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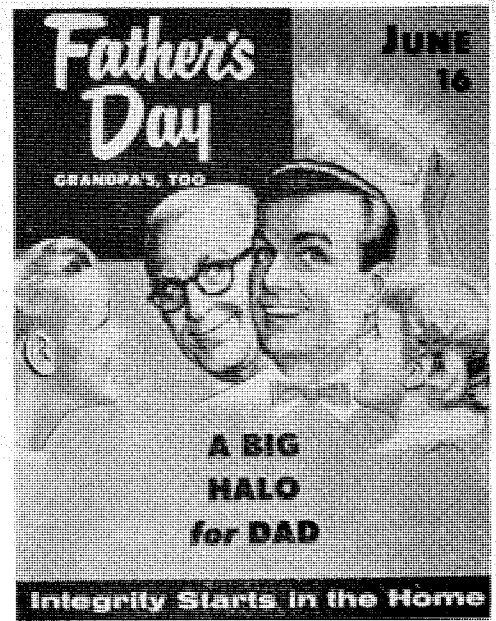
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Drinking Spawns Crime

An analysis of the FBI uniform crime reports for the United States indicates that almost 60 per cent of persons arrested in 1956 were charged with offenses related in some degree to drinking beverage alcohol.

Issuing a press statement after studying the crime reports, Clayton M. Wallace, executive director of the National Temperance League pointed out that the reports cover only about one-fourth of the population in 1,551 cities ver 2,500. He said:

"If the same ratio were applied to the total population of the United States, there would have been more than 5,000,000 arrests for drunkenness, liquor law violations and related offenses. On the basis of these figures, ten law violations could be laid at the doorstep of each liquor outlet in the United States."

The Lively Oracles

Teachers in Czechoslovakia who were "overanxious" to prove the validity of Communist scientific theories "attained the opposite result," the Bratislavia Communist Party newspaper *Prawda* disclosed.

The teachers compared materialistic principles with stories of the Bible, the news account said. They referred to certain biblical events to prove that science prevails over religion. But, complained *Prawda*, the students—especially those who had never seen a Bible at home—"began to take a lively interest in the sometimes romantic biblical tales."

Teachers have been asked to refrain from further references to the Bible, the Communist paper explained.

Missionary at 78

A 78-year-old woman from Abilene, Texas, arrived in Nigeria by plane to serve as a volunteer missionary for six months. Mrs. J. L. Anthony, a Southern Baptist, said she came to Africa because "I figure I can help win more people to Christ in Africa than anywhere else." She will assist the Rev. Milford Howell, a missionary in the Warri Province of Nigeria. Her main job will be to teach native Bible classes.

Mrs. Anthony has taught Sunday school for more than half a century. A seamstress by profession, her 9000-mile trip was financed by her local church and personal friends. Too old to go officially as a missionary, the great-grandmother undertook the African venture as a self-styled "tourist."

Seek Converts, Jews Advised

Jews should seek converts to their ancient faith, and so share the mental health which its adherents enjoy far more than any other religious group in the world. So said a prominent New York psychiatrist, Dr. Abraham N. Franzblau, at the biennial assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation, in Toronto. "In no other religion in the world," he said, "are there so many elements conducive to mental health," and to prove his point he stated that Jews have much lower delinquency rates and divorce rates than non-Jews, and few if any alcoholics.

36 Million in SS

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reports that in 1906 there were 14 million pupils enrolled in Sunday schools, which was 17 per cent of the U.S. population. In 1955, it says, there were 36 million pupils enrolled, representing 22 per cent of the population. Total Sunday school enrolment increased 147 per cent in the past 50 years.

Back from Russia

Paul Freed, president of International Evangelism, Inc., has returned from a trip into Russia and other Iron Curtain countries. In Moscow he preached in the only Protestant church in that city of six or seven million people. (There is also one Jewish

synagogue and one Roman Catholic church.) In this Protestant church people met twice on Sunday and twice each week day. Time and time again they were asked not to come to more than one service because of the overcrowded conditions. About 2,200 people—mostly old women—heard Freed speak.

'Killer' Tribe Reached

In the Philippines, the leader of the Magahat "killer" tribe, his family and twenty of his followers were baptized recently by Free Methodist missionary Walter Groesbeck.

Mr. Groesbeck first contacted the Magahats several months ago after a hazardous trip to their mountain retreat. He was received with friendliness and was able to bring about a reconciliation between the

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PARSONAGE—When Rev. Bill Turnbough accepted a call to the Bear Point church, Sesser, Ill., last October, he moved into the new parsonage shown above which had just been completed. The house, a modern three-bedroom cottage, valued at \$10,000 is practically debt-free. Mr. Turnbough is the first resident pastor of the congregation.

Free Will Baptists and Orthodoxy

In this last article, the authors here suggest several ways to keep the faith once delivered to the saints.

IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES, we have discussed various principles in connection with orthodoxy. It is now time to apply these principles to our own denomination. There are many subtle and dangerous influences and trends which make it necessary that we be alert denominationally in these days.

First of all, it should be pointed out that Free Will Baptists are, as far as we know, almost entirely free from any taints of unorthodoxy. We say *almost* since there are probably not half-a-dozen among us who are unorthodox, but that is six too many.

But there is not, at least, any outspoken unorthodox voice and Free Will Baptists as a whole are thus orthodox.

This fact is one for which we can be thankful. The world desperately needs denominations which are orthodox and aggressively evangelistic.

Now is the time for Free Will Baptists to be awake and alert. Modernism has not yet gained a foothold, but it will be too late after it does. We must begin to fight unorthodox influences even now if we are to successfully withstand these 'antichrists'. It will be too late to bar the sheepfold after the wolves have already come in. If we are alerted now before the attack, we will be able to win the battle.

There are several things we need to do if we will put up strong bars at the gate. First of all, we need to have much positive presentation of the basic truths of Christianity. There needs to be plenty of preaching from all the local pulpits of our denomination on the great truths of the inspiration of the Bible, the incarnation, virgin birth, deity, humanity, sacrificial death, and bodily resurrection of Christ, justification by faith, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Nothing will quite so well prepare us to withstand deniers of these doctrines than good, positive preaching about them and their importance.

Too many of our preachers feel that all preaching should be

exhorting. They leave little room for instructional preaching. But our people cannot withstand when they cannot understand; they need to be taught. It is our opinion that a week or two of sound, doctrinal, instructional Bible preaching will often be as valuable to the church as an evangelistic meeting. The old adage still applies: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Not only do we need positive preaching of the truths of the gospel, we also need to be instructed as to who the wolves are. Our people need to know who the unorthodox are, and what makes them unorthodox, in order that will not be led astray. This kind of preaching will need to tell what the unorthodox doctrines are, and will also need to specifically call names as to who the unorthodox are.

The people need to know what the Scriptural attitude is concerning the unorthodox. They need to know that the Bible calls such people 'antichrist' (I John 2:22) and warns us against fellowship with them (2 John 10, 11). Some are afraid, of course, to warn for fear of hurting others feelings. But if the church of Jesus Christ ever needs to warn about anything, it certainly needs to do so against "antichrist". We need not despair of hurting the feelings of antichrist. When men and groups put names on our Saviour, it is time for us to put names on them.

Even this will not be sufficient, however, for the wolf does not always come in his own apparel. Jesus said "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matt. 7:15). Paul warned: "such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:13, 14).

Thus we cannot always expect the wolf to wear his own clothing or name. Often we need to look more closely at some in sheep's clothing. For this, we must cultivate the ability to *discern*. John says: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1).

Of course, it is true that the ability of discernment is a gift of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:10); therefore, we must be in close contact with the Holy Spirit. We must also know the measuring rule itself, the Bible, for in many places it gives us grounds to discern between true and false Christianity. We who are ministers must study the Word and learn its standards so that we can be able to lead the people into right discernment.

Up to this point we have discussed various ways of putting up bars over the sheepfold to keep out wolves. It may well be, however, that some wolves have already sneaked into the fold. It is also quite possible that there may be some who will sneak in regardless of the best precautions. What shall we do about this? This is not purely a hypothetical question. It may well be that many of us will actually be faced with the problem.

