will em-



FRED A. RIVENBARK

phasize evangelism with the keynote "Bear the Message Glorious." Speaker for this service, at which a capacity crowd of 1,500 is expected, will be Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark. Mr. Rivenbark, who is pastor of Fairmount Park church in Norfolk, Va., will speak on "The Travail of Zion."

Plans are being made to have a mortgage-burning ceremony and dedication service for the denominational headquarters building at this service, but it is contingent upon whether or not the "Loyalty Gift" Appeal conducted during May was successful in raising \$15,000 to pay off the mortgage on the building.

Another special feature of this Wednesday evening service will be the music. Miss Freda Willis of Johnston City, Ill. will sing "When They Ring the Golden Bells" and will be accompanied on the marimba by Mrs. E. T. Burwell, also of



RALPH STATEN

Johnston City. The convention choir, under the direction of Mr. I. L. Stanley, will also sing at this service.

Rev. Ralph Staten, pastor of Goshen church at Belmont, N. C., will preach the final sermon on Thursday morning. His subject will be, "Possessing Our Unpossessed Possessions." Keynote for the service is "Our Hope for Years to Come," with the scripture coming from II Corinthians 2:14, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ . . ."

An important business session is scheduled for Thursday afternoon with the selecting of a site for the 1956 convention and the election of officers among other items to be handled. Final adjournment is set for 3:30 p.m.

# "Proclaim with a Loud Voice"

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven . . . a throne was set in heaven . . . And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunders and voices . . . And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice . . ." (Revelation 4).

"But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter . . ." (Mark 1:45).

"But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world" (Romans 10:18). ". . . the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven . . ." (Colossians 1:23).

No informed person would minimize the importance of radio, television, or newspaper in the molding of public opinion. We must recognize the great power which radio and television exert on the American people. This is a type of gospel ministry which offers an excellent medium for the proclamation of the Word of God into all the earth.

It is rather astonishing that the religious world hasn't made more effective use of advertising media. It may not be dignified—but then again, it can be. And if it will sell liquor, cigarettes and other things that may or may not be reprehensible, then certainly it will sell something that is tops in rectitude. From this powerful force good can be derived if we will utilize it in reaching the unsaved masses with the gospel of Christ.

From the scriptures cited above we learn that to be in harmony with the voices of heaven and the tenor of the Bible, we must be missionary in spirit, act, and deed. It is so by commandment. "Go" is one of the great imperatives of the Bible. "Go tell," "Go home," "Go into the byways and hedges," and "Go ye into all the world" are a few of the directions given to the followers of the Master.

## **Sixty Percent Have TV**

According to the 1955 Pocket Almanac, "three out of every five households have

Mr. Staten is chairman of the Radio-Television Board of the national association and pastor of Goshen church, Belmont, N. C. After proofreading his article the editor sat down and sent an offering to the secretary of the board whose address is given in the last paragraph. If his article has the same kind of effect on you, that offering will be joined by hundreds of others.

**Ralph Staten**

a television set today, about 29,000,000 households." This does not include sets in institutions, hotels, motels, and bars.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen draws millions to his commercially-sponsored show every week. The National Council of Churches, which last year produced almost 500 radio and television programs, has added a quarter of a million to its budget for 1955.

Southern Baptists are planning a new radio and television campaign which calls for a multi-million dollar program for wider and more intensive radio and television broadcasting. These Baptists are spending \$200,000 on a radio and television center in Fort Worth, Texas. That center will be to them what the Protestant Radio and TV Center in Atlanta is to the five denominations and three educational institutions that own it. The first part of their plan is immediate extension of the

Baptist Hour into five metropolitan areas with a potential audience of 51,000,000.

## **Million Dollar Program**

Dr. Paul M. Stevens of Atlanta, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, said at a news conference that perhaps the most effective religious radio-television work is now being done by the Lutherans and Roman Catholics. He said that the new Southern Baptist program will have a steady output of radio and television programs and films, and by next year will have an annual budget of about \$700,000. Outlets in New York, Cleveland, Chicago, San Francisco, and Denver will be included in the radio network of the 14-year-old "Baptist Hour," now carried by about 400 radio stations, mostly in the South.

The Southern Baptists will also distribute "pre-tested" television packages—scripts and formats—to its 30,000 churches for use on local stations. March 20 was the starting date for broadcasting of the "Baptist Hour" program in the northern metro-  
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*Same Message—New Age, New Method*



# Invitation to a Feast

*"Come, for all things are now ready."*

These words found in Luke 14:17 are the greatest words ever written to any person as an invitation. It is God's habit to have all things ready when He sends a call. He is never late or behind in anything. There is never a scramble on His part to set things in order. Wonderful it is to know that now the feast of mercy is ready for every soul that will come and feast.

The message of the Old Testament, and the message of the New Testament has ever been, "Come now" for "This is the day." The preachers of the early church taught that those who would accept Jesus Christ were saved. James Arminius, led a revolt in the 17th century, in the Netherlands, against the teaching of the limited atonement. He taught that: "Christ died for all, and God decreed to save through Christ all who believe in Him."

## The Ageless Message

This has been the message of the church through the years.

God made the grass before He made the animals. Adam found everything ready for him when he was placed in the garden. He found the fruit ripe, and the flowers in bloom.

The eight souls which were invited into the ark found everything ready for them when they went inside. God had the ark prepared for their safe journey before He sent the call to them.

When Jacob and his seed went down into Egypt they found all things ready for them. God had sent Joseph down several years before to have things ready for Jacob's sojourn. So Joseph had plenty of time to prepare for their stay. The best part of Canaan was ready for them.

## Come and Dine

Grace is always provided before the invitation. His salvation is now ready, the preparation has been made, and the welcome is extended.

Because of this it should be an inducement for God's children to come to the feast of God's mercy often. At the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus spoke to the Disciples these words, "Come and dine". He had

Homer E. Willis

prepared the fish, the bread, the fire; then when all was ready said, "Come".

Those who fail to feast on the blessings have no one to blame, but themselves. There are blessings for all who will come.

Jesus knocks at the door of the Laodicean church and says "Come". He invites those who are saved to come to Him, those who are following afar off, backsliden in word, or action, to come to Him, and the sinner to come to Him. *You* are invited.

## Heaven Is Ready

Some day we will be very old or disease will grip our bodies, and we will wait for Jesus to say, "Come for all things are ready." Yes, heaven is waiting, now ready, for the saints of God. Jesus said, "in my Father's house are (now) many mansions

. . . I go to prepare a place for you." Heaven is ready for those who have accepted Jesus Christ. We remembered many who heard the call of Jesus say, "Come," as we took flowers to the graves this past May 30th.

Sinners should come because all things are ready for their forgiveness. Nothing shall be needed between here and heaven but what is provided in Jesus. A sinner must be willing to come, not ready. Will a sinner ever be ready?

Those to whom the words of the text were addressed did not appreciate the invitation. They were too full of the things of the world to enjoy a feast. Other interests were too great. After various excuses were made, "I have bought a piece of ground", "I have bought five yoke of oxen", and "I have married a wife", the call was made to those in the highways and hedges.

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### DEFINITE APPOINTMENT



The author is pastor of the Southside Free Will Baptist church, Paintsville, Kentucky, and is moderator of the Kentucky state association.

## No Excuses Accepted

The poor, the ragged, the jobless, the ill, were invited to the feast. It was ready and the host would have guests. Those in the hedges, hiding from the rest of society, were invited. Those in the highways, beggars, were invited.

God does not accept excuses. When He calls, no excuse can be offered that He will accept. Many will make excuses to the Lord as these above mentioned made when they were invited to the feast. Some will say, "I don't need a Saviour." Remember, all men, everywhere are lost, and there is but one hope, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some will say, "God is love. I have nothing to fear; there is no danger". The God of love is also a God of justice. Those who refuse His invitation to life must suffer death. It is common to hear the excuse, "I cannot leave my old friends", "I will be persecuted". All who come to know Jesus Christ will find the great Friend, the one "that sticketh closer than a brother." Also persecution puts us on the same ground with the prophets and the Apostles. Some feel it will cost them too much to accept the invitation to become a Christian. Jesus taught that the world and all it contained was worth less than one soul. Where is there any profit if one gains this world and loses his soul?

## Many Standing Afar

Even though the Lord Jesus gave His life to make our salvation possible, many are standing afar from His call. Most people expect to accept the invitation sometime. Tomorrow they say, but tomorrow never comes. "This is the day of salvation". There have been those who have started and fallen. They say, "I need not try again." Jesus wants these to come to the feast, and His call is to them, too.

Man's heart is closed against God in the natural state. It may be that the heart is closed to Christ because of ignorance. Some would be saved if they had the way of Christ explained to them.

## Terms and Responsibility

The terms of His salvation is to hear, believe, and open the heart of the Lord. The responsibility is to receive the invitation now or be rejected later.

"Hear the blessed Saviour calling the oppressed

O ye heavy laden, come to Me and rest

Come no longer tarry, I your load will bear

Bring Me every burden, bring Me every care."

Have you by temptation often conquered been,

Has a sense of weakness brought distress within?

Christ will sanctify you, if you'll claim His best,

In the Holy Spirit, He will will you rest.

## Radio-TV Ministry

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politan areas. Four Baptist laymen will pay the annual cost of \$52,000 for the expansion.

## Others Filling Vacuum

In 1953 there were 293 new TV stations on the air. I do not know how many since then. A great vacuum of need for religious programs has been created and even television stations are crying for material. Catholics have been supplying them with films. Free Will Baptists are helpless.

Catholics rushed to fill the vacuum—\$3 million worth in 1953; Lutherans, \$750,000 worth; Seventh Day Adventists, \$500,000 worth; Free Will Baptists, not a single dollar!

We must do something now! Some television networks are available to religious bodies free today. All we need is money to produce the films. This may be several years in the future for us. It would take thousands of dollars to get started in this field. The Lutherans, for instance, spend some \$2,500,000 per year on their radio and television programs. Their TV program, called "This Is the Life," draws at least 1,000 letters every day.

## Program Draws Response

Another example is the Churches of Christ who have a telecast conducted in California appearing ninety-two times with a total of 26,901 cards and letters in response to it. Further, they enrolled 4,579 families in a Bible correspondence course.

God has led us to the doorway of a radio and television ministry, but with the exception of a few tape recordings prepared by the Home Mission Board and our Radio-TV Board about two years ago, we Free Will Baptists—400,000 of us—have nothing to present to meet the needs as that of Rev. J. J. Staab of Birmingham, Alabama, who wants disc or tape recordings of the best of our talent in gospel singing and preaching in programs with an evangelistic appeal.

## Our Neglected Field

Beer companies sing their catchy tunes—no Free Will Baptists sing "Amazing Grace." Tobacco companies with dramas tell of deceit, divorce, and violence—no Free Will Baptists tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love. Radio and television are used by everyone to sell everything—except by Free Will Baptists to tell about the saving grace of Jesus!

The response to our keenly felt denominational need has been sadly negligible. Thus it is urgent that each church set up immediately some plan of support for this phase of our missionary program. May you follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit by sending your contribution to Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, 209 17th St. South, Columbus, Miss. Then we can look into the future toward the goal of our most likely field of success.



## Convention Invitation

"We have spent the day in Huntington, West Virginia, seeing about facilities for inviting the 1956 session of the National Association. If Kentucky and West Virginia state associations approve we will invite it jointly with Ohio. We have the promise of the City Hall auditorium free and many other attractive offers. We are working hard to have it here."—Rev. Homer E. Willis, Paintsville, Ky.

(Editor's note: Invitations for the 1956 convention should be sent immediately listing all the facilities available. They may be addressed to the headquarters building and they will then be forwarded to the Placement Committee who will study all of the invitations prior to the 1955 convention.)

## N. C. Church Building

"I am sending \$2 for the following subscriptions. Our people at St. Mary's church here have been in an extensive building program under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Cecil Campbell. The Lord has richly blessed him and us in the erection of our new building which we hope to occupy the first time on the fifth Sunday in May. The Lord has been in the forefront all the way for which we praise him from full and grateful hearts."—Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, New Bern, N. C.

## Ohio Reports Growth

"Here is our offering for the headquarters debt. Our church is only a year old, but our membership has increased from 9 to 48. Since the organization of our church, our pastor, Rev. Elmon SESCO, has helped to organize several others in this area and we have formed the Northern Ohio conference. Five churches belong and we expect another one to join at our next meeting."—Mrs. Frederick Hensley, Fitchville, Ohio.

