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Temporary Chapel in Alaska

Rev. Lee Whaley stands in the pulpit of the temporary chapel which is the meeting place for the Free Will Baptist church in Anchorage, Alaska. Mrs. Whaley is at the piano. The growing congregation in this first church in our newest mission field is about a year old. The Whaleys are opening up other work in Alaska.

■ DOWN THROUGH THE history of the earth's creation, an oppressive nation has always been a haughty people. Disregarding God first, they soon spurn home and government principles alike. In doing so, they become haughty and high-minded, lovers of self more than lovers of God.

This is the prevalent attitude of all the classes of people in such a country. The top ranks of authority ride roughshod over the rights of the lesser ranks to attain personal prestige. This oppression would soon reach out and cover the world if the oppressors could.

Plans for world domination and power have polluted the minds of governments of such countries until they glory not in the complete submission of their own people. They neglect the well-being of their country and its people in plans and dreams of grandeur.

The hardships caused by such ambitions breed discontent and rebellion and disregard for integrity or honor in any form. There soon emerges a generation of ungodly people, every rank using to the limit the authority in his power with unfeeling callousness.

Thanksgiving Sacrifice

Mrs. John L. Bowlin

Birmingham, Alabama

In past history when such an oppressor has come into power, God has allowed it for only a season. There has always arisen a more powerful force of good to subdue the evil. The oppressors are brought into subjection, leaving them filled with resentment and hatred. Often long generations must pass before such a nation will exchange its haughtiness for humility.

On the other hand, a nation whose fundamentals and foundations are honorable has found favor with God because "He that followeth after righteousness and mercy, findeth life, righteousness and honour" (Proverbs 21:21).

That is the reason our nation has found

honor and been greatly blessed. She has prospered because her cornerstone was freedom. This was planted by our forefathers along with their corn. The harvest from both her freedom and her corn have been bountiful!

This cornerstone has upheld the growth of our mighty nation. That is why she stands today undaunted by her oppressors. That is why she is a Statue of Liberty to the world and the friendless seek her torch. That is why homesick sons dream of her welcome and why she will ever stand, if God is her honor and her people are of great humility, for Proverbs 18:12 declares, "Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility."

That is why, if we retain the blessings of God, we must offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving. In Amos 4:5, God reproved Israel and ordered them to "offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord God."

Lest our God should say, "This liketh you, O ye children of today," let us be thankful that God has accepted our offerings and has blessed our land with prosperity. May we ever abide under the shadow of the Almighty, in great and humble thanksgiving.

For freedom to worship God our forefathers fought.

This mighty cornerstone to us was brought.

On which they built a nation in an alien land,

Home and church was transplanted and progress began.

They laid the foundation 'neath fields of corn

The growth of new seedlings seen each new morn.

The fields of the nation had begun to grow,

God has blessed the efforts of both church and hoe.

As we pause and give thanks for bountiful yield

We may find exuberance is apt to conceal

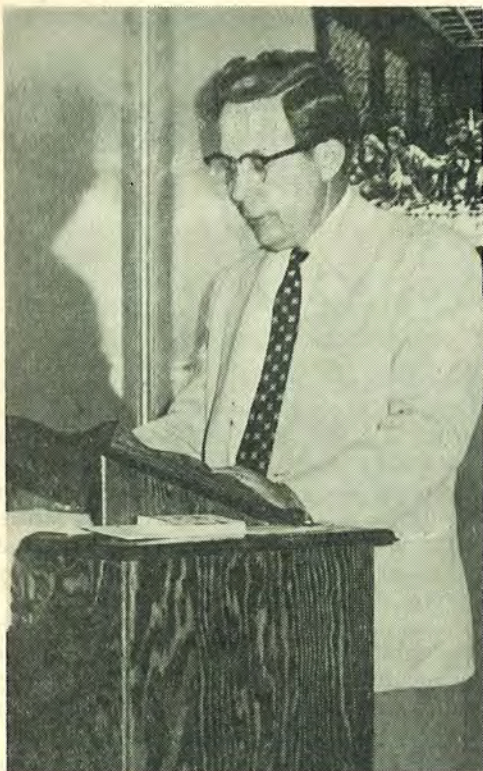
That in giving thanks for the fruit of the soil,

We yet lacketh for fruit of the soul.

PRAYER PATCHES



On the Field with Our Home Missionaries



Missionary Lee Whaley preaches to the congregation at Anchorage, Alaska, which has a Sunday school enrollment of 58.

ALASKA

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley have recently seen five decisions for Christ and three new members added to the church at Anchorage, Alaska. They now have an enrollment of 58 in Sunday school, with an average attendance of 36 for the month of September. They have recently organized a Woman's Auxiliary and Master's Men. Mr. Whaley writes, "The Anchorage church is growing and the presence of the Lord can be felt in every service. We are still looking for property to buy. Our rented chapel will seat 80 people after the room was added. I plan to visit Fairbanks and some villages in that area in October."