The answer to this question is clearly that in the case of the wolves who have gotten or will get into the fold, we need some strong-hearted, fearless men, who will put the wolf over the fence! Some might take the attitude of Gamaliel: "If this work be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it" (Acts 5:38, 39). But this, though it sounds very pious, was not God's saying, but the saying of a man of the Jews whose conversation happens to be recorded in the Bible. The Bible does not sanction this attitude; and it was not the attitude of Paul and Peter and John. There is no room for Gamaliels when it comes to excommunicating those who are unorthodox.

Many are also fearful of causing a disturbance in the church or denomination and would therefore cringe from trying to put out the unorthodox. Now it is true that some disturbance will be caused. But it is like having a tooth extracted—it is better to have some pain for an extraction than to allow the poison to remain in the system. And the sooner the unorthodox are exposed, the easier it will be, and the less reaction will result. It is very clear that we Free Will Baptists must always be on guard against allowing the unorthodox in our ranks if we are to remain true to the basic fundamentals of Christianity.

The co-authors are on the faculty at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Mr. Picirilli is professor of Greek and Mr. Forlines is professor of Theology.

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Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel Will Host

A capacity and record attendance of 1500 is expected for the twenty-first session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists meeting July 15-18. One of the reasons why a record attendance is expected is because the convention city, Birmingham, is no more than 500 miles away from at least half of the constituency of the national association.

For the first time in its history, all of the sessions will be held in the same hotel which will serve as convention headquarters. Heretofore, delegates have had to spend a great deal of time driving back and forth from the convention auditorium to their rooms.

Convention officials have listed several advantages of having the convention in a hotel: (1) all of the meeting rooms are air-conditioned, (2) there will be more opportunity for fellowship, (3) no traffic problems, and (4) convenience for all who attend.

The Dinkler-Tutwiler, one of Birmingham's largest and finest, will be the host this year. Hotel officials are providing all of the facilities needed for the convention without cost. This includes an auditorium, convention office, meeting rooms, and exhibit space.

Because of the many advantages gained by having the convention under one roof and because of the generosity of the hotel, convention officials are urging everyone attending to make reser-

vations at the hotel. Since the hotel has been able to reserve only 300 rooms, those planning to attend are urged to write early for their reservations.

The hotel auditorium will seat 1700, including the balcony, and the attendance on Wednesday night at the missionary service is expected to be close to that figure.

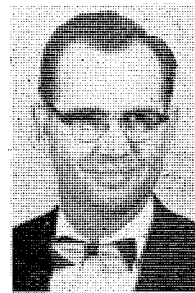
Various state committees have been working for nearly a year under the leadership of Rev. Charles Craddock, general chairman, to prepare for the sessions.

Those who are responsible for the various phases of convention planning are as follows:

Steering Committee—Charles B. Craddock, J. J. Staab, Jack Rollins, A. J. Lambert, Bobby Jones, Ray Ritch, Harold Pitts, and Mr. and Mrs. Malone Cobb.

Information—Ray Ritch, Ed Ledlow, James Pickett.

Registration—Bobby Jones, R. P. Ritch, J. L. Lavender.



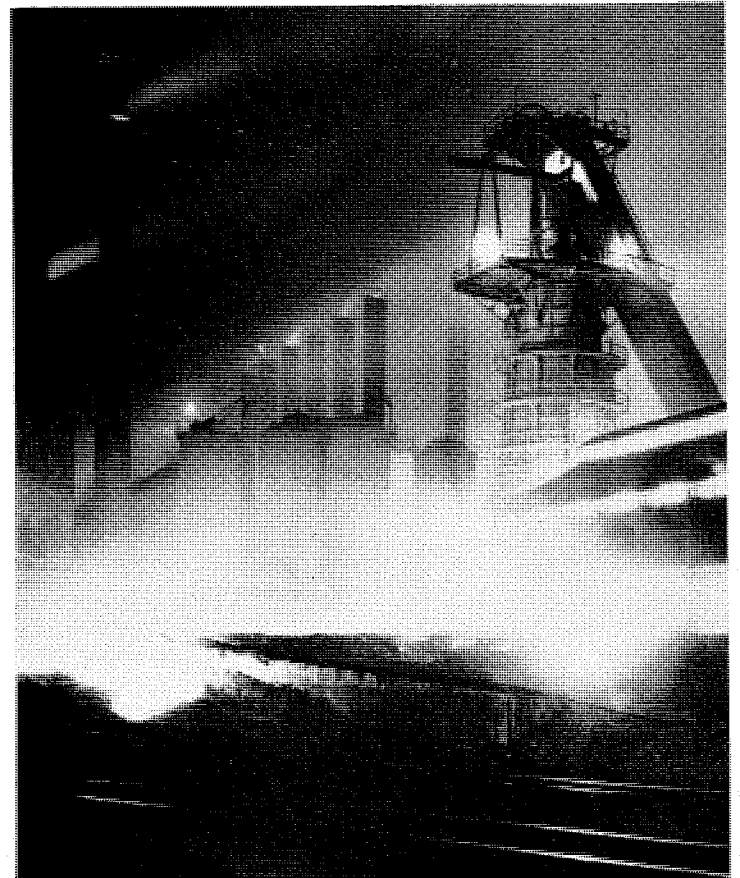
CRADDOCK

Ushering—Jack Rollins, Charles Hollingshead, Dave Franks.

All of the facilities of the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel, one of Birmingham's nicest, have been turned over for this convention.



A night view of the world's most photographed blast furnace in Birmingham. The city is an industrial center of the Southeast.



Convention

Transportation—J. J. Staab, W. H. Ryland, Eustace Riggs.

Entertainment—Mrs. Malone Cobb, Mrs. Charles Craddock, Mrs. Junior Cook, Mrs. Eustace Riggs, Mrs. A. J. Lambert, Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Mrs. Jack Rollins, Mrs. Ann Salyers.

Publicity—Malone Cobb and Charles Craddock.

Below is some general information which will be of interest to those who will be attending the convention.

A time and meeting place schedule of the various activities of the convention is given below:

Monday, July 15

Time	Event	Number	Place
10:00 a.m.	—WNAC Executive Committee	9	Topaz Room
12:00	—WNAC Executive Committee luncheon	20	Colonial Room
1:30 p.m.	—WNAC declamation contest	30-40	Colonial Room
2:00 p.m.	—Executive Committee of the National Association	9	Topaz Room
4:00 p.m.	—Registration		
7:00 p.m.	—General Board	40	Colonial Room
7:30 p.m.	—Woman's National Auxiliary Convention opens	500-700	Ballroom
9:30 p.m.	—Adjourn night session		

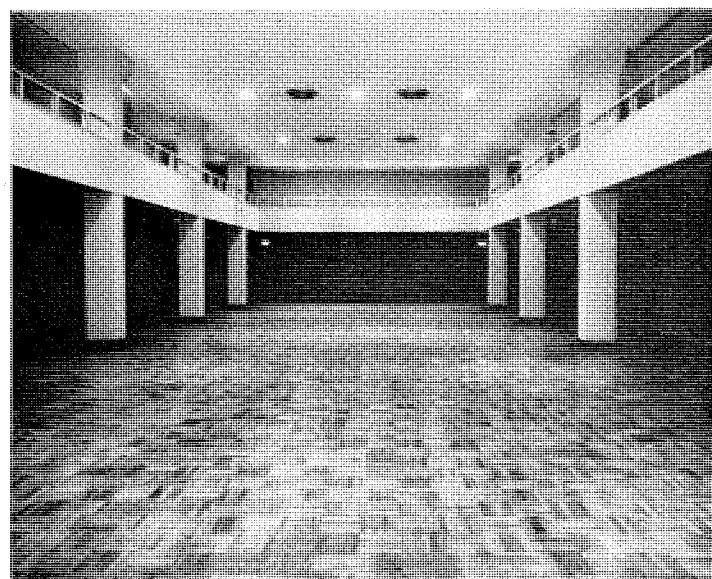
Tuesday, July 16

8:30 a.m.	—Registration to noon		
9:00 a.m.	—General Board	40	Colonial Room
9:00 a.m.	—Auxiliary Convention	750	Auditorium
12:00	—Luncheon (General Board)	40	Colonial Room
	—Luncheon (WNAC Officers)	12	Topaz Room
1:30 p.m.	—Auxiliary Convention	750	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	—General Board	40	Colonial Room
4:00 p.m.	—Begin registration for to 8:30		National Association
4:30 p.m.	—Close Auxiliary Convention		
7:30 p.m.	—National Association opens	1200-1400	Auditorium
9:30 p.m.	—Adjourn night session		
10:30 p.m.	—Prayer Meeting		Auditorium

Wednesday, July 17

8:30 a.m.	—Registration to 11:30		
9:00 a.m.	—National Association	1,000	Auditorium
12:00	—Speakers' and officers' luncheon	12	Topaz Room

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The two large adjoining rooms shown above will be opened up to provide seating space for some 1700 persons. They are located on the second floor of the hotel where other facilities are found.