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**PROGRAM**  
*of the*  
**Twentieth Annual Session of the  
Woman's National Auxiliary  
Convention**

*Keynote:* Our Need for Such a Time as This  
*Watchword:* "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14b)  
*Convention Hymn:* "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**Monday, July 12**

*Thought for the Day*—One of our needs is to understand the times in which we live  
*Scripture*—A Time for Sound Doctrine (II Timothy 4:3)

**Monday Afternoon**

1:30—Executive Committee Meeting

**Monday Evening**

7:00—Registration  
7:30—Meditations, led by Rev. Dan Cronk, missionary to India  
—Convention hymn, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
—Invocation  
—"A Time for Sound Doctrine"  
7:45—The business of organizing  
8:00—"This Convention, Under God, Will Help Meet the Needs of these Times"  
—Address of welcome by Mrs. Mae Walker, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
—Response by Mrs. Hubert Post, East Tupelo, Miss.  
8:05—Inspirational singing  
—Special music—Tulsa First Church Y.P.A. Quartet  
8:15—"A Time of Whitenest Harvests in India"—Mrs. Dan Cronk, missionary to India  
—Film on India—Narrated by Rev. Dan Cronk  
9:30—Benediction

**Tuesday, July 13**

*Thought for the Day*—Another of our needs is to know that God is able to equip us spiritually for these times  
*Scripture*—"Take unto you the whole armour of God" (Ephesians 6:13)

**Tuesday Morning**

9:00—Meditations, led by Rev. Dan Cronk  
—Hymn—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"  
—Prayer  
—"A Time for Spiritual Introspection"  
—Solo—"Cleanse Me"—Miss Wanda Edwards, St. Louis, Mo.  
9:20—"Our Times are in His Hands", President's message, Mrs. R. B. Crawford  
9:30—Business period  
10:20—Music  
10:25—Declamation service led by Mrs. Paul Purcell  
—Presentation of awards  
11:15—Inspirational singing  
—Special Music—Tulsa First Church Y.P.A. Quartet  
11:30—"Christ is our Need for Such a Time as This"—Mrs. T. H. Willey, missionary to Cuba  
12:00—Benediction

**Tuesday Afternoon**

1:30—Meditations, led by Rev. T. H. Willey, missionary to Cuba  
—Hymn, "The Kingdom is Coming"  
—Prayer  
—"The Needs of Cuba in These Times"  
1:50—Business period and reports  
—Election of officers  
—Installation of Officers—Mrs. Cecil Campbell, New Bern, N. C.  
3:15—Closing hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have"  
—The last words  
—Adjournment and benediction  
*Organist*—Miss Barbara Hancock, Tulsa, Okla.  
*Pianist*—Mrs. LaVerne Lee, Tulsa, Okla.

*Program*  
*of the* **NATIONAL**

*THEME:* Our Mission High Fulfilling  
*SCRIPTURE:* "Notwithstanding, every way . . . Christ is preached" (Philippians 1:18)

**Tuesday Evening, July 12**

*Keynote:* O ZION, HASTE  
*Scripture:* "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16)  
7:15—Prayer meeting—Rev. J. L. Welch, leader  
7:45—"Sing of the Ways of the Lord"—Mr. I. L. Stanley, music director; Mrs. Stanley, pianist; Mrs. Raymond Riggs, organist.  
7:55—"We Ask the Lord's Blessings"—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. C. B. Thompson  
8:05—The Association called into official session and introduction of the moderator by Rev. George W. Waggoner  
—Moderator's remarks—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen  
—The appointment of Committee on Committees  
8:15—A Welcome from the West—(Local official)  
—Our Churches Bid You Welcome—Rev. John H. West  
8:30—"Heavenly Sunshine"—Time to get acquainted  
—The congregation sings  
—Special music—Convention choir  
8:40—The Keynote Message—"Three Minutes to Midnight"  
—The Messenger—Rev. Louis H. Moulton  
9:20—Adjourn Session

**Wednesday Morning, July 13**

9:00—Prayer meeting—Rev. Homer E. Willis, leader  
9:15—"Sing Praise unto Him"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs  
9:25—"I will Lift Up Mine Eyes"—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. O. T. Dixon  
9:35—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee  
—Seating of delegates  
—Recognition of visiting messengers from other religious bodies  
9:55—Report of Committee on Committees  
10:00—Report of General Board—Rev. George W. Waggoner, secretary  
10:50—Intermission  
11:00—The Hour of Worship  
*Keynote:* CHRISTIAN TRAINING—AN INVESTMENT IN LEADERSHIP  
*Scripture:* "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord . . . for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." (I Timothy 1:12)  
—"Sing of the Goodness of the Lord"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs  
—Special music—Mr. Jack Paramore  
11:20—The Message—"The Challenge of this Century"  
—The Messenger—Rev. W. Burkette Raper  
12:00—Adjourn session

**Wednesday Afternoon, July 13**

1:45—The Hour of Praise and Prayer  
—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris  
2:00—Miscellaneous business  
2:30—"Fellowship One with Another"—Report of the National Association of Evangelicals by Rev. George Ford  
2:45—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention  
2:55—Moments of Missionary Challenge  
—Special music—Rev. Clyde Cox  
—The Message—"To Every Tongue and Nation"  
—The Messenger—Rev. Daniel R. Cronk  
3:35—Report of Sunday School Board—Rev. William J. Mishler  
3:50—"The Word for the World"—Report of the American Bible Society by Rev. Albert C. Johnson

# of the Nineteenth Annual Session

# ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- 4:05—Report of Board of Publications and Literature—Rev. J. C. Griffin  
4:15—Partial report of Nominating Committee and election of all board members  
4:30—Adjourn session

## Wednesday Evening

*Keynote:* BEAR THE MESSAGE GLORIOUS

*Scripture:* "For the preaching of the cross . . . is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18)

- 7:15—Prayer meeting—Rev. Mark M. Lewis, leader  
7:45—"Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, and Mrs. Riggs  
—Special music—Miss Freda Willis  
—Offertory, with music by Mrs. E. T. Burwell  
8:05—Dedicatory service for headquarters property  
—Reading the Scripture—Rev. Lester Jones  
—"Dreams Do Come True"—Rev. R. B. Crawford  
—Recognition of state chairmen for "Loyalty Gift" Appeal  
—Burning the mortgage  
—Prayer of dedication—Rev. D. C. Dodd  
8:30—The congregation sings  
—Special music—Convention choir  
8:40—The Message—"The Travail of Zion"  
—The Messenger—Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark  
9:20—Adjourn session

## Thursday Morning, July 14

- 8:45—Prayer meeting—Rev. Milton Hollifield, leader  
9:00—"Sing unto God Our Strength"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs  
—"Teach Us Out of Thy Law"—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss  
9:15—Report of Stewardship Commission—Rev. Damon C. Dodd  
9:20—Report on Superannuation Board—Rev. J. O. Fort  
9:30—Report of Planning Commission  
9:45—Report Executive Secretary—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham  
10:00—Report of Polity Committee  
10:30—Report of College Board of Trustees—Rev. J. L. Welch  
10:50—Report of Board of Foreign Missions—Rev. Raymond Riggs  
—Presentation of silver anniversary gift to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey  
11:10—The Hour of Worship

*Keynote:* OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME

*Scripture:* "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ . . ." (II Corinthians 2:14)

- "Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs  
—Special music  
11:20—The Message—"Possessing Our Unpossessed Possessions"  
—The Messenger—Rev. Ralph Staten  
12:00—Adjourn session

## Thursday Afternoon, July 14

- 1:30—"Come Before His Presence with Singing"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs  
1:35—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board—Rev. Henry Melvin  
1:45—Report of Placement Committee for 1956 session  
1:55—Report of Board of Home Missions—Rev. Damon C. Dodd  
2:15—Report of Radio-TV Board—Rev. J. D. O'Donnell  
2:25—Report of Budget Committee  
2:45—Miscellaneous business  
—Reports of committees  
—Final report of Nominating Committee and election of officers  
3:30—Final Adjournment

## Program Personalities

- Mrs. E. T. Burwell*—Johnston City, Ill., member of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. Clyde Cox*—Concord, N. C., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. R. B. Crawford*—Greenville, N. C., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church and former executive secretary of the National Association.  
*Rev. Daniel R. Cronk*—Kishanganj, India, missionary home on furlough.  
*Rev. O. T. Dixon*—Russellville, Ark., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. Damon C. Dodd*—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the Board of Home Missions.  
*Rev. O. H. Doss*—Ceres, Calif., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church, Modesto, Calif.  
*Rev. George Ford*—Wheaton, Ill., associate executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals.  
*Rev. J. O. Fort*—Ayden, N. C., secretary of the Board of Superannuation and editor-in-chief at the Free Will Baptist Press.  
*Rev. J. C. Griffin*—New Bern, N. C., chairman of the Board of Publications and Literature and pastor of Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. Milton Hollifield*—Canton, N. C., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. Albert C. Johnson*—New York, N. Y., assistant secretary of Visual Materials for the American Bible Society.  
*Rev. Lester Jones*—Kirksville, Mo., member of headquarters Board of Trustees and pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. Mark M. Lewis*—Hazel Park, Mich., chairman of Board of Foreign Missions and pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. Henry Melvin*—Winterville, N. C., chairman of Free Will Baptist League Board and pastor of Reedy Branch church.  
*Rev. William Mishler*—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the Sunday School department.  
*Rev. W. S. Mooneyham*—Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the National Association.  
*Rev. E. E. Morris*—pastor of Capitol Hill Free Will Baptist church, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
*Rev. Louis H. Moulton*—Savannah, Ga., pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. J. D. O'Donnell*—Columbus, Miss., secretary of Radio-TV Board and pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Mr. Jack Paramore*—Winterville, N. C., sophomore at Mt. Allen Junior College.  
*Rev. W. Burkette Raper*—Mt. Olive, N. C., president of Mt. Allen Junior College.  
*Rev. Raymond Riggs*—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for Board of Foreign Missions.  
*Mrs. Raymond Riggs*—Nashville, Tenn., wife of Mr. Riggs.  
*Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark*—Norfolk, Va., pastor of Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist church.  
*Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley*—Knoxville, Tenn., members at Harris Memorial Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. Ralph Staten*—Belmont, N. C., pastor of Goshen Free Will Baptist church and chairman of Radio-TV Board.  
*Rev. Charles A. Thigpen*—Detroit, Mich., pastor of Highland Park Free Will Baptist church and moderator of the National Association.  
*Rev. C. B. Thompson*—Fort Worth, Texas, pastor of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. George Waggoner*—Okawville, Ill., pastor of Bakerville Free Will Baptist church and clerk of the National Association.  
*Rev. John L. Welch*—Nashville, Tenn., pastor of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist church and chairman of Board of Trustees of Bible College.  
*Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey*—Pinar del Rio, Cuba, director of Free Will Baptist mission work in Cuba.  
*Miss Freda Willis*—Johnston City, Ill., member of First Free Will Baptist church.  
*Rev. Homer E. Willis*—Paintsville, Ky., pastor of Southside Free Will Baptist church.

## Dad and the Church

JESSE C. BURT, JR.

How can Dad help the church? And how can the church help Dad? These two questions are equally important, and never more so than at the present time. As one minister declared recently to a visitor, "When Dad is interested in the church, its importance increases a hundredfold in the home."

What the minister declared is matched by an opinion expressed by an attractive gray-haired lady who has visited in "literally hundreds of homes." She declared with real enthusiasm: "Regardless of the furnishings of the home, when Dad, as well as Mom, is behind the church, it is a rich home. I would go so far as to say that Dad is the plus factor in the home-church relationship."

Far be it from the present writer to offer gratuitous advice to fathers. Probably they get enough of that, anyway. Yes, fathers have their hands full at the present time, paying the bills, making a living, and just trying to be a good dad.

Even with this on the record, it appears to many church workers that in some cases the church is not exactly a live and vital matter to fathers. It may well be, as some fathers protest, this deficiency is not their own doing. Yet the fact is, seasoned workers are saying that Dad is needed to help bring the church into the home, and to help further the values for which the church stands.

Agree or disagree with the contention that Dad "slips up" in the matter of church. What Dad can do for the church, and what the church can do for him is of paramount importance in this era. Let it never be forgotten that the Christian home often is like an island in an alien and angry sea, swept by waves that generate from the casual living practices that we see everywhere around us.

Dad can help the church because he does have high leadership in the home, even if he scarcely seems to exercise this prestige of his. A sociologist explained: "Dad is the male of the family. He supplies the answer from his own experience. He goes out into the world and makes a living. He is looked up to, respected. His opinions, attitudes, and actions often determine those of his children."

Also, Dad can help the church by completing the partnership between home and church. Often he can do this more effectively than Mom. But church workers report many instances in which it is Mom, not Dad, who really is alert to the privilege of Church. The point is: She can not do it alone! On the other hand, experience shows many a Dad who is a tireless worker for the church. Indeed, seeing whole families coming to church is a thrilling and moving experience.

Dad through his church activities shows



Rev. Ronald Creech (right), pastor at Warwick, Va., presents fifty silver dollars to Rev. Raymond Riggs, foreign missions secretary, for "Chapels for Cuba."

## Silver Anniversary Dollars Given For 'Chapels for Cuba' Project

the importance of God and Christ in his daily living. It is by Dad's acceptance of Christ in his own life and by learning about Christ in the church that he shows the spiritual implications of fatherhood. These implications are what a dad needs to ponder and weigh and take into his life.

The question finally comes down to this one point of emphasis: Dad can set a powerful and persuasive example in his daily Christian living. It is this example, growing out of Dad's realization of the spiritual side of fatherhood, that is far more important than just being the proverbial "good provider."

When Dad in his daily living puts the church and its values into "top priority" rating, the church achieves a great significance in Dad's home. Example is so strong it is almost beyond belief. All of us have been gently amused at the way a little boy imitates his father's walk. We can understand this. But we need to realize children also take on the spiritual traits and attitudes of their parents.

Consequently, when Dad studies his Sunday school lesson, goes to church, studies his Bible, plans and carries out his contribution to the church budget, when he conducts family prayers, when he shows by his daily living he is a spiritually alert father—he furthers enormously the partnership between church and home.

What is the difference between an "average" home and one that is a joy to behold? Experience reveals that most often it's a churchgoing Dad who counts!—*Church and Home.*

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The "Chapels for Cuba" project, sponsored jointly by the Board of Foreign Missions and the League Board, has taken a new turn with the announcement that July marks the silver anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, directors of the Cuban work.

The "new" turn is that silver anniversary offerings, many of them in the form of silver dollars, are coming into the Nashville office marked for the special chapel-building project.

Rev. Ronald Creech, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church, Warwick, Virginia, helped get the idea going when he presented fifty silver dollars collected by leaguers of the church to Rev. Raymond Riggs, foreign missions secretary. The presentation was made during a missionary conference held at his church.

The silver dollars were collected in a plastic board with fifty holes cut just big enough for the money to slip into. Goal of the project is \$10,000 by national convention time in July. This will assure the building of several churches for the Cuban Free Will Baptists, he said.

"The need for these chapels is great," Mr. Riggs said. "They do not have fine facilities and buildings, but with the growth and development of the congregations, there comes an urgent demand for houses of worship."

Mr. Riggs announced that a special display will be erected at the national convention with someone stationed at the booth to explain the project and receive gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Willey will be at Tulsa, he said, to receive and acknowledge the gifts personally.





## The Prayer Fellowship

J. REFORD WILSON, Leader

So that the Prayer Fellowship may be shared in by many more, we are changing it this month to allow for listing of prayer requests by our readers. Paul encouraged us to "bear one another's burdens" and one way to do this is to share our prayer requests.

If there is a matter about which you would like to enlist the prayers of your brethren and sisters in the Lord, state it in as few words as possible and send it to us. We will list it in this column next month. If you would prefer us not to use your name with it, you may sign it with your initials only.

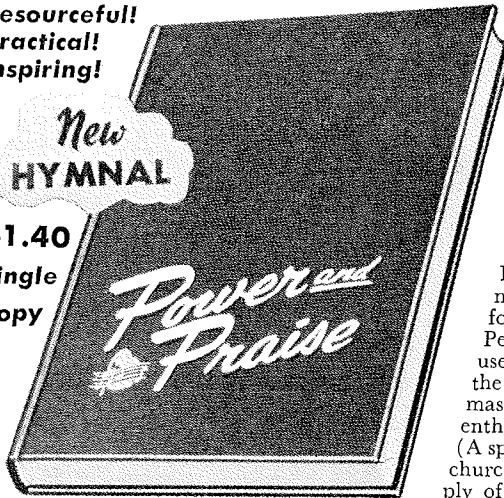
Added to these requests for prayer from our readers will be things important to pray about selected by Brother Wilson, our Prayer Fellowship leader. Let us join together this month in prayer for the following:

- ▶ That many boys and girls will be converted in vacation Bible schools this summer.
- ▶ For the California state association meeting June 15-17 at Arvin.
- ▶ That 10,000 Free Will Baptists will give \$1 each to the "Silver Anniversary" project in honor of the Willeys for the building of temples in Cuba.
- ▶ For the secretaries of the various departments of the denomination.
- ▶ For the churches that are without pastors and for those that will be changing pastors.
- ▶ For the Christian young men and women in the armed forces of our country that they may be used of the Lord as witnesses.
- ▶ That God will bless in a special way the Virginia state association meeting June 10-11.
- ▶ For all of the missionaries on both the home and foreign fields.
- ▶ For the selected speakers on the program for the national convention.
- ▶ That every church in the denomination may experience revival this year.
- ▶ Especially for the work in North India while Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk are home on furlough.
- ▶ For the national association and the WNAC as they meet next month at Tulsa.
- ▶ For the Kentucky state association meeting June 17-18.
- ▶ For those who have political authority that they may fear God and seek wisdom from him.

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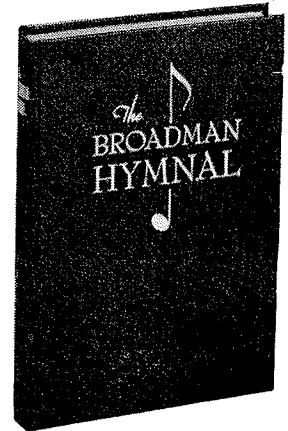
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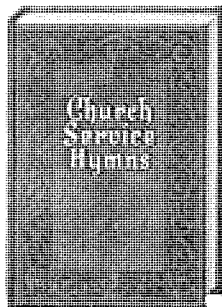
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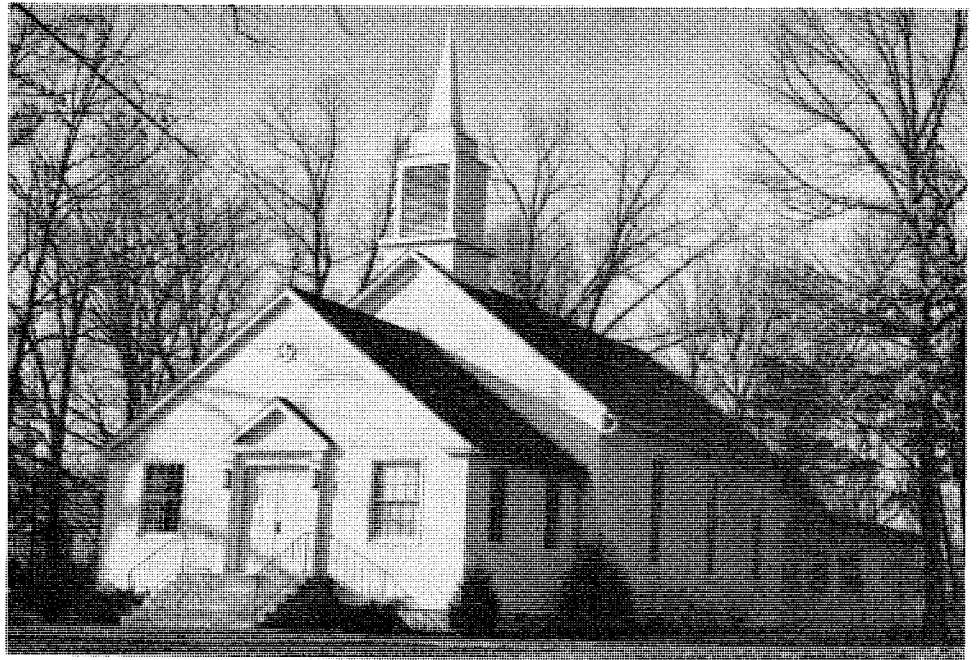
News items from the home mission field make inspiring reading this month. We will try to bring these special news columns from both the home and foreign mission fields periodically. We are grateful to Rev. Damon C. Dodd and Rev. Raymond Riggs, secretaries of the respective departments, for their help in compiling this material.

Plans to begin activity in Mexico in July have been completed and the missionary will be commissioned at the national convention in July. He is the Rev. James E. Timmons of Pearsall, Texas. Ordained as FWB minister May 14, he has been in Christian work with Mexicans for 13 years. He will operate two mission points in Mexico and in addition plans to establish Mexican work in Laredo and San Antonio, Texas. This move will open the doors for Free Will Baptists into a predominantly Roman Catholic country.

*Free Will Baptist prospects in Canada grow brighter each week. Rev. John W. Ruth, FWB pastor at Linneus, Maine, has made contact with several churches in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Canada, and plans are nearly completed for the home mission secretary to go for a series of conferences with the groups in June or July.*

These churches are now known as Primitive Baptist churches, but their origin and doctrine are both identical with Free Will Baptists. In some instances they themselves claim to be a part of the old Free Will Baptist denomination of Maine and Canada. This is true to the historical claims of Free Will Baptists, who under the evangelistic labors of John Buzzell, organized churches in these places in the early part of the 19th century.

From Nebraska where they are re-opening Free Will Baptist work, Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Lee, Jr., write: "Our church is on the foundation and the repairs have begun. We had 61 in church two weeks ago and 50 last Sunday" ■ *After months of groundwork and personal contact among the Cubans in Ybor City, Fla., Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong have been able to rent a building and conducted their first service in Spanish May 15. They plan a full-time schedule of services now.* ■ Initial work has been started on completely revising the annual "Crusade for Christ" revival campaign sponsored by the Home Mission Board.



*A building program in which five pastors shared was completed in late 1944 at Olivet church, near Clarksville, Tenn. The final steps were taken under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, and dedication services were held November 28, 1954. Other pastors who shared in various phases of the building program were J. B. Parsons, W. C. Clearman, Charles Sapp and Ben Barrus.*

*Olivet church dates its beginning back to the early 1870s when a union Sunday school was started. The church was organized by Rev. John Welch in 1889 and Rev. Jessie Hudgens of Ashland City, Tenn., was the first pastor. The thirteen pastors who have served the church have served an average of five years each.*

## Executive Committee Releases Cooperative Budget Proposals

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Ever since the convention adopted the Cooperative Plan of Support last year denominational leaders have been working on a plan to get the system into operation by July 1, on which date it becomes effective.

On the basis of this study and a meeting of thirty national and state leaders last December, the Executive Committee has adopted a list of seven recommendations with a twofold aim: (1) to put the plan into effect without foundering the existing denominational program and (2) to reconcile differences which arose over the Cooperative Plan as it was first presented.

The proposals made by the Executive Committee have been released by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, chairman of the committee and moderator of the national association. Mr. Thigpen emphasized that the proposals are only recommendations which will be submitted to the convention for adoption as law or rejection. They will be studied by the entire General Board before being passed on for a decision by the delegates.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. That 20 per cent of the total denominational budget for the next fiscal year be designated as the Cooperative

budget, and that out of said amount the total budget of the Executive department would be met.

2. That as a supplement to the Cooperative budget each respective department be encouraged to promote its particular phase of the work and to receive designated funds as individuals, groups, or churches may feel so disposed to give.

3. That the Budget Committee apportion to the various departments on a percentage basis all money that comes into the Cooperative fund.

4. That the Executive Committee be empowered to elect a Cooperative treasurer on a part-time basis who will receive and distribute all Cooperative funds.

5. That all churches be encouraged to give 10 per cent (the tithe) of their general offerings to the Cooperative fund as a minimum of their denominational giving.

6. That the Executive department receive no additional Cooperative funds when its budget has been met.

7. That all earmarked money be sent to the department as designated by the donor.

Mr. Thigpen urged a careful study of the recommendations and asked that serious thought be given to any other proposals that would make the plan more workable.

## Choosing the better part...



MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS

Last Sunday I voted to close the church; not intentionally, nor maliciously; but carelessly, thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently, I voted.

I voted to close its doors that its witness and its testimony might be stopped. I voted to close the open Bible on its pulpit—the Bible that had been given us by years of struggle and by the blood of martyrs who died that we might have it to read. I voted for the minister to stop preaching the glorious truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I voted that the children of the Sunday School no longer be taught the stories of the Bible and no longer lift their song in united praise:

*"Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so."*

I voted for the voice of the choir and of the congregation to be stilled, and that they no longer sing in united praise:

*"All hail the power of Jesus name,  
Let angels prostrate fall:  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all."*

I voted for every missionary of the church to be called home, every native worker supported by the church to stop preaching, every hospital, every school and every dispensary in its foreign missionary field to close. I voted that its colleges close their doors and no longer bother to train its youth for Christian service. I voted for every home missionary project to be abandoned, every influence for good and right and for truth in our community to be curtailed and finally stopped.