1:00 p.m.	—Registration to 3 p.m.		
1:30 p.m.	—National Association	1,000	Auditorium
4:30 p.m.	—Adjourn afternoon session		
5:30 p.m.	—Dinner for officials and wives	100	
6:30 p.m.	—Registration to 8:30		
7:30 p.m.	—National Association	1,500	Auditorium
9:30 p.m.	—Adjourn night session		

Thursday, July 18

8:30 a.m.	—Registration to 11:30		
9:00 a.m.	—National Association	1,000	Auditorium
12:00	—Speakers and officers' luncheon	12	Topaz Room
1:30 p.m.	—National Association	800	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	—Close convention		

SPEAKERS ARE NAMED



BOBBY JACKSON

A missionary, two pastors, an evangelist, and a layman are scheduled to speak at the sessions of of the convention this year. Four of them will address the general body while one will speak at a special layman's breakfast sponsored by the Master's Men.

The program emphasis will be upon evangelism with the various sessions developing the general theme, "As Ye Go, Preach." The convention will be asked to inaugurate a three-year program which will designate the year 1957-58 as "The Year of Evangelism." The messages and program features are expected to set the tone for the entire denominational emphasis during the coming year.

The year of 1958-59 will be "The Year of Enlistment" and 1959-60, which will be the 25th anniversary of the national association, will be "The Year of Stewardship."

The opening night keynote at the convention this year will be "Rise Up, O Men of God! Have Done with Lesser Things" and the urgency of a program of evangelism will be pointed up in the keynote message, "Our Highest Mission," to be brought by Rev. Bobby Jackson, known throughout the denomination for his remarkable evangelistic ministry. He has been in full-time evangelism since his graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College three years ago.

Rev. Billy Melvin, pastor of First church, Richmond, Va., will speak Wednesday morning on "Jesus, the Mighty to Save,"

emphasizing the paramount importance of Jesus Christ in evangelism. The young pastor holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

The Wednesday night missionary service will feature a message by Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, wife of the director of our missionary work in Cuba. She is widely known and greatly loved throughout the denomination. A number of the home and foreign missionaries will be present for this service which will be climaxed with the commissioning of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Merkh as missionaries to Africa.

The closing message will be brought by Rev. M. L. Sutton, pastor of Trinity church, Fort Worth, Texas, who will speak Thursday morning on "Investing Lives in Evangelism." The keynote for that final worship service will be "Give of Thy Sons to Bear the Message Glorious."

At 7 o'clock Thursday morning in one of the hotel dining rooms, the Master's Men will sponsor a laymen's breakfast. Pastors and others interested in the laymen's movement will be invited to the meeting at which Dr. E. T. Burwell, Johnston City, Ill., will be the speaker. An outstanding layman and Sunday school teacher, Dr. Burwell is chairman of the board of deacons in the Free Will Baptist church at Johnston City.

Prayer is urged in behalf of each of those who will be addressing any part of the convention that each service and speaker will be especially blessed of God.



M. L. SUTTON



BILLY MELVIN



MRS. T. H. WILLEY



DR. E. T. BURWELL

VULCAN-famous symbol of a famous city

by Lowell S. Hamilton

Manager, Convention and Travel Department

Birmingham Chamber of Commerce

of the famed Italian sculptor, G. Moretti, came back to Birmingham, only to lie in disrepute in the weeds of Fair Park for years. Finally, he was re-erected in an obscure corner of the park.

Local critics and visitors alike, outspoken in disapproval of the great figure, but weak on mythological background, criticized his lack of proportion—his huge head and misshapen body. But the Vulcan of mythology was no handsome Greek god; he was exactly what you see—a squat, powerful, malformed dwarf, whose massive shoulders and arms came from long hours at the forge.

As the great depression faded and a surge of confidence swept through the land, Kiwanis Club members of the mid-30's wanted something to serve as a symbol for Birmingham. They chose Vulcan to be placed on a pedestal atop the iron-ore seams which were making the valley famous. It took a two-year campaign, but in 1937, the iron man assumed his post as watchman over the valley.

Today Vulcan looks down across the city, modern in concept, keynote in the march of progress of the new South. Visitors to his park receive a Vulcan tour map, originated by the Good Neighbor Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, which outlines a well-marked tour over the entire city. It takes four hours to follow those red Vulcan roadsign figures around Birmingham, but to the visitors who take it, this tour gives a rare sense of understanding.

From Vulcan Park, the trail leads down Red Mountain through Homewood, Birmingham's residential suburb. The Vulcan arrows next direct the tourist to *Vestavia*, unique structure on Shades Mountain, which has a story all its own. It is a replica of the Temple of the Vestal Virgins in Rome and was built as a residence by the late George M. Ward, colorful ex-mayor of Birmingham. Here servants, dressed in the garb of the ancient Romans, served

dinner to guests on reclining couches in the tradition of the old Roman capital.

Vestavia today is surrounded by well-kept gardens, and visitors in the spring are pleased with the wealth of flowers that glorifies its gravel paths. Guests may stay for lunch or dinner here at the Gardens. The view from Shades Crest is spectacular, overlooking the residential valley of Mountain Brook and Homewood, and beyond Red Mountain, the great fires of Birmingham's industrial area.

Again the trail beckons the visitor down from the heights through the vast residential section of Mountain Brook and past distinguished colonial homes on wide-spaced wooded lawns. Then on past the well-planned golf courses of the country clubs past city parks and modern schools. On the tour, the traveler passes Howard College, and later, in another section of the city, the hilltop campus of Birmingham-Southern College.

The tour further includes the Municipal Airport; the nation's most photographed pig-iron furnace the Birmingham Art Museum, with its famed Kress Collection, and Arlington, one of the very few old Southern mansions in this area. Arlington was built in 1842, when the only town in the Jones Valley area was the little village of Elyton. It survived the war years of 1861-65 and has only recently been made a shrine to the old South. Other important stops on the tour include Kiddieland Park for the children and the University of Alabama Medical Center.

And so, looking down from his lofty eminence above the valley, Vulcan sees just a little of the old, a great deal of the new. He sees a growing balance between the city's basic steel production and the diversity of new industry coming every year to Birmingham.

And on these wide streets, he sees the modern-day grandeur of this metropolis which we like to call "Youngest of the World's Great Cities."



TO WELCOME THE National Association of Free Will Baptists when the group comes to Birmingham on July 15-18 will be Vulcan, mythical god of the forge, who looks down from his lofty pinnacle, 180 feet above Red Mountain, over the prosperous valley of the Birmingham hills.

This is his city—this alert, vigorous community of enterprise. Vulcan plays many roles here in the Magic City.

He is the title of a famous newspaper column. His is part of the name of many a commercial enterprise. His hammer has been replaced with a torch which burns red for 24 hours after each traffic fatality in the city—and drivers, accustomed to seeing the torch green, involuntarily become more cautious. Vulcan is the "official greeter" of the city, and each year more than 300,000 persons wander along the paths in his park on Red Mountain. Vulcan represents the wealth of iron ore in the Birmingham hills.

Younger than the very youthful metropolis which he guards, Vulcan celebrates his 53rd birthday this year. In 1904, when this city wanted an exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair, Vulcan was planned and cast here to be sent, piece by piece, to that exposition. There, as part of the Louisiana Purchase display, he represented Alabama.

His mission completed, this masterpiece

Program of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Theme: Go Set a Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

Watchword: Go Set a Watchman

Convention Hymn: "We're Marching to Zion"

Monday, July 15

Scripture: "I have made thee a watchman . . . therefore hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me" (Ezekiel 3:17).

Thought for the day: A watchman, as we are concerned with the word, is one who is set apart by God to be responsible for the salvation of those who do not know the Lord Jesus as personal Savior. All Christians are appointed as watchmen.

Monday Morning

9:00—Executive Committee meeting - **Colonial Room** - All presidents and field workers invited

12:00—Luncheon - **Topaz Room**

Monday Afternoon

1:30 Eliminations for GTA and YPA declamation contestants - **Colonial Room**

Monday Evening

7:30—"I Have Made Thee a Watchman"—devotional by Mrs. Charles Sapp, Bryan, Texas

—Special music

—Welcome address - Mrs. Jefferson Cook, Dothan, Alabama

—Response - Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Conway, Arkansas

—Appointment of committees

8:00—"Producing the Pearls" - an illustrated story by one who became a watchman, including the winning essay, narrated by Mrs. Eunice Edwards

—Solo - Miss Jacksie Whitehurst, Portsmouth, Va.

8:30—Singspiration

8:35—"A Watchman to Africa" - slides and message by Rev. Merkh, Norfolk, Va., missionary appointee to Africa.

9:15—Benediction - "Hold High Thy Torch" - Mrs. Bessie Staires, Tulsa, Okla.

Tuesday, July 16

Scripture: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses . . ." (Acts 1:8).

Thought for the day: Before we begin any work of fulfilling our responsibility as watchman, there must first be meditation on the Word and waiting for the instructions and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday Morning

9:00—"A Watchman to Go" - devotional by Mrs. Daniel Merkh, Norfolk, Va.

—Special music

—President's message - "The Auxiliary, A Watchman!"

10:00—"Our Youth Declare What They See in Missions" - declamation contest with Mrs. Luther Sanders, Monett, Mo.

10:30—"A Watchman through Enlistment" - Mrs. J. B. Chism, Warwick, Va.

—"The Challenge of Our Youth" - Mrs. Luther Sanders, Monett, Mo.

—"Better Prepared Watchmen through Study" - Mrs. Paul Purcell, Bristow, Okla.

—"A Watchman First in Prayer and Stewardship" - Mrs. Cecil Campbell, New Bern, N. C.

—"A Watchman in Action" - Mrs. Everett Hellard, Houston, Texas

11:00—"Watchmen to Go" - testimony by Mrs. Herbert Phenicie, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

—Special music

—Message - Rev. LaVerne D. Miley, Memphis, Tenn.

12:00—Benediction

(Be sure to see the auxiliary exhibit)

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—"What I See in Cuba"—devotional by Mrs. Herbert Phenicie, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

—Special music by the Woman's Auxiliary at Free Will Baptist Bible College

1:50—Business session

3:00—"Precious Treasures" - installation service directed by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Bladenboro, N. C.

—Adjournment and benediction

Program NATIONAL

Theme

As Ye Go, Preach

Scripture

"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand"
(Matthew 10:7)

Hymn

"Jesus Saves"

Tuesday Evening, July 16

Keynote: "Rise Up, O Men of God! Have Done with Lesser Things"

Scripture: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit" (John 15:16).

7:30—"Our Spirits Rejoice in God Our Saviour"—Mr. I. L. Stanley, music director; Mrs. I. L. Stanley, pianist; Mrs. Raymond Riggs, organist

7:45—"Let Us Draw Near with a True Heart"—Scripture meditation and prayer by Rev. William Hill

8:00—The Association called into official session and introduction of the officers by Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, clerk

—The moderator's message

—The appointment of Committee on Committees

8:20—Alabama Free Will Baptists Greet You—Rev. Charles Craddock

8:25—Welcome address—Mr. J. A. Waggoner

8:35—"Heavenly Sunshine"—Time to get acquainted

—Offertory

—Special music

8:50—The Keynote Message—"Our Highest Mission"

—The Messenger—Rev. Bobby Jackson

9:30—Adjourn session

10:30—An old-fashioned prayer meeting, interspersed with testimonies and hymn-singing, will be held in the main auditorium. It will continue as the Lord directs. Be present for this time of blessing and fellowship in prayer.

Wednesday Morning, July 17

9:15—"We Offer the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

9:25—"We Ask the Lord's Blessings"—Scripture meditation and prayer by Rev. Ernest M. Kennedy

9:35—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee

—Seating of delegates

—Recognition of visiting messengers from other religious bodies

10:00—Report of General Board—Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, secretary

10:50—Intermission

11:05—The Hour of Worship

Keynote: Take the Name of Jesus Ever

Scripture: "But we preach Christ crucified . . . the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:23-24).

—"Sing of the Goodness of the Lord"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

—Special music

11:20—The Message—"Jesus, The Mighty to Save"

—The Messenger—Rev. Billy Melvin

12:00—Adjourn Session

of the 21st Session of the ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30—"The Lord is Our Strength . . . We Will Exalt Him"—
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
—Scripture meditation and prayer by Rev. Michael Pelt
- 1:45—Miscellaneous business
- 2:25—Reports of special committees
—Laymen's Committee
—Education Committee
- 2:45—Report of Commission on Chaplains
- 2:55—Report of the Executive Secretary
- 3:25—"Evangelicals Preach with a United Voice"—A report
of the National Association of Evangelicals by Dr. George
L. Ford
- 3:40—Report of Board Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible
College by Rev. James F. Miller
- 4:15—Partial report of Nominating Committee and election of
all board members
- 4:30—Adjourn session
- 5:30—Dinner given for officials and wives by Alabama Auxiliary
Convention and Entertainment Committee

Wednesday Evening

A Service of Missionary Challenge

Keynote: Called by the Holy Spirit, Sent by the Church

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

- 7:30—"Our Lips Shall Utter Praise"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and
Mrs. Riggs
—Offertory
—Testimonies by Mr. and Mrs. Melitino Martinez, pastor
of First Cuban Free Will Baptist church, Miami, Fla.,
with Miss Bessie Yeley, missionary to Mexico, as inter-
preter.
—Testimonies by Miss Volena Wilson, missionary to India;
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie, missionaries to Cuba,
and Mr. and Mrs. Benito Rodriguez, pastor of Cedars of
Lebanon church, Pinar del Rio, Cuba.
—Commissioning of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Merkh as mis-
sionaries to Africa
—Special music by Mr. Rodriguez
—Missionary message by Mrs. Thomas H. Willey
—Service of Consecration

Thursday Morning, July 18

- 7:00—Laymen's breakfast sponsored by the Master's Men with
Dr. E. T. Burwell as speaker (Tickets may be purchased
at Master's Men exhibit)
- 9:00—"Praise the Lord for His Goodness"—Mr. and Mrs. Stan-
ley and Mrs. Riggs
—"Let Us Ask in Faith"—Scripture meditation and prayer
by Rev. Jerry D. Dudley
- 9:15—Report of Stewardship Commission
- 9:25—Report of Radio-Television Board
- 9:35—Report of Board of Home Missions—Rev. Homer E.
Willis
- 9:55—"God's Word in Man's Language"—A film report of the
translation work of the American Bible Society presented
by Rev. Albert C. Johnson
- 10:25—Report of Board of Foreign Missions—Rev. Raymond R.
Riggs
- 10:30—Intermission
- 11:05—The Hour of Worship
Keynote: Give of Thy Sons to Bear the Message Glorious

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Scripture: ". . . Son, go work today in my vineyard" (Matthew
21:28).

- "Every Day Will We Bless Thee"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley
and Mrs. Riggs
—Special music
- 11:20—The Message—"Investing Lives in Evangelism"
—The Messenger—Rev. M. L. Sutton
- 12:00—Adjourn session

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—"Rejoice in the Lord"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs.
Riggs
- 1:35—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
- 1:45—Report of Sunday School Board—Rev. William J. Mishler
- 2:00—Report of Budget Committee
- 2:15—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board—Rev. Henry
Melvin
- 2:25—Report of Superannuation Board—Rev. K. V. Shutes
- 2:40—Report of Placement Committee for 1959 session
- 2:50—Report of Publications Board—Rev. J. C. Griffin
- 3:00—Miscellaneous business
—Reports of committees
—Final report of Nominating Committee and election of
officers
- 4:00—Final adjournment

Convention Officers

Moderator—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Nashville, Tenn.
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Rev. E. M. Kennedy—Oklahoma City, Okla., executive secretary of the
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Mrs. Thomas H. Willey—Pinar del Rio, Cuba, missionary.
Rev. Homer E. Willis—Nashville, Tenn., promotional secretary for the
Board of Home Missions.



MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS, *Executive Secretary*

Monett, Mo.—Deadline for essays to be entered in the 1957 contest has been extended to July 1, according to Mrs. Luther Sanders, WNAC youth chairman, in order to encourage wider participation. All essays must reach her by that date in order to qualify, however.

Mrs. Sanders also announces that eliminations in the GTA and YPA declamation contest will be held at 1:30 p.m., July 15, in the Colonial Room of the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham. This is a departure from previous years and she urges all contestants to be on time. Names of state winners should be sent to her at 206 Euclid, Monett, Mo.

Nashville, Tenn.—At press time, about \$130 more had been received for the tent fund. The total is now about \$1,100, leaving \$900 to be raised by July 1.

Louisa, Ky.—The eastern Kentucky auxiliary convention met here May 18 with five auxiliaries represented. Guests and speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Homer Willis, Rev. Raymond Riggs, and Mr. Ray Turnage.

Huntsville, Texas—Texas state auxiliary convention will meet at the Pine Prairie church June 11. Rev. Malcolm C. Fry, Lake Charles, La., will be the speaker. The convention theme is "We Would See Jesus." Mrs. C. B. Thompson is president.

Midway District, Ga.—A district workshop was held June 7 at the Oak Grove church with the emphasis on study courses. Theme was "Enlighten." Highlight of the day was a demonstration of a mission study course by the Jakin auxiliary.

Moultrie, Ga.—A stewardship study course was conducted at the Midway church with Mrs. J. B. Rice as instructor. The book, "All of Mine for Him," by Damon C. Dodd was used.

Nashville, Tenn.—All offerings and reports must reach the WNAC office by July 1 to be included in the convention report, Mrs. Eunice Edwards announced. Any reports or offerings arriving after that date will not be reported until in the final minutes in the 1958 Yearbook.

Carlsbad, N. Mex.—New officers for the New Mexico convention are Mrs. L. C. Pinson, president; Mrs. Virgil Collier, vice-president; Mrs. Norvin Palmer, treasurer; Mrs. Ola Mae Winters, recording secretary; Mrs. Addie Pierson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Bonnie Rutherford, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Owen Palmer, field secretary. Chairmen are Mrs. Irene Wood, study course; Mrs. Susie Bell, youth; Mrs. V. A. Thompson, personal service, and Mrs. Polly Aragon, stewardship-prayer. Rev. V. A. Thompson addressed the annual session recently.

Dorcas—an Example for Women

Timothy tells us the place women are to occupy in the affairs of the world and in the church when he says, "But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

Such a woman was Dorcas. Beloved by the people of her village, respected and admired by all, her "good works" still live today as a memorial to her and a challenge to every woman who professes godliness. Dorcas was a good neighbor and responded kindly to those who needed help. She took the time and trouble to tarry, and her deeds of charity are a marvel to us.

Luke says that she was "Full of good works and almsdeeds." The fulness of Dorcas' compassionate heart overflowed and filled other hearts. We cannot give out what

we do not have. We must possess before we can share.

Dorcas' victory of faith is as an anchor in a troubled sea. Her sharing was a grand and glorious thing for she rendered service in the gentle name of Jesus. She used a woman's tool—a needle—and a woman's keenness of perception. She noticed that there were children without coats to warm their poor bodies; she noticed that others needed garments; to the sick she brought a cool hand and some clean linens. Her ministry was a glorious one.

Hers was a homespun ministry of a very practical nature. Yet when she was ill, suffering, and even declared dead, those same services returned to her a thousand-fold. "Cast thy bread upon the waters."

News never traveled more swiftly than did the news of Dorcas' illness. Dorcas is sick! Dorcas is sick! The news was flashed from mouth to mouth, and as quickly the response was made. Two men were dispatched to bring Peter. Kindly women with gentle hands washed and laid their beloved Dorcas in an upper chamber to await his coming.

Yes, it pays to serve God! Even as Dorcas shared her compassion, her rewards were in like measure. "And all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them."

My dear women, I have written these things to say this: Perhaps there aren't any of us with great talents or abilities, but even as Dorcas used a lowly needle, we can do something in the service of God. Our churches are needing the services of our women. Sunday schools are begging for teachers, leagues and youth auxiliaries are pleading for someone to help train our youth, homes are falling apart for lack of family altars. Surely among all these needs there is something you can do.

Will you try? The greatest sin is the sin of failing to try. Dorcas was raised and spared to serve some more because of her faithfulness. Speaking figuratively, if it had been you or I instead of Dorcas, would there be any "garments" to show?

God has promised a reward for all we try to do in His name. "Only one life, 'twil soon be past; Only what's done for Christ will last."



LAKE CHARLES, LA.—Installation service for officers of the new auxiliary at the First church was held recently. The officers shown above are left to right, Mrs. Marvin Stine, president; Mrs. James Condra, secretary; Mrs. G. W. McInnis, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Dixon, social chairman; Mrs. Jay Cannon, personal service chairman; Mrs. B. J. Vann, vice-president, and Mrs. Malcolm Fry, pastor's wife, who installed them.

Here and There—National office reports almost \$300 in foreign mission offerings as a result of pre-Easter week of prayer . . . Eighteen were present for all-day service of prayer for missions at Pleasant Mound church, Buffalo Springs, Texas . . . Writers for 1958 Yearbook are asked to send their manuscript as soon as possible unless they have been allowed extra time.

ORTHODOXY

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Now it is quite evident that the main problem is with the ministry. If any trouble will be caused, it will come through the preachers of the denomination. Therefore, one of the best things we can do to guard against modernism is to be extremely careful in ordination. Ordination councils should all alike put great emphasis upon the orthodoxy of candidates. We must not be merely content to see if the candidate believes in those special Free Will Baptist doctrines that distinguish us from other groups, but every candidate ought to be specifically and clearly questioned concerning each one of the doctrines we have listed as basic to the faith. No candidate should be ordained who does not stand positively and clearly on each of these doctrines.

Another matter is concerned with the preparation of our ministry. It is usually during a young minister's period of training that he forms basic principles which so clearly follow him through his entire ministry. For this reason, the true ministers of Jesus Christ need to be trained in orthodox Christian schools. We therefore need to keep our own Free Will Baptist training places true to the Bible, and we need to direct our young people who are preparing for service to it, or at least to another clearly orthodox Christian school.


Let us not be guilty of encouraging them to attend places where truth is denied and their faith is thus endangered; it is too possible that their faith will be wrecked, or they will at least have to carry their guard so high as to learn nothing about real truth.

Still another item about which we must be on guard is our Free Will Baptist doctrine of local church autonomy. As long as we jealously guard the independence of the local church, any modernism that may creep in will not have an easy job of spreading, and will have to take us one by one rather than all at once. For this reason, we ought to try to keep our organization as simple and non-binding as possible; and we should be extremely careful to place true Christians in whatever offices and places of leadership we find it necessary to have.

In conclusion, we wish to point out that, after all, the greatest weapon against the encroaches of unorthodoxy in any form is an aggressive, spiritual, evangelistic fervor. The church that does this has God on its side to protect it. The church that is winning souls will be aware of what doctrines are essential to that activity and will hold them dear. If we of the Free Will Baptist denomination will maintain and enlarge our evangelistic and world-wide ministry of soul-winning, and if we will take the other precautions mentioned herein and trust in God, we can have good reason to hope to remain free from unorthodoxy.

We challenge Free Will Baptist ministers everywhere to re-examine those doctrines we have set forth as essential to true Christianity, and to be sure they realize why these are important and just how important they really are. Only in such a way can our denomination be fully aware of who and what the enemy is, in order that we can successfully withstand in this present day.

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Cooperative Receipts Top \$4,500 for Month of May

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Cooperative receipts for May climbed up to over \$4,500 after being below that figure for the past two months.

Churches are requested to send at least 10 per cent of their general offerings to the Cooperative Plan from which they will be allocated each month to the eight agencies of the national association. The goal for this year is some \$57,000 in un-designated funds.