I voted for the darkness of superstition, the degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance and the cause of selfish greed once again to settle their damning load on the shoulders of an already over-burdened world.

I voted all this, I say, and more, too—things that the human mind cannot find words to express. Carelessly, thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently I voted.

For you see, I could have gone and I should have gone, but I didn't.

I stayed away from church last Sunday.

*(From Bulletin of Court Street Methodist  
Church, Rockford, Illinois)*

# Majoring in Mediocrity

One of the first assignments in the school of life is to learn the value of the many things which life has to offer. It is true, however, that with the high-pressure salesmanship and the modern art of advertising it is hard to ascertain the true value of most anything. Even the beer and liquor industries have glamorized sin so that the outward appearance is inviting.

But to actually understand the good and bad of these evils it is necessary to look at the results. The death cells of jails and insane wards of hospitals are filled with victims of strong drink and lust.

The best way to place an estimate on these things is to investigate the scriptures. Esau came home from a hunting trip hungry and tired, and without a serious thought sold his birthright for a bowl of soup. His decision was made in haste, but he spent a lifetime repenting. All his future happiness and security was sacrificed for a few bites of food that would bring only temporary satisfaction.

The prodigal son left his comfortable home, broke his family ties, and spent all he had saved just to enjoy riotous living that ended much sooner than he expected. Jesus said, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and

lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26). The devil spent his opinion on our sense of values when he said, "All that a man hath will he give for his life. . ." (Job 2:4).

How about it? Was he right? If our doctor tells us we need an operation we take his word for it and begin to prepare for surgery regardless of the pain or cost. If the mechanic says the family car must be repaired, it must be done because we can't get along without it, we think. The tax assessor tells us we must pay so much on our property, and if we don't have it we get a loan.

But Jesus Christ says, "Repent or perish. . ." and it is passed on as idle talk! Judgment day is coming. Christ is coming. Christ is coming again, but thousands are clowning in the Lord's palace not really looking for either of these events. It is high time to awake out of sleep and count the value of things.

Modern parents give their children dancing lessons, piano lessons, voice lessons and dozens of others, but they learn nothing about how to live for the Lord. Why not take them to the house of God this week where you can learn lessons from the Great Teacher?—Willard C. Day

GOING, GOING ... GONE



# Putting the Roots Down

*Editor's note:* At last we are in sight of the conclusion of "The Free Will Baptist Story." With chapter 16 next month we will move into the more modern history of the movement. CONTACT will continue to carry the articles up to the organization of the National Association nineteen years ago. The concluding chapters will be printed in the book which is scheduled for release in the early winter.

Having followed the course of events in the preceding installment to the time of setting in order the Yearly Meeting system, it will be of much interest to read a summary of what this new form of meeting actually meant to the people. For this record I have gleaned from chapter 24 of *The Life and Influence of Rev. Benjamin Randall*, by Wylie. This is a description of the New Hampshire Yearly meeting.

The New Hampshire Yearly Meeting during its early years held all its meetings at New Durham, usually during the month of June. Representatives from many parts of the state, and some from other states came to this meeting, sometimes numbering into the thousands. At several sessions the Sunday morning congregations were estimated to be three thousand. When we remember that there were no railroads in those days and that travel by wagon, horseback, and on foot was difficult, this number indeed takes on large proportions.

It is said that a company of pious women were accustomed to walking some 50 miles each way annually to attend this meeting. Another woman, Mrs. Joanna Horn, many times walked 40 miles to be in the Yearly Meeting.

## Townpeople Opened Homes

"As the different processions of pilgrims joined each other at road junctions, they would sometimes, as they neared the place

## Damon C. Dodd

of meeting, aggregate hundreds in line. The surrounding forests would echo with their songs of devotion. And the people no more needed hymn books than did the birds that responded from the overhanging branches."<sup>1</sup>

The question arises, "How did the town accommodate so many?" For two examples, let us look at the following. "One New Durham man of considerable property, with a large house and a heart to match, was a regular host on Yearly Meeting occasions. In after years his wife would relate some of her experiences as hostess. On such occasions, after furnishing her guests with every available article of softness in the house to lie upon, her only place for rest would be the bare floor of the attic. There she would seek a few hours of repose, but at one or two o'clock in the morning she would astir again, preparing supplies for the table."<sup>2</sup>

## Slept In Corner

From the standpoint of a guest, the following is descriptive: "On reaching Yearly Meeting, I put up at Esq. Runnels with over one hundred others. When arrangements were made for the first night's lodging, the floors were completely covered, leaving me to get all the sleep I could sitting upon a block in the chimney corner. As to stillness, there wasn't any. The house did not cease to echo with the voice of singing, prayer, or private conversation till morning called us to our new duties."

Early in the life of the Free Will Baptist movement definite standards were set

up for ordination to the ministry. Whatever the natural or acquired abilities of the candidates, certain other qualifications were also demanded. "The men must be of good repute, mentally balanced, and deeply pious. They must be sound in Biblical doctrines, according to evangelical interpretations, have aptness to teach and ability to edify, have a gift for soul winning, and give evidence of a Divine call . . ." Education was counted a definite asset and in some places was deemed a necessity. One of the greatest trials was that of having to preach a trial sermon before a full congregation, with the ordaining council sitting in judgment on the candidate.

## Ordination Described

The following account of the ordination of John Buzzell will suffice to give a good picture of an ordination service. "They first had worship at the Middleton meeting house, where Buzzell preached on trial to good acceptance. The council (Randall, Weeks, Whitney) then repaired to a private house. Buzzell proceeded to give an account of his conversion, call to the ministry, and success in former efforts at soul winning. Then followed critical questions by the brethren on the Council, and all to good satisfaction . . .

"At ten o'clock the next morning about 1,000 people gathered in and about the House of God to witness the interesting and impressive ceremony . . . Eld. Randall preached the sermon from 2 Corinthians 5:20. Weeks offered the prayer of consecration and gave the charge. Whitney gave the hand of fellowship, and Boody offered the closing prayer . . . Each part of the service was well sustained. The whole was solemn and impressive . . ." <sup>3</sup>

Another matter which was met and solved by the new church in characteristic manner was that of church music. During the 18th century, most of the church singing was congregational. Some of the church leaders suggested that the matter of the music might be improved if it were

put into the hands of a few trained singers. In North Durham, a "Singing Society" had been formed under the leadership of a Mr. Jackson, and in 1793, this group requested Mr. Randall to use them as a regular choir in the Sunday services of the church, permitting them to have complete control of that part of the service.

### Reply Noted

Mr. Randall's reply by letter, dated May 10, 1793, is given herewith:

Mr. Jackson and the Singing Society.

In response to your request, we would say: As "God is a Spirit and they that worship, must worship him in spirit and truth" nothing but spiritual service can be pleasing to Him. Hence, should a society, ever so large, and understanding the rules of music ever so well, render the service of song without the spirit, it could only please the ear of men, and not the great heart-searching God . . .

"You well say that singing is a part of the worship of God, and ought to be performed with sincerity. Just so, such is the declaration of the Scriptures: ". . . I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding." . . .

"How important that we sing with the spirit! How presumptuous must it be for anyone who lives after a vain and carnal manner, or uses his tongue in profane language, to attempt to lead an important part of the solemn worship of God. As well may an unconverted man lead in prayer or preaching as in singing. For the latter is equally sacred with the former.

"But to conclude. We wish you well. May you all be engaged to know God. May you all come into that state in which you can worship Him in spirit and truth here, and be prepared to join with the millions of worshippers hereafter.

"Yet we must inform you that, for reasons above stated, we believe it cannot be pleasing to God for us to give our consent for His worship to be led by any but those who are practical believers in Christ." In behalf of the Church at New Durham. Benjamin Randall, Pastor.<sup>4</sup>

### Stand On Liquor

Another vital issue on which Mr. Randall and the Free Will Baptist church took a definite stand was that of the liquor question. During those days it was common for both ministers and laymen to indulge in strong drink and many prominent churchmen were not shy in their public approval of "modest use of strong spirits." Randall spoke out scathingly against this practice and led his group in denouncing such in the life of the Christian.

One incident illustrative of Mr. Randall's

total abstinence principles must stand for many that cannot be admitted.

"On an afternoon of December 1800, he left home, purposing to preach the next day at Alton; but when about two miles away he was attacked with a violent cholera, an illness to which he was an occasional victim. He stopped at Mrs. Willey's where for 12 hours, he struggled with excruciating pain. At times it was feared he must die . . . While he was suffering the most acute paroxysms of pain, it was suggested that if he would drink some liquor he might obtain some relief. But he positively refused. Whereupon a bystander exclaimed: "I believe that these spells are sent upon Eld. Randall as a judgment, because he is so bitterly opposed to using ardent spirits . . ."<sup>6</sup>

### Movement Expands

At the turn of the century, the movement led by Mr. Randall expanded into Massachusetts and Vermont. It was in early March of 1800 that he went on a missionary tour through western Vermont, where he found the work spreading under the evangelistic work of Joseph Boody, Jr., of New Durham. In Hardwich, Vermont a group of 52 converts were organized into a church by Mr. Randall. Following in rapid succession, four more churches were organized and at the Yearly Meeting in New Durham the following June, the Strafford Quarterly Meeting of Vermont was received into its fellowship.

Also in this year, Mr. Randall, in company with Nathan Keniston as traveling companion, set off on a journey into Massachusetts. On this circuit, the men took in the cities of Boston, Andover, Braintree, and Scituate. While no churches were organized during this trip, foundations were laid for future Free Will Baptist churches and great revivals resulted at every place where they stopped.

### Distinguishing Name Recorded

Thus far during nearly a quarter of a century of labors in building up churches and perfecting all the organizations, Mr. Randall had not appended an official name to his group. He was in hopes that an understanding could be brought about between his own and the other Baptist group. However, in 1804, it became at last apparent that this hope was futile and that the breach was growing wider.

Accordingly, Mr. Randall and his associates deemed it wise for their adherents to be known by a distinguishing name. The record of the legislative act in which the group was officially named is preserved as follows:

### State of New Hampshire

In the House of Representatives, December 7, 1804.

Resolved, That the people in this state,

known by the name of Free Will Anti-pedobaptist church and Society, shall be considered as a distinct religious sect or denomination, with all the privileges as such, of the Constitution.

Sent up for concurrence.

John Langdon, Speaker.

In the Senate, December 8.

Nicholas Gilman, President.

Not returned nor approved by His Excellency, the Governor, it therefore becomes a law.

Joseph Pearson, Secretary of State.

### Other States Follow

The Governor excused himself from signing the resolution on the grounds that it was needless; that the Society possessed all rights and immunities before that they could have afterwards, and that under the constitution every religious sect in the state "really stood in the same footing."

Free Will Baptists in Maine soon followed the New Hampshire pattern and a resolution was adopted by the State legislature bodies recognized them officially as the Freewill Baptist Anti-pedobaptist Church and Society of Maine.

In the course of time, as will be seen as our story progresses, the term "Anti-pedobaptist" was dropped from the title, and in some areas the term "will" was discarded. For many years the names "Free Baptist and "Freewill Baptist" were used synonymously and interchangeably.

### Name Lost Contempt

It is to the everlasting credit to Mr. Randall and his associates, as well as to Paul Palmer and his followers, that they were able to take an appellation of contempt and use it as a name which later commanded so much respect. It is well known that the early advocates of free grace, free will and free salvation were contemptuously branded "Free-willers." This name brought much persecution on the early members of our denomination but they, with characteristic godly patience and Christian fortitude, carried on undaunted.

Gradually, the name lost its connotation as the adherents to this faith proved their sincerity by persistent and loyal Christian living. So it was most natural that when the matter of an official name for the new movement came to be considered, Freewill Baptist was the only logical title to consider.

<sup>1</sup>Life and Inf. of Rev. Benj. Randall, chapter 24

<sup>2</sup>Ibid

<sup>3</sup>Life and Influence of Rev. Benjamin Randall—Chapter 21

<sup>4</sup>Life and Influence of Rev. Benjamin Randall, Chap. 22

<sup>5</sup>Ibid, ch. 25

(Continued Next Month)



## Upon Your Knees

Martin, the young preacher, was discouraged. "I don't seem to be accomplishing anything. The people go on in their own way and pay no more attention to God and His worship than they did when I first came six months ago."