RECEIPTS

ALABAMA		
First Church, Dothan		51.16
ARIZONA		
Antioch church, Phoenix		28.75
CALIFORNIA		
Churches of California		254.86
FLORIDA		
State Association		463.01
GEORGIA		
State Association		303.97
ILLINOIS		
Bethel church, S. Roxana	75.00	
Union church, W. Frankfort	13.00	
Blue Point church, Rinard	53.62	
Bakerville church	21.80	
Waltonville church	22.78	
Oak Grove church, Sheller	8.40	
Pleasant View church, Kell	17.20	
Webb's Prairie church, Ewing	11.98	224.08
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KENTUCKY		
Southside church, Paintsville		50.82
MISSISSIPPI		
Northeast Association		11.97
MISSOURI		
State Association		1,186.74
NEW MEXICO		
First church, Hobbs	51.70	
Mr. T. B. Gartman	5.00	
First New Mexico Association	4.40	61.10
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NORTH CAROLINA		
First church, Gastonia	23.65	
Goshen church, Belmont	81.00	
Davis church, Davis	112.63	217.28
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OHIO		
Mr. Watson Dixon, Dayton		4.00
OKLAHOMA		
State Association		612.75
TENNESSEE		
Mt. Zion church, Joelton	35.15	
Palmer Memorial church, Nashville	35.32	
West Nashville church	38.00	
Wooddale church, Knoxville	19.41	127.88
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TEXAS		
Trinity church, Ft. Worth		50.00
VIRGINIA		
Fairmount Park church, Norfolk	360.36	
First church, Richmond	511.35	871.71
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		4,520.08

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Illinois	8.20	
North Carolina	112.51	
Oklahoma	50.00	
Tennessee	86.40	257.11
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TOTAL RECEIPTS

4,777.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Department	1,506.52
Foreign Mission Board	1,279.48
Bible College	909.67
Home Mission Board	588.74
Superannuation Board	194.78
Sunday School Board	160.29
League Board	46.61
Radio-TV Board	91.00

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leader, Datu Taglion, and the Philippine government. For years the government had been trying to meet the Datu and persuade him and his people to leave the mountains and establish their home in the valley.

At the time of the baptisms the missionary spent two days with the tribespeople, playing gospel records in their language and instructing them in the Christian faith.

Big Cars Wasteful?

The Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada has passed a unique resolution. At its annual meeting in Toronto, the Board agreed to submit a statement to the automobile industry suggesting that big cars are too big and wasteful.

One official said in Europe they refer to the front grills of our cars as "the dollar grin." Another board member protested the resolution. He said if it was passed everybody in town would ask why the ministers themselves didn't drive small cars. Then it came to light that some of the ministers present preferred big, roomy cars. One man said he couldn't get his family of four teenagers in a little car. But even so, the resolution passed and the United Church of Canada is now on record: big cars are wasteful.

Indians Need Witness

After several centuries of contact with the "Christian" white man, ignorance and superstition still contrive to hold back many American Indians. The Indian's greatest need, according to L. C. Hartzler, mission editor of *Gospel Herald*, is a "consistent witness to the salvation available through faith in Jesus Christ."

"Because of the treatment he has received," Mr. Hartzler said, "it is not surprising that the American Indian looks with suspicion on Christianity and clings to his tribal worship. He has so often seen Christian standards disregarded and broken. Yet, earnest Indian Christians are ministering to their fellow tribesmen today."

Men Picket Bars

A prominent Negro minister in Philadelphia has organized members of his congregation to form picket lines to discourage patronage of the many taprooms near the church. Dr. E. Luther Cunningham, pastor of St. Paul's Baptist church, said, "The neighborhood is drowning in a sea of liquor. We have to awaken the residents to the fact that they are becoming a prey to the mushrooming taprooms." Some 20 men of his church formed the pavement picket parade, bearing such signs as: "Why spend your food and rent money on whiskey?" "Whiskey and character don't mix." "Think of your children."

The News in Pictures



DECENT LITERATURE—A Churchmen's Council for Decent Literature was formed at a conference in Washington attended by representatives of more than 20 Protestant denominations. The Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of Free Will Baptists, represented that group and was named to the continuing committee to carry the fight against obscene literature. Among those at the meeting were (left to right) Rep. John Dowdy (D-Tex.); the Rev. John Boelens of the Washington Federation of Churches; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor of Washington, Secretary of Affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals; the Rev. Ralph A. Cannon, Spartanburg, S. C., and O. K. Armstrong, Springfield, Mo., former congressman and a Baptist layman. Mr. Armstrong was named chairman of the continuing committee and Dr. Taylor, secretary-treasurer. —RNS photo.



GRAHAM IN GARDEN—Some 18,500 persons jammed Madison Square Garden to hear Evangelist Billy Graham open his New York Crusade. After his sermon some 485 persons made decisions for Christ. As the Crusade entered its third week the number of decisions had climbed to near 10,000.—RNS photo.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

College Improvement Program Shows Progress

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A \$15,000 building which was added to the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College last summer has been paid in full, according to an announcement from the president. Receipts to the improvement program up to May 1 were over \$13,000. Leading the giving was Tennessee with nearly \$3,000. North Carolina was second with over \$2,200.

A decision was to be made by the Board of Trustees at their annual meeting late in May regarding beginning construction of the first unit in the proposed program, according to Rev. James F. Miller, chairman.

Oklahoma Church Votes New Building

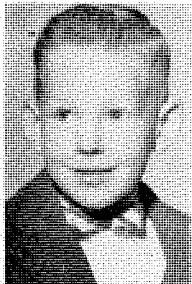
TECUMSEH, Okla.—Plans for a new sanctuary were approved recently and a campaign is underway to raise funds to begin construction, Rev. Jerry Rhoades, pastor, has announced. The present building will be converted into educational purposes. The church finished a new brick parsonage less than three years ago.

New Texas Church In Building Program

IRVING, Texas—The First Church of Irving, which was organized September 23, 1956, expects to be in their new building in about a month. The congregation, which was started with three people, now numbers 25 to 35 in Sunday school. The new building is 20 by 40. Rev. R. O. O'Dell is pastor.

Four-Year-Old Can Recite Books of Bible

MONTICELLO, Ark.—Larry Collins, who is only four years old, can recite all of the books of the Bible without a moment's hesitation. It all started a few months ago when the League at the Rose Hill church near here offered white Bibles to all the juniors and intermediates who would learn the books of the Bible. It wasn't long after that Larry was awarded his Bible. Rev. Lewis Barker is his pastor.



Davis Will Head New Mexico Association

CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—Rev. Delbert Davis, LaMesa, Texas, was named mod-

erator of the First New Mexico association at the first annual meeting last month. Other officers include Rev. L. C. Pinson, assistant moderator; Mrs. Polly Aragon, clerk; Mrs. L. C. Pinson, assistant clerk, and Owen Palmer, promotional secretary-treasurer. The quarterly meeting will be held at Albuquerque in August.

Miley Gets Fellowship For Further Study

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Rev. LaVerne D. Miley, who will be graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine next year, has received a \$400 fellowship from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to study preventive medicine and public health. The grant will finance eight weeks extra-curricular study at the University. He was nominated for the grant by Dr. O. W. Hyman, vice-president of the University and dean of the college of medicine.

Mr. Miley plans to be a medical missionary under the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Revival Held In Georgia Town

TIFTON, Ga.—A revival was held here the week of May 12-19 preparatory to the organization of a Free Will Baptist church. The meeting was sponsored by the state mission board and featured a different preacher each night. A daily radio program during the week's campaign was also sponsored by the mission board.

Oklahoma Leaguers Plan for Convention

TECUMSEH, Okla.—The Oklahoma state league convention will meet at the district campground near here June 19-21 according to Rev. Lewis A. Perry, president. Rev. Willard C. Day, Tulsa, will preach the opening sermon on Wednesday morning. The convention will continue through Friday noon.

Madison, Tenn., Church Moves into New Building

MADISON, Tenn.—The Free Will Baptist congregation here moved into the first unit of their proposed church on April 14. The first unit is an educational building which will double as a sanctuary until the next phase of the building program is completed. The church property is located at Scalf and Roosevelt. Rev. J. L. McIntosh is pastor.