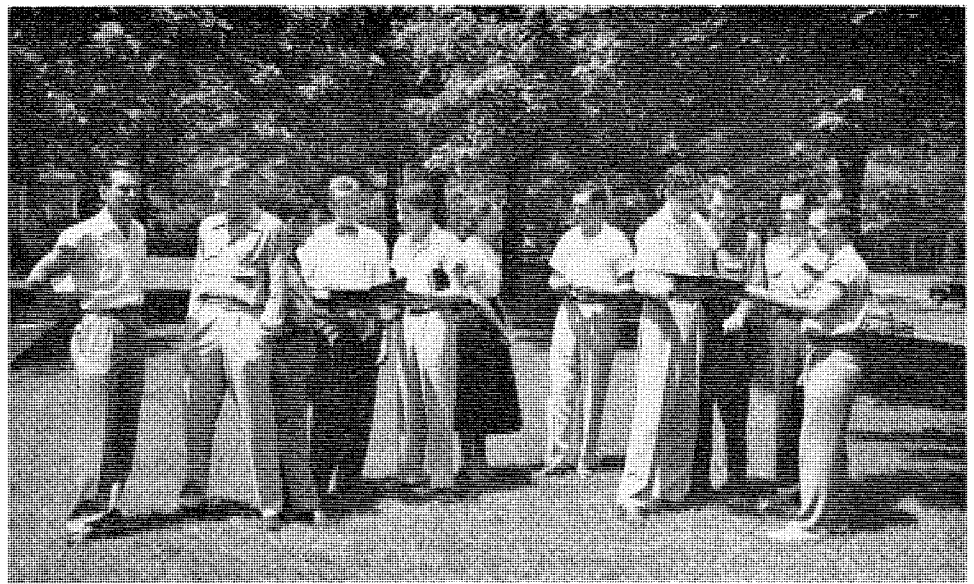
"Why don't you go to see Mr. Abels. Perhaps he can help you. He is such a faithful member of the congregation and he is old and wise," suggested his wife.

Martin walked down the street until he came to the large lot in which Mr. Abels had his monument business. As usual, he found the old marble cutter upon his knees with chisel and hammer, making a huge stone into a life-like statue.

Mr. Abels looked up and smiled: "Hello, preacher," he greeted him. "Sit down and make yourself comfortable. We can talk while I work."

After several remarks had been exchanged, the minister said wistfully: "I wish I could deal such challenging blows as you do, making changes in stony hearts."

Mr. Abels put down his hammer and chisel and looked at Mr. Martin, then he said very softly: "Do you work like me, upon your knees?"—*Christian Monitor*



## Thirteen Are Given Degrees at Bible College Graduation Exercises

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Bachelor of Arts degrees were awarded to thirteen graduates during commencement exercises June 2 at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Dr. Lee Roberson, Chattanooga pastor and educator, brought the address for this twelfth annual commencement.

Rev. Thomas H. Willey, director of Free Will Baptist mission work in Cuba and father of one of the seniors, delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

This year's graduating class, which began in the fall of 1951 with an enrollment of 74, is the second largest in the history of the College, being tied with the 1953 class of thirteen members and exceeded by the 1954 class of twenty-three graduates.

Those who received degrees are shown above (left to right): Roger Reeds, Lemay, Mo.; Dave Franks, Guin, Ala.; Everette Bryan, Parkersburg, N. C.; Clarence Burton, St. Louis, Mo.; Carroll Alexander, Bethel, N. C.; Mary Ruth Wisheart, Myrtle, Mo.

Galen Dunbar, Bradley, W. Va.; Tommy Willey, Pinar del Rio, Cuba; Bill McClintock, Detroit, Mich.; Boyce Wallace, Albertson, N. C., and Charles Hollingshead, Cordova, Ala., who graduates from the 3-year Christian Worker's course. Other students receiving the AB degree not shown are Johnnie Floyd, Marion, N. C.; Ruth Floyd, Marion, N. C., and Leah McGlohon, Winterville, N. C.

Others who graduated from the three-year Christian Worker's course are Alton Hines, Bridgeton, N. C.; Eula Mae Martin, Benson, N. C., and Ilean Stultz, Springfield, Ohio.

Several of the graduates listed their present and future plans along with a brief testimony.

*Carroll Alexander:* "The desire of my heart is that I may be used to bring others

to know Him whom to know is life eternal." He plans to enter Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., next fall.

*Everette Bryan:* says he will continue working in Nashville until he has the opportunity for pastoral work.

*Boyce Wallace:* "One of the greatest things the school has contributed to my life is that I have learned how to tell a person how to be saved." Boyce will continue his responsibilities as pastor of Shady Grove church near Clarksville, Tenn.

*Dave Franks* will do pastoral work in Alabama as the Lord opens the door.

*Mary Ruth Wisheart:* "The Lord certainly leads in strange and wonderful ways. I find nothing but praise to God for these things." Her future plans call for further training to teach in the field of religious education. She will also be working in the office of the Bible College.

*Clarence H. Burton* plans further training at George Peabody College in Nashville and Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is pastor of Oak Grove church, near Charlotte, Tenn.


*Galen Dunbar* plans to further his missionary training and later go into foreign missionary work.

*Leah McGlohon* is working on her Master's degree at East Carolina College. She plans to teach in the field of Christian education in her home state.

*Tommy Willey* will conduct revivals and vacation Bible schools during the summer. He plans to do graduate work next year at Columbia Bible College toward a missionary career.

*Roger Reeds* will continue as pastor of Bethlehem church, near Ashland City, Tenn., at present.

*Bill McClintock* has returned to Michigan and plans to enter pastoral work soon.



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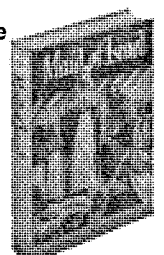
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# Teaching and Training

## *A Section of Helps for Sunday School and League Workers*

### **Teacher-Training . . . A Must for Growing Schools**

If we are to hasten the day when we dispel from popular thinking that riddle that has been with us too long. "When is a school not a school: when it's a Sunday school," we must develop aggressive programs in teacher-training. Let us who are interested in the Sunday schools of America be the first to recognize that in all too many cases "those who can, won't, and those who can't, teach a class on Sunday morning."

Comparatively few of those who teach in Sunday schools have had the privilege of studying in a theological seminary or teacher-training school. It is the greatest imperative, then, that we develop a systematic teacher-training program in our local churches.

A musician not only practices regularly but also engages in periods of specialized study under skillful teachers lest he unconsciously fall into habits of incorrect technique. A Sunday school teacher whose business is to proclaim the name of Jesus, should likewise take his training seriously.

A physician eagerly and regularly reads of the new discoveries in the field of medical science and then periodically slips away from his busy practice to take a refresher course or to observe in some of the famous clinics. We who minister to those who are sin-sick and heart-hungry, and who endeavor to follow in the footsteps of the Great Physician must take our training seriously.

In the public schools, teachers are required to attend institutes regularly, and many of them, in order to receive an advance in salary, must take definite training courses in college or a university each year. It is not only a question of their wanting to do this. They must do it to hold their position.

We should look with the same concern upon regular teacher-training in our Sunday schools. This training will not only improve teacher ability, but the turned-out product of Christian character will be of a higher caliber as evidenced by the lives of the class members.

A conscientious and regular study of basic training books adds greatly to a teacher's knowledge of the Bible. Survey courses in the Old and New Testaments give a teacher a grasp of sacred history such as he never had before.

Books on psychology introduce him to the different types of individuals with whom he works. The methods books offer

suggestions as to the best ways of helping those individuals lay hold of Bible truths.

No sincere teacher ever feels satisfied with his own ability but strives through reading and study to advance in wisdom and in the skills of teaching. The great Christian teachers of the ages have been those who have sought to forge ahead in vision and thought so that they might beckon to those who follow them into higher thinking and nobler living, fully surrendered to Christ.

How can we develop teacher-training programs in our local Sunday schools? There are many possibilities: regular weekly workers' meetings; a teacher-training institute for two weeks or one night for ten weeks; through a book-sharing plan; problem-discussion groups; personal study through correspondence courses; periodic Sunday school clinics and conferences under competent leadership.

If teachers are faithful in the preparation of their lessons, and if they avail themselves of the opportunities for specialized study, no accusations of failing to do real teaching will be brought against them. Such teachers will merit the love and esteem of their pupils, and will have the lasting satisfaction of seeing lives changed and character strengthened.

The smallest church will be a growing church where workers are being enlisted, teachers trained, new classes organized, to more effectively teach the Word of Life to all in need.

### **As Training Service, Leagues Should Train**

The definition of the Free Will Baptist League is "The Training Service of the Church." Just what does that statement imply?

The concept of "training" most leagues embrace may simply be the rendering of "parts" on program each week. Different members of the league stand before the group, often with quarterly in hand, and make a "talk," many times rather hurriedly as though it were a burden rather than a privilege.

Training in league has a greater scope than that. What are some of the ways leaguers may be trained?

1. Some leagues form a choral group or chorus which may be used by the pastor in his Sunday night services.

2. The young men in the league could be enlisted in a special class to study the fine points of ushering in church with a view toward using them at a later time.

3. The pastor or deacon chairman might give helpful studies in the work of a deacon so that there may always be a "reserve" for the deacon board.

4. Few leaguers really understand the financial set-up of their church. A course in budget-building would be useful in the league, and at the same time some teaching of stewardship may be offered on the side.

5. Visitation evangelism is being practiced today in many of our churches most successfully. Leaguers can be trained in this great art of soul-winning. This is great training—and such training will make your league live as perhaps never before.

### **The Greatest of These Is Evangelism**

Though I speak with the tongue of scholarship, and though I use approved methods of education, and fail to win my pupils to Christ, or to build them up in Christian character, I am become as the moan of the wind in a Syrian desert.

And though I have the best of teaching skill and understood all mysteries of religious psychology, and though I have all Biblical knowledge, and lose not myself in the task of winning others to Christ, I become as a cloud of mist in the open sea.

And though I read all Sunday school literature and attend Sunday school conventions, institutes and summer schools, and yet am satisfied with less than winning

to Christ and establishing my pupils in Christian character, and service, it profiteth nothing.

The soul-winning teacher, the character-building teacher, suffereth long and is kind; he envieth not others, who are free from the teaching task; he laudeth not himself, is not puffed up with intellectual pride.

Such a teacher doth not behave himself unseemly between Sundays, seeketh not his own comfort, is not easily provoked.

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things.

And now abideth knowledge, methods, evangelism; these three, but the greatest of these is evangelism.—*Joseph Clark*



## Practical Pointers for The Perennial Problem Of Plenty Personnel

A perennial problem of both Sunday school and League leaders is how to keep an adequate supply of qualified workers in these organizations. The following practical suggestions have been adapted from an article by Mavis Anderson, Sunday school secretary for the Christian and Missionary Alliance, appearing in the April issue of *Link*:

1. *Pray earnestly* that the Lord will raise up folks with a real burden and desire for the work.

2. *Keep the standard high.* Young people as well as older folk are challenged by a task that they feel is worthwhile and important. The basis of election should be measured by the standard or covenant for workers.

3. *Recognize faithfulness.* Sometime during the year honor your workers in the opening service of the whole school or in departments. Small tokens of appreciation may be given. A poster will add interest. A special letter should be sent to each member of your Sunday school or League staff. It might read something like this:

"In the opening service of our Sunday school (or League) next Sunday, (give date), we wish to express publicly our gratitude to you and to all the workers of our Sunday school. We should like you to be prepared to come to the platform when your name is called.

"Perhaps you may feel that your task is insignificant, but we want you to know that yours is the greatest responsibility of the church—that of training others to know and serve our Saviour. It is a tremendous undertaking to 'adopt a family' of pupils and to serve them as you have. Only eternity will reveal the entire fruits of your labors.

"Though we can never repay you for your faithfulness and for your love for those with whom you work, the Lord will reward you abundantly. The words of our Master, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord,' will make your sacrifices and inconveniences seem very small in view of His glory and grace.

"Your cooperation with our staff and your faithfulness to your duties are sincerely appreciated. We say from our hearts: Thanks to YOU."

5. *Be interested in people.* Keep alert to possibilities and follow up every indication of interest or ability by designating some small task. This will encourage further work. Keep a notebook of possibilities.

6. *Use an enlistment check list.* About once a year mimeograph a list of services which may be performed in the church. Distribute these in classes and in the church

## The Absentee Died

Mailing absentee cards is better than making no effort at all, but no teacher would envy the experience of a teacher once I read about. This teacher had been sending cards to a member who had been absent for several weeks. On meeting the mother of the child on the street, the mother informed the teacher that it was not necessary for her to send any more cards for the child had died. Had this teacher visited the absentee instead of attempting to let a card do this work, she would have known of the illness and death.



The Sunday school needs teachers with "Shepherd Hearts."

"Someone is absent," the Shepherd said,  
As over my class book He bent His head:  
"For several Sundays absent, too,  
So tell me, teacher, what did you do?"

"I didn't call as perhaps I should,  
I wrote some cards, but they did no good,  
I've never heard and she never came,  
So I decided to drop her name."

He answered gravely, "A flock was mine,  
A hundred—no, there were ninety and nine,  
For one was lost in the dark and cold:  
I sought that sheep which had left the fold.

"The path was stony and edged with thorns;  
My feet were wounded, bruised, and torn,  
But I kept on seeking, not counting the cost;  
And, oh, the joy when I found the lost."

Thus spoke the Shepherd in tender tone,  
I looked and, lo—I was all alone,  
But God a vision had sent to me,  
To show His will toward the absentee.

If you have never promoted a united visitation program, start talking it up. Pray about it, but make plans toward it and *work* your plans. Plan a special meeting (luncheon or treat) for your Sunday school staff. Get them interested and let them see the opportunity. When it catches fire, *keep it burning.*

service. Potential workers are often discovered.

7. *Use a "temporary service" plan.* Instead of appointing inexperienced and reluctant persons for a year ask them to serve for a quarter. They may be good prospects but "fearful" and may agree to serve for a temporary period. This also gives the Sunday school superintendent or League director the opportunity to discover whether or not they will develop into good workers.

## Idea for the Story Hour Leader

Story Hour leaguers—those under 9—like to learn things by doing things. The wise Story Hour superintendent will use this inclination to the best advantage. Here is one suggestion:

There are so many wonderful stories in the Bible which Story Hour members can dramatize with very little effort and a great deal of fun.

Dramatization affords an excellent means of encouraging participation and developing natural confidence in children. There is much opportunity for conversation: in planning for a play to be given; in choosing the characters; in deciding about costumes, including color combinations, and the necessary scenery. Each child can contribute his ideas, and all can work toward a common purpose.

Children need to study pictures and books for correct ideas. Organization of the group into committees gives more children opportunity to work, and an eager audience calls for the best patterns in speech.

How to do dramatization:

(1) Materials needed: The story to present; the cast of characters; the setting (with or without curtains); costume box with scarves, colored cloths, fans, scrolls, plumes, combs, fancy beads; paper and cardboard; screens, chairs, rugs, and other necessary items.

(2) Process: Help the children get familiar with the story to be played. Talk over the scenes to help the child get well acquainted with his part.

Organize committees to prepare sets, scenes, etc.

Let the child express himself according to his own interpretation of the character he is portraying. Have an announcer call the scenes and the cast. Rehearse for confidence and enthusiasm.

Let the whole church or at least the general assembly of the League see it.

## I Wonder Why

My daddy thinks it's nice for me to go to Sunday school

To hear the helpful lessons and to learn the Golden Rule.

And if some Sunday morning something else I'd like to do,

My dad looks very stern and says, "I'm surprised at you."

So I dress up very neatly and I travel off alone,

While dad hunts up his paper and decides he'll stay at home.

Now I've wondered and wondered, yes, time and time again . . .

Why Sunday school is so good for boys, and not for grown-up men.

# Is Your Sunday School Just Counting "Noses and Pennies?"

A Sunday school that does nothing more than count "noses and pennies" is missing the mark.

Do you know what's really going on in your Sunday school, or do you have to fumble through incomplete records for half-accurate information concerning spiritual advance, attendance, enrollment, offering, monthly and yearly averages, etc.?

To assure the Sunday school's progress, its leaders must keep informed! As a leader in your Sunday school, you must keep the up-to-date accurate picture of the Sunday school before you always. The new six-point record system which is being prepared by the national Sunday school department will furnish this picture.

## Available by July

The system can be used very successfully by any Sunday school. The materials described below will be available from the Sunday school department by the third quarter of this year. The system has been designed with the needs of Free Will Baptist Sunday schools in mind and all of the materials are being produced by our own Sunday school department.

It will meet the needs of both large and small Sunday schools, whether departmentalized or not. It is very simple to use, and suitable for all ages. It supplies complete data about every pupil in your Sunday school, encourages regular attendance and punctuality, the prompt follow up of absentees; enlisting of new members, helps to build church attendance through the use of the visitor's card, and preserves the precious teaching time of the teacher.

There is nothing complicated about this new record system. It is simple in design, for the purpose of meeting your every need and for the simplifying of your record keeping.

## Materials Described

The materials contained in this system are as follows:

*The General Superintendent's Record:* (Loose-leaf design)

This record is to be compiled by the general Sunday school secretary and is so designed as to give the superintendent and pastor a bird's eye view of the entire school. It also points to each department or class that has slumped in attendance, it gives at a glance the attendance a week ago, a month ago, a year ago and two years ago, also the extent of class activities and 100% members.

Space is provided on back of sheet for the number of staff meetings per quarter, things discussed and plenty of space for the superintendent to record dates of spe-

cial days, etc. Extra sheets may be obtained for additional copies.

*Individual Report Envelope* (or if you prefer, the Individual Report Blank.)

This envelope is basic to the successful operation of the six-point record system. It enables the pupil to mark his own record and simplifies the work of the department or class secretary and teacher. The youngest pupils during impressionable years, should be introduced to this system. In so doing they are being trained in the art of personal giving. Four-point envelopes for the young pupils will be available also.

## Individual Member Record

*Class Record Book* is of loose-leaf design to hold the individual record sheets of class members. One sheet is used for each pupil, and extra sheets may be obtained as the class grows, and is adaptable for either six-point or four-point marking. A place is provided for birthday dates, recording of monthly average, remarks, etc.

*Drop or Transfer Slip*—This slip is of vast importance for the keeping of the general secretary's records up-to-date. It indicates the reason for the pupil being dropped from the roll. Also, at promotion time, the slip is filled out with the name of the pupil to be transferred (promoted), saving valuable time on the part of the general superintendent and general secretary in having to contact each teacher personally to find who or how many pupils are to be promoted. Before being legal, it must be signed by the teacher or department Superintendent.

*Absentee Report and Slips*—An excellent means of contacting those absentees. To be filled out by the teacher or class secretary. Then it goes to the general superintendent's office with the total class report. These slips are compiled in the Sunday school office and absentees contacted immediately. Some progressive Sunday schools, large and small, have telephone secretaries who go to the phone while Sunday school is in session and call the absentees. These might go to the visitation chairman.

The Sunday school department plans to have these materials available and sample copies ready to send out by the third quarter of this year. There will be two more items to be added to the above mentioned materials. These will be available at a later date.

New six-point record system provides a chart of the spiritual growth of the Sunday school. Ready soon. Read about it.

## Enrollment Card Is Must

*The Enrollment Card*—This card is a must. It is kept on permanent file in the general secretary's office and constitutes the legal, permanent record of the pupil. All essential information concerning the pupil is recorded on this card. On the back is recorded the promotion dates, from cradle roll on through to the adult department with space for additional information, date left school, reason, etc. So important is this record that under no circumstances should it be removed from the active files of the Sunday school office, except as a member's status is changed due to death, enrolled in another Sunday school, or having moved away.

*Departmental or Class Total Report Envelopes.* (Blanks will be available if desired in pad form.) This report will make for uniformity throughout your Sunday school. Too often in the past secretaries have had to jot down department and class totals on some scrap of paper. Now, either the report blanks (pad form) or the report envelopes will be available. Each Sunday, the class secretary or department secretary uses the envelope or tears a sheet from the pad, records the group's total attendance, and total offering as well as other data taken from the individual envelopes. This report is carried to the general secretary for permanent record.

## System Will Fill Need

*Absentee Attendance Card.* You are on vacation; away from home over the week end, yet you do not want to be counted absent from your Sunday school. You attend Sunday school at some other church. Just ask your general secretary for an "Absentee Attendance Card" before you leave. Have the pastor, superintendent, or teacher of the Sunday school you attend fill in same and sign. Then upon your return give it to your general secretary. This way your Sunday school attendance record is complete.

This six-point record system is devised to fill a long felt need. It gives the Sunday school a system that is simple to use, and also provides a complete picture of each pupil's attendance and spiritual progress. We who think in terms of the Sunday school are doing something more than "counting noses and pennies". We are counting souls, lives, influence and character.



# Women's Auxiliary

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

## Auxiliary Work Defined, Described

HAROLD CRITCHER

The service of women in the realm of Christendom today has a significant place. Searching through the Scriptures we find that women played an important role in the ministry of our Lord. To every woman in Christian service there must come an unspeakable joy and satisfaction to know that Christ himself blessed, accepted, and encouraged, the service of women.

It was the Samaritan woman who made it possible for many in her city to believe on Christ (John 4:39). The widow's mite furthered the message of Christ financially (Luke 21:1-3). We notice also that the women of the New Testament days pushed aside the activities of the day in their desire to serve and follow Him.

Women as well as men are aware of the pressing responsibility we have in getting the message of Christ to those who are without it. Out of this impelling force to become servants of Christ, grew the Woman's Auxiliary. We must remember, however, that the work of the auxiliary reaches beyond the service of carrying the gospel alone.

It reaches into the every day activities of the people whom it serves. Reaching new members, encouraging benevolence, arranging study courses, and stressing the importance of prayer are only a part of the many activities of such an organization. The standards of the auxiliary are high and it takes work to reach the goals which are set forth in the standards of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

The definition of the auxiliary is simply "The missionary service of the church." That definition suggests the fundamental purpose for which the auxiliary exists—the purpose being to help the local churches teach and support missions. Stop and give your auxiliary a checkup now.

Is it fulfilling the purpose which is set forth for it? The Standard of Achievement is to serve as a norm by which the auxiliary can see if it is measuring up or not. When the auxiliary fails to measure up to the standard, that is the signal for the committee chairmen to begin to function properly.

Each chairman is responsible for a particular point in the Standard of Achievement. When these chairmen reach their

goals you find an auxiliary which is carrying out its purpose to the fullest extent. All chairmen and all members must work together to reach the desired goals. The accomplishment of the purpose of the auxiliary cannot be reached by the president alone.

The vice-president is responsible for the increase in membership, the Youth Auxiliary chairman is responsible for the young people's organizations, the Study Course chairman is responsible for the mission study classes, the Program-Prayer chairman is responsible for the seasons of prayer, the Personal Service chairman is responsible for directing benevolence activities.

The Recording Secretary is responsible for the fees and reports to officers, the Corresponding Secretary is responsible for subscriptions to denominational periodicals, the Treasurer is responsible for the gifts according to the WNAC plan and the ten per cent increase in tithers. Put these officers together, each fulfilling their obligations, and you have a corps of laborers which reach out and put into practice the true principles of Christianity.

This is why we say the auxiliary gives to its members an outlet, for the impelling force which is within them to be realized in the serving of humanity. We are convinced that when each officer and member functions efficiently the auxiliary reaches into every area of the individual's life—not only bringing people to Christ but bringing them into His service. When the local auxiliaries endeavor to reach the goals of the Standard of Achievement it will have no reason to be called a "sewing circle".

In studying the *Manual of Methods* and the Standard of Achievement we sometimes get the idea that the things set forth therein are just idle words. This is not true. Read and study your auxiliary materials not as idle words to be conceived with one's mind, but as words to be realized in the life of the auxiliary. Without the realization of the standards, the auxiliary is not really alive.

Every member of the auxiliary has a knowledge of the standards of their organization. The knowledge of these standards are in one of two realms. The realm of conception, which is a world of thought, or the realm of realization, which is a world of reality.

Get the members of your local auxiliary to rise above the realm of conception into the realm where the achievements become real and you have an organization which can meet every need of the community which it serves.