Pastoral Changes

- Rev. Wilbert Everton to Hull Road church, Snow Hill, N. C., from Daniel's Chapel church.
- Rev. Tommie Day has resigned First church, Russellville, Ark., effective July 1. Future plans indefinite.
- Rev. Fred Kirby has resigned at Weleetka, Okla., No future plans announced.
- Rev. James C. Pelt to Glennville, Ga.
- Rev. G. C. Lee, Jr., to Randall Memorial church, Memphis, Tenn.
- Rev. W. A. Hales to Beaufort, N. C., from Southside church, St. Louis, Mo.
- Rev. Roger C. Reeds has resigned at Davis, N. C., Future plans indefinite.
- Rev. J. Reford Wilson has resigned Philadelphia church, Detroit, Mich. No future plans announced.
- Rev. Orbin H. Doss to Kerman, Calif., from First church, Modesto, Calif.
- Rev. F. A. McCage to First church, Modesto, Calif., from Bell Gardens, Calif.

Revival Campaigns

CHURCH	PASTOR	EVANGELIST	DATE	DEC.	ADD
First church, Tulsa, Okla.	John H. West	John H. West	4/1-7	24	19
First church, Russellville, Ark.	Tommie Day	Bill Ketchum	4/22-5/1		
New Harmony church, Russellville, Ark.	Tommy Brashear	Tommie Day	6/2-12		
Union Grove church, Atkins, Ark.	Henry Hill	Tommie Day	6/13-23		
Crusader's church, Detroit, Mich.	Thurman Pate	K. V. Shutes		22	11
Wetumka, Okla.	Lois Grace	Fred Kirby	4/15-20	3	7
Wewoka, Okla.	N. R. Smith	Fred Kirby	4/21-28	21	
Hollis Chapel, Columbus, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	M. L. Hollis	6/9-20		
Damascus church, DeKalb, Miss.	Henry Crawford	M. L. Hollis	7/7-12		
Lee's Chapel church, Waynesboro, Miss.	Truman Freeman	M. L. Hollis	7/14-19		
Pearce Chapel church, Smithville, Miss.	M. L. Hollis	L. H. Moulton	7/21-26		
Santa Fe church, Duncan, Okla.	Carl Shivers	Eual Gorman	4/22-5/1		
Lone Grove, Okla.	G. W. Hanks	Eual Gorman	5/12-22		
Madison, Tenn.	J. L. McIntosh	W. S. Mooneyham	6/17-23		

Parking Facilities Listed in Birmingham

For the convenience of those attending the convention, the transportation committee has compiled a list of garages and parking lots in Birmingham. They suggest that those attending the convention arrange to park at some of the facilities listing below since the Birmingham police department will not be able to provide free on-the-street parking.

Delegates and visitors will receive two-color stickers for their automobiles identifying them as convention attenders, but they will not take care of traffic violations.

The following facilities are suggested for parking by the transportation committee:

H.P.A. Parking Lot
2018 5th Ave. N.
(In front of hotel)
24 hours—\$1.25

Security Parking and Storage
2021 4th Ave.
(1½ blks. from Tutwiler Hotel)
(Prefer reservation which should be made as soon as possible)
24 hours—\$1.00

Tutwiler Hotel Car Park
520 N. 20th St.
(Adjoining the hotel)
Park it yourself and carry your key
24 hours—\$1.00

21st St. Parking Lot
Between 5th and 6th Aves.
(Across from hotel)
24 hours—\$1.25

Hertz Parking
2020 5th Ave. N.
(2 blocks from hotel)
24 hours—\$1.25

Quick Park
403 N. 20th St.
(Back of Tutwiler Hotel)
(Park it yourself and carry your key)
24 hours—\$1.00

Downtown Parking Lot
21st. St. at 3rd Ave. N.
Daytime parking—65 cents
24 hours— \$1.25

The Prayer Fellowship

After three years of encouraging our people to pray by means of the Prayer Fellowship, we are discontinuing this column with this issue. Our directors for these three years—C. F. Bowen, J. Reford Wilson, and George W. Waggoner—have done a great service in helping to coordinate and channel our praying. But because of the many pressing demands for the space in *Contact* and because we feel the pattern for regular Bible reading and praying has been partly established, we will use this space each month for other things.

You are urged to keep the Prayer Fellowship spirit and to use the League or Sunday school quarterlies for Scripture readings and specific requests for prayer. To guide you this month, our director lists the following:

- Daily Vacation Bible schools.
- Billy Graham and the New York Crusade.
- Our missionaries.
- Revival locally and worldwide.
- The national convention in July.

Send Your Pastor!

Your pastor needs to be at the national convention. This is the business of your church and your pastor is your representative. The church has an obligation to see that he gets there. Make arrangements either through the budget of your church or a special offering to pay the expenses of your pastor and his wife. It is an investment for which the church will be repaid many times over.

Second Honor Roll

"Every Church Family" Plan

Salem church, Missouri
Hurryville church, Farmington, Mo.
Grace church, Blount, W. Va.
Pleasant Valley church, Butler, Okla.
Martinstown church, Worthington, Mo.
First church, Sapulpa, Okla.
Trinity Temple church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
West Side church, Johnsonville, South Carolina
First church, Bryan, Texas
First church, Corning, Ark.
Central church, Tampa, Florida
Union church, West Frankfurt, Illinois
First church, Wenatchee, Washington
Jameson Memorial church, Henderson, Texas
First church, Lake Charles, La.
Bethel church, West Plains, Mo.
First church, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Buffalo Springs church, Bellevue, Texas
Woodbine church, Nashville, Tenn.
Oakland church, Bradford, Ark.
First church, Blakely, Ga.
New Home church, Tulsa, Okla.
Mt. Olive church, Laneville, Texas
First church, Searcy, Ark.
First church, Midland, Texas
First church, Chipley, Florida
Victory church, Kansas City, Mo.
Trinity church, Nashville, Tenn.
New Love Well Church, Richton, Miss.
Beacon church, Raytown, Mo.
Pretty Water church, Sapulpa, Okla.

No churches were added to the honor roll this month, so the list still stands at 31 churches. We are still pushing for 50 churches on this second honor roll.

The Family Plan is the simplest way of seeing that each member gets the denominational paper. Each month the paper goes directly to the mailbox of each member whose church uses the Family Plan and the subscription is paid for by his tithes and offerings given to the church.

We will send our new folder telling about the plan, "Contact in Every Home in Every Church," and complete forms for enrolling your families if you will write and request it.

Rules for Honor Roll

1. Send names and addresses of all families in the church. Do not send any money.
2. Your list will be checked against our circulation. Refunds on any subscriptions in effect will be credited to the church account.
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4. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued.

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Lines Book Reviews

Dear Editor:

The last issue of *Contact* was excellent. I like the new series of book reviews.

Billy A. Melvin, Pastor
Richmond, Virginia

'Strengthened Spiritually'

Dear Editor:

Our Arkansas district association has been supporting our denominational work through our state cooperative budget. This is our second year to try this plan and we would like to let people know that it has strengthened our association both spiritually and financially.

Elmer Turner, Pastor
Plainview, Arkansas

Missionary's Parents Write

Dear Editor:

We would like very much to correspond and exchange minutes with churches and associations where our daughter and her husband, Wesley and Aileen Calvery, visited and held services before they went to Japan. We hope the various clerks from these places will write us.

Austin Mullen, Clerk
White River Quarterly Conference
Batesville, Arkansas

'Nothing Left Out'

Dear Editor:

Our work is relatively new here and it was a great step in our church history when the Woman's Auxiliary and Master's Men were organized. I can never over-emphasize the importance of these two functions. In the church organization, I feel that nothing should be left out.

Malcolm Fry, Pastor
Lake Charles, Louisiana

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Let's Be Men and Christians

When the delegates and ministers meet next month at Birmingham, our opportunities will be unprecedented. They will be presented with a recommendation to approve a three-year program of evangelism, enlistment, and stewardship which we believe if approved and supported, will put new vigor and spiritual life into every local church and denominational agency.