## Women at Work

Hope the women like the redesigned Women's Auxiliary page and this treatment of the news. Each month the page will feature both an article and news . . . *Antioch district convention met May 7 at Welcome Home church, Hector, Ark. Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Searcy, brought the morning message. Mrs. O. T. Dixon, retiring president, installed new officers who are: Mrs. J. D. Coffman, president; Mrs. Roy McQuin, vice-president; Mrs. Ted Henry, secretary; Mrs. Joe Dan Cook, assistant; Mrs. Frank Duvall, treasurer; Miss Clytie Coffman, program chairman, and Mrs. Haney Buchanan, personal service chairman. Next session at Hector church August 6 . . . Central Avenue auxiliary in Oklahoma City gave \$20 offering honoring Miss Laura Belle Barnard following pre-Easter week of prayer. Enlistment tea in March added one new member.*

*Women at Hobbs, N. Mex., just completed study course on prayer, using book by R. A. Torrey, "How to Pray." Study was under direction of Mrs. Lillie Harless, study course chairman . . . A new YPA reported at Kirksville, Mo., with seventeen charter members. Shirley Houston is president, and Mrs. Lester Jones is sponsor. Four meeting nights a month will be spent in Bible study, practical work, program book study, and study course. . . . Special speakers for pre-Easter week of prayer at Kerman, Calif., included Rev. Lee Ramsey, Rev. Elvis Priest, Rev. Doice McAlister, Mrs. Royce Stevens and Mrs. Jim Stiggins. Mrs. Delmer Sharp is new president of the auxiliary.*

Alabama state convention meets June 9 at Dothan. Opens at 9:30 a.m., with declamation contest scheduled for 7:15 p.m. . . . *East Texas convention met March 12 at Mt. Union church, Garrison. Rev. L. K. Brashier, host pastor, brought the morning message. Mrs. Junior Lunsford is convention president . . . Two youth groups have been organized at the Hazel Creek church in Northeast Missouri. The "Sheila Marie Hanna" GTA was organized with seven members. Jerry Filkins is president and Martha Letterman, sponsor. The "Willing Workers" YPA has eight members with Wanda Burgin as president and Maizie Sevits, sponsor.*

*Woman's Auxiliary week will be held at the Florida camp (Cottondale) June 19-24. Courses will be taught in Manual of Methods, Evangelism, Missions, Stewardship and Music. A day nursery will be provided for mothers with children, according to Mrs. Ernest Owen . . . Texas state convention meets at Bryan June 14. A full program begins at 10 a.m., with adjournment set for 2:45 p.m. Mrs. Huey Gower is president. Rev. A. F. Halbrook will preach convention sermon.*

Mr. Critcher is a student at the Free Will Baptist Bible College and was enrolled in the class, "The Church and Its Auxiliaries."

# GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

ROGER REEDS, *News Editor*

## **Texas State Minister's Conference Is Reorganized**

FT. WORTH, Texas.—The Texas State conference of Free Will Baptist ministers was reorganized by a group of ministers meeting at the Trinity church in Ft. Worth. Rev. R. E. Conner of Buffalo Springs was chosen moderator, Rev. Charles Sapp of Bryan, assistant moderator, and Rev. H. Ray Berry of Huntsville, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be at the Pine Prairie church, Huntsville, the first Thursday night and Friday in May, 1956.

## **New Program Launched In N.E. Missouri Association**

KIRKSVILLE, Mo.—Replacing the fifth Sunday meeting the North-East Missouri association has organized a quarterly meeting and league convention. The first of these meetings took place on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 28, at the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist church. The regular meeting of the district Woman's Auxiliary convention met on Sunday, May 29, at the same church.

The Kirksville church will be host to the district Sunday school convention on June 12 with Rev. Leroy Forlines of the Bible College as the featured speaker, and to a missionary conference of the Northeast Missouri association July 8-10. Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, returned missionaries from India, will be the speakers.

## **Ardmore Church Calls New Pastor**

ARDMORE, Okla.—Rev. Russell Allen has been elected as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church of Ardmore. He follows Rev. Carl Walters who recently resigned.

## **Kerman Church Is Host To District League Rally**

KERMAN, Calif.—Leaguers from the Orange Cove, Selma, Sanger, and Kerman churches were represented at the Center Association league rally held at the Kerman church April 17th. Rev. Clark Casteel, was the morning speaker.

## **Church Reorganized Near Vernon, Florida**

VERNON, Fla.—Led by Rev. Chester A. Huckaby the church at Vernon, Florida has been reorganized with twenty members. The church, which had not been active as a Free Will Baptist church for the past few years, called Rev. Bill George of Bonifay as pastor.

## **Scriptures Distributed To the Blind**

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Marking its 120th year in work for the blind the American Bible Society issued 55,076 volumes of Scriptures in 21 languages during 1954. New publications during 1954 included Braille editions of portions of the Bible in Portuguese, German, Armenian, Korean, and the new colloquial Japanese. In the United States, a large measure of the society's work is directed to supplying the needs of blinded veterans of recent wars. The overall total of scriptures distributed by the society during 1954 is 15,391,171. The society is celebrating its 139th anniversary.

## **Combined Meetings Held With Plymouth Church**

PLYMOUTH, N. C.—The Albemarle union meeting, league union, and Sunday school convention met at the Plymouth church on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29. The theme of the conferences was "Missions." Rev. Walter Reynolds is moderator of the union meeting, Mr. Milton Herrin is president of the league union, and Rev. L. E. Ambrose is president of the Sunday school convention.

## **State Sunday School Convention to Meet June 11**

BUTLER, Ga.—The Georgia state Sunday school convention is to be held Saturday, June 11, at Turners Chapel church near Butler. Interesting programs will be presented by churches representing each association and Rev. L. H. Moulton of Savannah will bring the morning message. All Sunday schools and district conventions in Georgia are urged to send delegates to this meeting.

## **Growth at Blythe Church Causes Building Program**

BLYTHE, Calif.—A 24-foot extension is being added to the present auditorium and plans are being completed for building Sunday School rooms and a kitchen at the Blythe church. The church, which has a membership of 32, averaged 62 in Sunday School during April. Rev. Lonnie L. Rolen is pastor.

## **District League Rally Meets At Christian Home Church**

ROGERS, Ark.—On March 27 the League Rally of the Old Mt. Zion Association met with the Christian Home church with the president, John Paul Ar-

cher of the Mt. Zion church, presiding. Plays, songs, and recitations were presented by the Mt. Zion, Phillips Chapel, Huntsville, Pilgrim Rest, Rogers, and Christian Home churches. The next meeting will be held at the Rogers church on June 26th.

## **Cofer's Chapel Presents Bible College with \$1000**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Dr. L. C. Johnson spoke at the morning service at Cofer's Chapel, May 15th, and then received a check for \$1000 to be used as a student loan fund at the Bible College. The check represented gifts that had been given on "Bible College Day", which had been sponsored by the church on a previous Sunday, and additional gifts voted out of the church and Sunday School treasuries. The check was presented by Rev. J. L. Welch, pastor, and Mr. Webb Cofer. The money will be available for students to make application for loans.

## **Leagues Buy Movie Projector and Amplifier**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—The Leagues of the Central Avenue church have recently purchased a movie projector and an amplifier to play chimes before the services. Rev. Jack Dodson is pastor.

## **New Church Grows To 47 Active Members**

PARAMOUNT, Calif.—The new church at Paramount has outgrown their old building and they are now holding their mid-week and Sunday services in the American Legion Hall on the corner of Georgia and Madison Sts. The active membership has grown to 47 members and a Woman's Auxiliary has been organized. Rev. Bill Hood is pastor.

## **Sunday School Association Announces Conventions**

CHICAGO, Ill.—This summer and fall the National Sunday School Association will sponsor four conventions across the nation. There will be twin conventions in October and summer conferences in August and September. This will provide opportunity for thousands more people to attend. The twin conventions will be held on the two coasts. Spokane, Washington, will be host to the National Sunday School Association, October 5-6-7 and Providence, Rhode Island, October 26-27-28. The first of the two summer camps is to be held August 3-7 at Maranatha Bible Camp

grounds near North Platte, Nebraska, and the second camp will be the third annual Labor-Day week-end conference to be held at Taylor University at Upland, Indiana.

### Cumberland Association Plans Youth Camp

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Bethany Hills camp-site has been leased for the second youth encampment ever to be held in this area by Free Will Baptists. The camp is located about 20 miles west of Nashville on highway 70. The dates of the camp are July 4-9 and is open for all boys and girls ages 9-18. For the information folder write to Rev. Roger C. Reeds, Route 1, Ashland City, Tenn.

### Alabama Convention Scheduled at Dothan

DOTHAN, Ala.—The Alabama League and Sunday school convention will meet June 10-11 at the First church in Dothan. Theme for the combined meeting is "Sowing Seed for the Master." Convention speakers are Rev. Roy O'Donnell, Eufaula; Rev. W. B. Hughes, Chipley, Fla., and Rev. William Mishler, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Charles Hollingshead is president.

### Wolverine Association Meets at Hazel Park

HAZEL PARK, Mich.—The annual meeting of the Wolverine association was held here June 2-3 at the First Free Will Baptist church. Rev. John H. West, Tulsa pastor and chairman of the national Sunday School Board, was guest speaker.

### Missouri Church Honors New Members

MYRTLE, Mo.—A social honoring members received into the church during the past twelve months was held recently by the Mill Creek church. The church has inaugurated a new prayer service program. The Wednesday evening services during the month are conducted once by the Woman's Auxiliary, once by the youth auxiliary, once by the men, and once by a volunteer or appointed leader. Rev. George W. Scott is pastor.

### Elizabethton Church Plans New Addition

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—An expansion program at the First church here is in the fund-raising stage, according to Rev. Harvey E. Hill, pastor. The building fund committee has made plans to raise

the amount necessary for the erection of an educational building. The congregation hopes to begin construction by September.

### Two Ministers on Road to Recovery

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Reverends J. B. Bloss and E. C. Morris are both recovering from recent illnesses they have suffered. Mr. Bloss is pastor of Loyal Chapel church, Columbia, Tenn., and chairman of the Home Mission Board. Mr. Morris is promotional for the Georgia state association. Mr. Bloss writes, "My heart is full of gratitude toward the many friends who remembered to pray for me. I also want to express my appreciation for the cards, flowers, and gifts."

Mr. Morris says, "I would like for all to know how much we did appreciate the cards, comforting words and assurances of prayers. We received over three hundred expressions of interest from several states and it is impossible for me to write each one personally."

## Revival Campaigns

Church	Evangelist	Pastor	Dates	Dec.	Add.
Lamesa, Texas	L. C. Pinson	J. H. Olds	5/1-7	10	
Raleigh, N. C.	C. F. Bowen	Herman Hersey	4/27-5/6	46	12
Southside church, Darlington, S. C.	Clarence Lambert	Clarence Lambert	4/10-20	17	20
First church, Okmulgee, Okla.	George McLain	A. A. Coursey	5/1-		
Denison, Texas	Delbert Akin	A. F. Ferguson	4/11-21	3	
Philadelphia church, Detroit, Mich.	J. E. Floyd, Sr.	Johnnie Floyd	4/10-24	27	15
Harris Memorial church, Greenville, Tenn.	Bob Hill	George Dunbar	4/4-8	26	
Savannah, Ga.	Ralph Lightsey	L. H. Moulton	5/22-29		
Modesto, Calif.	Wade Jernigan	O. H. Doss	5/2-		
Goshen church, Belmont, N. C.	H. A. Pitts	Ralph Staten	5/23-31		
Russellville, Ark.	Dale Munkus	O. T. Dixon	5/23-29		
Washington, N. C.	Roy Rikard	Charles Keith	5/1-8	9	15
Mt. Union church, Garrison, Texas	L. K. Brashier	L. K. Brashier	4/17-24		
Shady Grove church, Dunn, N. C.	C. F. Bowen	L. R. Ennis	6/5-12		
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon, Ill.	W. S. Mooneyham	George Waggoner	4/24-5/1	2	
Highland Park church, Detroit, Mich.	Bobby Jackson	Charles A. Thigpen	6/3-		
Farmville, N. C. (city-wide revival)	Gospel Couriers evangelistic team		6/1-10		
First church, Elizabethton, Tenn.	Roger Reeds	Harvey E. Hill	6/6		

## Denominational Calendar for 1955

### JUNE

Sunday School Emphasis  
West Virginia state convention meets June 10-11 at Gordon church, six miles east of East Rainelle on U. S. Highway 60.  
California state convention meets June 15-17 at Arvin.  
Kentucky state convention meets June 17-18 at Prestonsburg.

### JULY

Annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists meets July 12-14 at Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention meets July 11-12 at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

### AUGUST

Summer Camp Month with youth emphasis  
Free Will Baptist writer's conference meets August 1-4 at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C.  
Missouri state convention meets August 22-26 at Fellowship church, Flat River

### SEPTEMBER

Christian Education Emphasis

### OCTOBER

Superannuation Month  
NAE Week—October 16-23  
Oklahoma state convention meets October 18-20 at Central Avenue church, Oklahoma City

### NOVEMBER

State Missions Month climaxed with special Thanksgiving offering.  
Texas state convention meets November 1-3 at First church, Houston  
Alabama state convention meets November 11-12  
Georgia state convention meets November 15-17 at New Salem church, near Colquitt  
South Carolina state convention meets November 17-18 at Chester

### DECEMBER

National Home Missions Month climaxed with special Christmas offering.  
Universal Bible Sunday on December 11.