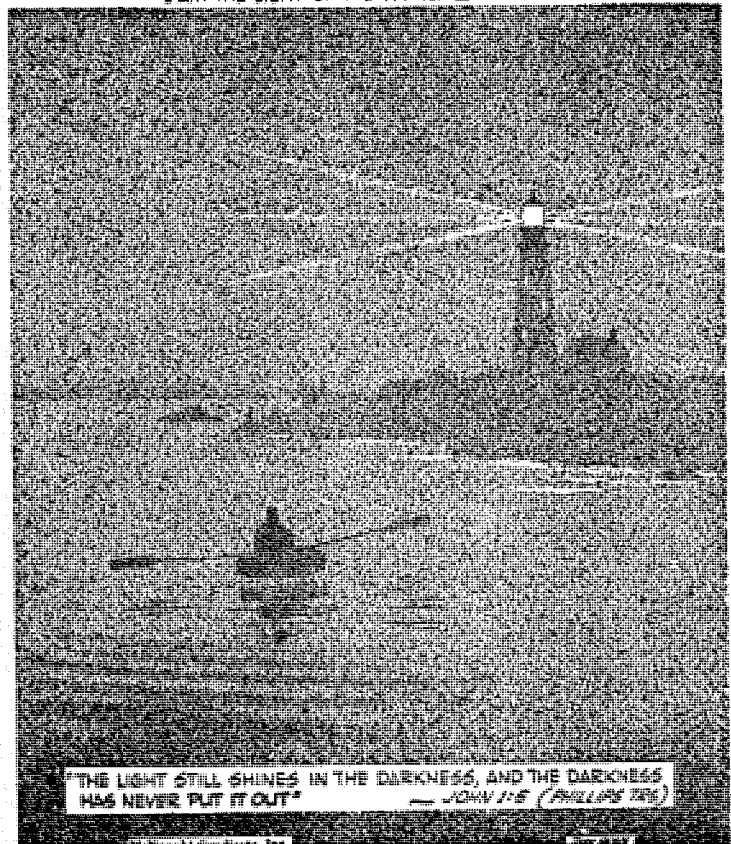
We will also have the opportunity to speak out on some of the grave national and social problems around us in a time when the leadership of the church is sought. In the spirit of Christ, we should approach some of these issues with a clear, strong voice. Not the least among these is the racial situation on which we have been officially silent. No matter what our personal opinions regarding the changing social order, no true Christian among us can condone the violence and lawlessness which accompanies it.

Another opportunity we will have at Birmingham will be to spark a moving of the Spirit of God in our midst that will be felt all the way back to the local church. But the fulfillment of these opportunities will never be realized if we dissipate our spiritual energies in bickering and internal conflict. This kind of thing will as surely short-circuit God's blessings as a limb falling across a high tension wire will detour the electric current.

As far as we can see, there are no major differences between us. If any of us are of a contrary spirit, however, we can always create issues to split the body of Christ. Let us all resolve to go to Birmingham with one mind and one accord so that no one will be responsible for sacrificing our opportunities upon the altar of personal feelings.

There are two reasons why we should do this. First we are men, not children; secondly, we are Christians and brethren. May we act like it in Birmingham.

"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" - THE CHRIST



"THE LIGHT STILL SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NEVER PUT IT OUT" - JOHN 1:9 (PHILLIPS 1958)

What's Your Problem?



GEORGE W. WAGGONER, Director

as their excuse for doing what they do the fact that we are Free Will (emphasis) Baptists and we'll do as we please.

Bellringers



Q. I read your answer to the Methodist lady in CONTACT (April) in regards to baptism. I know a Free Will Baptist (he used to be a Methodist minister) who has taken members into our Free Will Baptist church on sprinkling. What should be done about this?

A. This minister should adhere to the doctrines and practices of the Free Will Baptist church or go back to the denomination from which he came which believes in sprinkling as a proper mode of baptism. Perhaps a word to the Ordaining Council of your association bringing this to their attention is what is needed. We believe in immersion as the only mode of baptism taught in the Bible and through which members are accepted into our churches.

Q. I have not been a Free Will Baptist long but my husband is a Free Will Baptist minister, serving as moderator of our association, and a member of the Council. He is having a hard time dealing with such questions as, can a man with a living divorced wife be ordained a minister? Can we permit women to preach? Can we ordain them? Why is it the TREATISE or some other literature doesn't give the answers to these questions? My husband is strict about abiding by the rules and by-laws, but when a question is not answered in the minister's manual or the TREATISE, where do we go?

A. My dear lady, you have asked the \$64,000 question when you say where do we go for the answer. If there is any book of rules or by-laws for our denomination other than the *Treatise*, which would be accepted by all our people I do not know of it. I personally know of men with two living wives who have been ordained by their association. I certainly am not in favor of such a thing and I think it very definitely is contrary to the scripture. For instance, see Titus 1:5-9. There are some ordained women preachers in some part of the country. I do not believe the association to which I belong would ordain a woman. In your section of the country, they may. There is no set rule in our denomination. Perhaps our National Association will adopt some definite rules concerning these and other questions one of these days. Until that is done, if ever, I guess our people will continue to do one way in one section, something else in another, and will use

Q. In your TREATISE it states in Chapter 10, p. 24: "All men are required to believe in Christ; and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith." Footnoted as having reference to the latter point are John 1:7; Gal. 3:26; Acts 10:43; Rom. 5:1; John 3:16. Am I to understand from this statement that the Free Will Baptist church believes in faith only as a condition to salvation? Can one become a child of God without baptism as a condition to salvation?

A. Ephesians 2:8, 9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Free Will Baptists do believe in the necessity of baptism. The command is "Repent and be baptized . . ." However we do not believe that our salvation is contingent upon water baptism but upon the blood—the shed blood of the Son of God. Every believer should be baptized. Peter in his first epistle, chapter 3, verse 21, says that baptism is " . . . the answer of a good conscience toward God." I have known of individuals on beds of affliction or even death beds to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior through genuine repentance. Though they went into eternity without baptism, I believe they were saved and are now in the presence of the Lord.

Q. We are members of a Free Will Baptist church. We believe that we will not all receive the same rewards in heaven. Our pastor and several of the members say all rewards will be equal. Is this a Scriptural truth?

A. I do not think every person will receive the same reward. In Matt. 5:12 and Luke 6:23 Jesus says to the person who is reviled and persecuted and has all manner of evil spoken against him for Christ's sake, ". . . great is your reward in heaven." Luke 6:35 says, "But love ye your enemies, and do good and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great . . ." 1 Cor. 3:8 says ". . . every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor." Jeremiah 31:16 plainly states ". . . for thy work shall be rewarded." The parable of the steward and his servants in Luke 12:42-48 has a similar teaching. Jesus said in Mark 9:41 that even ". . . a cup of cold water given to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

Address your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, c/o CONTACT, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

● From Colombia a missionary reports that in his area there were 198 professions of faith in Christ during April. For the past year Protestant meetings have been prohibited in that area, since it is a Catholic mission territory. "Of course, our work is personal work," says the missionary, "but the Word of God is not bound and wherever there are hungry souls God will meet them."

● Faith, Hope and Charity are not dead. The three Marlboro, Mass., sisters are probably the nation's oldest living triplets. They recently celebrated their 89th birthdays. The sisters, all widows, are Mrs. Annie Faith McDonald, Mrs. Ellen Hope Daniels and Mrs. Nora Charity Murphy.

● An elderly man walked into the Canadian National Railways Office and asked a clerk the price of a railroad tie. Puzzled by the odd question, the clerk nevertheless checked around until he got the information—\$4.24. The man dug into his wallet, put down on the counter the specified amount, then said with a smile to the still-puzzled clerk: "I stole a railroad tie in 1931. It has been bothering me ever since I became a Christian. Now my conscience is clear."

● The Roman Catholic Church reports that 10,969 Negroes and 863 American Indians were converted to the Catholic faith last year. Less than one-fifth of the Negroes were won in the South with most of them coming from large cities.

● Bill Pearson, the 36-year old jockey who won \$96,000 on television shows in recent months because of his knowledge of art, told a newspaper reporter recently that "the money was all gone four months ago." Pearson spent the money on contributions to art, needy race-track friends, gambling in Las Vegas and investment in a home.

● In India, beggars at a Hindu temple at Shrirampur noticed the offerings of sugar left by the devout were disappearing. They discovered a line of ants bearing it away grain by grain. In a giant ant-hill, several pounds of sugar was stored. The industry of the ants was so inspiring, reports the *Times* of India, that "the beggars all abandoned their calling and took jobs on a nearby construction project."