We rejoice that the "Every Church Family" Plan for subscribing to **Contact** seems to be catching on. Two other churches, each a "first" for that particular state, have begun using it this month. One of these is the Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, where Rev. George W. Waggoner is pastor. The other church is at Blythe, California, with Rev. Lonnie Rolan as pastor.

Instead of wanting the papers sent directly to the mail box of each member, the Blythe church preferred to have a bundle of papers sent to the church where they would be distributed. We were happy to do this, although it is as easy for us to send them directly to the homes of the members. Perhaps some other church or Sunday school extension department would like to have a bundle coming every month for visitors, prospects or shut-ins.

We are sure that many other churches will start using the plan when they come to realize that the church paper is as important a piece of literature as the Sunday school or League quarterly. The church paper does something for the member that no other piece of literature can do—it informs and inspires him with sermons, articles and news about his denomination and its people. No member can possibly develop to his fullest without this.

The church paper going into every single home connected with the church for a whole year would cost the average size congregation about \$5 a month! For smaller churches the cost would be even less. The Airport church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is about a year-and-a-half old, sends **Contact** to its twenty-four families for \$2 a month! At this low price, no church can afford not to provide the church paper for its members.

We'll be delighted to send further information upon request.

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This special convention issue is just a sample of what we could do every month if we could raise our circulation to 10,000. In fact, we could increase the number of pages even beyond this issue and use attractive color every month.

How to do it? We are convinced that the best way is for the churches to adopt

the "Every Church Family" Plan. This way we could increase the circulation at the rate of 50 or 60 for each church instead of one or two. It is such a slow, difficult process when we add only five or ten subscribers a day.

Then, too, for each new subscriber added, we lose one who forgets or neglects to renew. Our files contain the names of between two and three thousand subscribers who have let their subscriptions lapse. At the subscription price of \$1 a year it is easy to see that we cannot spend one-fourth of that constantly reminding people that their subscription has expired. Under the "Every Church Family" Plan, the list of members the church sends us have perpetual subscriptions until they die, change membership, or the church cancels the subscription.

We have on our present subscription list about 3,500 names. We are sending this special issue to the two or three thousand people who have allowed their subscriptions to lapse in the hopes that many of them will renew. This would give us a circulation of about 5,000. If one hundred churches with an average of fifty families per church would adopt the "Every Church Family" Plan this month, we could start the new associational year with a twenty-four or thirty-six page magazine in two-color every month.

We would like to do it badly. Will you help us?

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One year ago Rev. Ben Barrus joined the **Contact** staff as news editor. Along with his duties as pastor at East Nashville church and a graduate student at Vanderbilt University, Mr. Barrus faithfully edited the "Glancing Around the States" feature every month. Because of personal reasons he has asked to be relieved of this responsibility. With a word of warm thanks to Mr. Barrus for his faithful service, we are happy to announce that Rev. Roger Reeds will succeed him as news editor.

Mr. Reeds graduated this year from the Free Will Baptist Bible College and is pastor at Bethlehem church, near Ashland City, Tenn. We welcome him to the **Contact** staff and are sure that you will continue to supply the news that has made "Glancing Around the States" the most popular feature of the entire paper.

## In Memoriam



REV. JOHN H. WOLFE

One of the last links with the great history of Free Will Baptists of more than half-a-century ago was broken when Rev. John H. Wolfe died recently. The picture shown above was one of the last ever taken of the pioneer Free Will Baptist minister, who lived alone on a farm near Pawnee City, Nebraska. It was taken in November, 1953, by Rev. Damon C. Dodd who visited with him and wrote a story of his life for **CONTACT**.

Before his death, Brother Wolfe had the joy of seeing the work began of restoring the Free Will Baptist name in the north and northwest. In fact, the Home Mission Board had sent a team to activate the Elm Island church in Nebraska where Brother Wolfe held his membership.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church for 78 years, spending fifty-five of those years as a minister. He was a graduate of Hillsdale College and Theological Seminary, Hillsdale, Mich. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree there in 1897. After the merger with the Northern Baptist in 1910, to which Brother Wolfe helped lead the opposition, he was active in forming the Cooperative General Association of Free Will Baptists in the west in 1916. He served as its first moderator.

During these years he also served as president of the Free Will Baptist College at Tecumseh, Okla. He was ninety-two last January and Mr. Dodd said he was "mentally alert and spiritually a giant." With Brother Wolfe passes an era, and we pause these few moments to pay tribute to him and his faithfulness to the cause he loved.



JOHN H. WEST

## Tulsa Pastors Handling Pre-Convention Plans

Under the leadership of Rev. John H. West, pastor of Tulsa's First church and general chairman of the arrangements committee, the Free Will Baptist ministerial association in Tulsa has virtually completed arrangements for the meeting of the convention next month.

Various committees have been working since the first of the year getting things in readiness for the expected twelve to fifteen hundred delegates, ministers, and visitors. Said Mr. West: "We have left no stone unturned to provide the finest that western hospitality demands."

Local pastors have been placed in charge of different phases of the preparation. Rev. E. M. Kennedy, pastor of Lewis Avenue church, is publicity chairman; Rev. Dale Munkus, pastor of Airport church, is transportation chairman; Rev. Melvin Bingham, Trinity Temple pastor, is in charge of housing; Rev. L. A. Yandell, New Home pastor, will supervise registration, and Rev. H. E. Staires, Lawnwood pastor, is chairman of the finance committee. Other pastors in the Tulsa area are assisting these men.

"The Will Rogers auditorium, where the convention sessions will be held, is a historic memorial to a great man that no one state can demand claims on, for he was a friend to all mankind," Mr. Kennedy writes. "There are eight Free Will Baptist churches in Tulsa and any of them will be glad to have visitors worship with them Sunday, July 10. Any church can be located through the telephone book. The auditorium is located north of U. S. highway 66 at Pittsburg and Fifth streets."

See list of housing accommodations on page 24.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



Officers who will be directing the convention this year are (left to right) Rev. George W. Waggoner, Okaville, Ill., clerk; Rev. Walter Carter, Rockingham, N. C., assistant moderator; Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Detroit, Mich., moderator; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary, and Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, Glennville, Ga., assistant clerk.

The business sessions are always an important part of any convention, and Tulsa will be no exception. The Executive Committee of the General Board has deemed it necessary to extend the convention time another half-day in order to allow plenty of time for the important items of business which will be voted on by delegates.

Several major proposals will come before the delegates. One will be a list of recommendations regarding putting the Cooperative Plan of Support into operation. The plan was adopted last year to become effective this July 1, but the details of operation had not been worked out. The proposals of the Executive Com-

mittee regarding the operation will be studied by the General Board who will in turn make recommendations to the body.

Another important report will come from the Polity Committee which has been studying matters of practice and policy and will make a partial report at this session. The Planning Commission, which has been looking at the denominational needs, objectives, and potential will also report.

All of the business sessions will be seasoned with pre-service prayer meetings conducted in a designated prayer room for all who will attend. Pastors from various parts of the country will conduct these special prayer meetings.

## Last Call for Bumper Strips!

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
TULSA, OKLA. JULY 11-13, 1955

Better order enough of these popular bumper strips so you'll have two fresh ones on your car at Tulsa. A lot of people who cannot go to the convention are using them, also. They are printed in black, white and arc yellow Day-Glo (shines brilliantly in the daylight) on durable Kleenstik for fast and firm sticking to car bumpers. Only 2 for 25c or 10 for \$1.00.

### FREE WILL BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS

3801 Richland Ave.

Nashville 5, Tenn.

## Hotels and Motels

Below is a list of housing accommodations compiled by the local committee. There are many places, of course, that are not listed here. Reservations should be sent directly to the addresses given.

**ANCHOR COURTS:** 20 units, 26 beds—24 double, 2 single. Some family space. From \$3 to \$6. Six blocks from auditorium.

**CRESTWOOD COURTS:** 7 units. Two of these units have double beds, \$3.50 to \$6. Approximately one mile from auditorium, 5305 East Admiral Place.

**T-TOWN MOTEL:** 10 units. Two units with 2 double beds, \$5.50 to \$9. 6143 East Admiral Place.

**ADMIRAL COURTS:** 8 units. Two units with 2 double beds, \$4 to \$7. 6319 East Admiral Place.

**ABC MOTEL:** 15 units. \$4 for two. 6425 E. Admiral Place.

**HI-LO COURTS:** 28 units. Phone in each room. \$6 for two. 6800 E. Admiral Place.

**TULSA AUTO COURT:** 21 units from \$5 for two to \$8 for families. 8885 E. Admiral Place.

**CIRCLE COURT:** 10 units from \$3.50 to \$5. 9037 East Admiral Place.

**BILL'S MOTEL:** 10 units with some double. \$3.50 to \$5. 9109 E. Admiral Place.

**WESTERN VILLAGE:** 60 units from \$7 to \$50. P. O. Box 8267.

**DOWNTOWN MOTEL:** 70 units from one to three beds. Single, \$5.50; double, \$6. Twin beds, two people, \$8; four people, \$10. Three beds, \$10. Air conditioned. 2719 E. 11th St.

**WHITT'S MOTEL:** 38 units. Upstairs, \$4; single, \$5 and \$6. \$7 takes care of three. Two double beds, \$8 up. 5318 E. 11th St.

**COOKS COURT:** 38 units. Single, \$2 to \$4.50 two or more beds, \$2.50 to \$7.50. Some air conditioning. 5900 E. 11th St.

**SHERIDAN HILLS MOTEL:** 26 units. One person, \$5.50; two people, \$7. Two beds for two people, \$8; three people, \$9; four people, \$10. Two suites with three beds each, \$14. 6302 E. 11th St.

**RANCH-O-TEL:** 21 units. Three large units, sleeps five people, \$12. One large unit sleeps seven people, \$16. Twin beds, \$7; double beds, \$8. 7930 E. 11th St.

**MANOR MOTEL:** 13 units. Two large suites, sleeps four, \$10. One large unit sleeps five, \$12. Two with twin beds and six units with double beds, \$5.50 to \$7. Some rooms with air conditioning and television, \$7. 8111 E. 11th St.

**WILL ROGERS MOTOR COURT:** 36 units. Single, \$5.50; double, \$6 to \$7. Four people, \$8 to \$8.50, \$9 to \$10. Some rooms have three full-sized beds, \$11 to \$12. 5827 E. 11th St.

**TULSA MOTEL:** 73 units. Single, \$5.50; double, \$6; four people, \$8; six people, \$12. Telephones and air conditioned. 5712 E. 11th St.

**GROTTO COURTS:** 30 units. Two people, \$6; for family, \$7 to \$8. 5507 E. 11th St.

### Tulsa's Better Hotels

#### AAA Official Hotels:

Bliss Hotel	250 rooms	123 South Boston
Hotel Tulsa	400 rooms	125 East Third

#### Other Hotels:

Adams Hotel	200 rooms	403 S. Cheyenne
Alvin Hotel	200 rooms	627 S. Main
Mayo Hotel	600 rooms	115 West Fifth

## Pray for Tulsa

The Executive Committee has called for a special "Pray for Tulsa" prayer meeting in all Free Will Baptist churches on Wednesday night, July 6. Pastors and prayer meeting leaders are urged to make their mid-week service a convention prayer meeting, with thousands of prayers going up to the Throne of Grace for the services to be held in Tulsa the next week.

## SKY VIEW OF CONVENTION CITY



"From teepees to towers" is the way Tulsa, 1955 convention city, summarizes its history. Just sixty years old, the city was incorporated in 1896. Since then its growth has been phenomenal. The present population is over 212,000.

In every way Tulsa is ideal for the twentieth annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. There are eight Free Will Baptist churches located in the metropolitan area. These eight churches have been joined by nearly 200 others over the state in entertaining an expected twelve to fifteen hundred delegates to the convention.

Sessions of the convention will be held in Will Rogers auditorium, located conveniently between U. S. highway 66 and state highway 33 out of the congested downtown area. The auditorium provides plenty of committee rooms, exhibit space and convention facilities, and will seat 1,500. A hard surfaced parking area immediately back of the auditorium will handle a large number of cars.

Tulsa is called the "Oil Capital of the World" and lives up to the claim by listing the offices of more than 800 companies connected with the oil industry. It is a transportation hub with three major U. S. highways (64, 66, and 75) converging on the city. The new four-lane Turner Turnpike links Tulsa with Oklahoma City. It is served by five airlines and the municipal airport is one of the world's largest and most modern. Four major railroads also serve the city, and it has nationwide bus service.

Tulsans are sure you are going to like the convention city.

## TULSA'S MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