Recently Miss Janet Heath, who was employed at Moody Bible Institute, and who is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Cove City, North Carolina, joined the Whaleys in Anchorage, and will be working with them in Bible Clubs, Sunday school, and will be helping Mrs. Whaley with the office work.

Mr. Whaley has visited the village of Point Barrow, which is called the top of the world. We hope to get missionary workers in this Eskimo village in the future. While in this village his transportation was by dog sled. There are some 30,000 Eskimos in Alaska, most of them north of the Arctic Circle. Our work here is the northernmost mission work of the denomination anywhere in the world.

In addition to the Eskimos there are thousands of native Indians in all parts of Alaska. Numbers of these have never been reached with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now that Alaska has been admitted to the union as a state it will, no doubt, see a great growth in population. This will increase our opportunity to win the lost of our own people as they move into this "Land of the Midnight Sun", and establish Free Will Baptist churches. However, the burden of our heart is to reach the unreached *now* with the message of the blessed hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

The work in Miami among the Spanish-speaking people is moving slowly but making some gains. This work has been greatly handicapped by lack of a building to use for the services. The services have been moved from place to place and that is hard on a new work anywhere. Our greatest need on all the home mission fields is chapels for our missionaries to use for their work. It is our prayer that the Thanksgiving offering from our churches this year will enable us to secure some place of worship for the Miami Spanish church.

Brother Melitino writes, "Five new families have joined the church giving us now over thirty members. If we had a temple we could grow much faster, and soon be self-supporting. I beg of you do everything you can for the work in Miami. It must go on."

WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite continue to do a wonderful work in the North-

west. We are very thankful for this dedicated couple who have given so much for the cause of home missions in our great denomination. Their church in Wenatchee continues to grow with an enrollment of 103 in Sunday school and an average attendance last month of 60. The league enrollment is 50 with an average attendance of 30. They have 14 members in the Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Postlewaite writes, "We have built two more Sunday school rooms in the auditorium, and have purchased a new furnace which will heat the entire church. The people have paid \$800 for these improvements and the balance is only \$200. We plan to have another revival about the first of December. This is the busy season here—apple harvest—everyone is picking, packing, or drying apples it seems."

Special prayer is requested for our other work in the Northwest. This area is fast opening to Free Will Baptists and we must move in "to possess the land."

SPANISH MISSIONS—ARIZONA

Miss Bessie Yeley writes, "I am staying busy with my Sunday school classes and Bible club work, and of course my other teaching. We recently had four professions. Our Sunday school attendance at Nogales is between 35-45 each Sunday. We have had the second visit from the Phenicies, they came down to help us the second Sunday in this month. I am thrilled as I make my

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A group of students at the Nogales Academy, located on the Mexican border in Nogales, Arizona. At right on the third row is Miss Bessie Yeley, senior missionary to Spanish-speaking people. Next to her are Rev. and Mrs. John Elliston.

Honor the Lord with Thy Substance

Homer E. Willis

Home Missions Director

Hearts are warm at this season of the year, especially in this great country of ours where it seems the Lord has poured blessing after blessing upon us. The recession has passed, income is up, record harvests are reported in all sections of the nation. This is a great time to be living and we have so much for which to be thankful.

I am personally thankful for God's gift to me in the Person of His Son; for the Word of God; for the blessed Holy Spirit; for the church; for the Free Will Baptist denomination, for my friends, for the great work each department of the denomination is doing, for my family, and for our missionaries. This list could grow and grow.

Now I ask myself the question, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits?"

November is National Home Missions month as proclaimed by the National Association and will be observed as such throughout the denomination. Sunday, November 23, has been proclaimed as National Home Missions Sunday. Every church is asked to give the people an opportunity to make their Thanksgiving offering for national home missions on that day.

If November 23 cannot be observed, some other day may be used. We are expecting all records to be broken in missionary giving and that this day will be long remembered among us. The Thanksgiving week of prayer offerings will also be given for national home missionary work. The Woman's Auxiliary has been a great friend to missions and we feel their offerings this year will also be recordbreaking.

Now that the Home Mission Board has appointed workers to New England and approved Hawaii as a new field, our needs are greater than ever. We must increase our support to the fields already occupied and move on into other areas. We believe our people are behind us in this work and that at least 2,000 churches will hold a special observance during this month. We can raise the quota in every state with everyone doing that little bit extra.

Thanksgiving envelopes and other literature have been prepared for all who will write for them. The office will furnish materials for a service, including slides and films if they are available when you desire them.

Any church may feel free to designate their offerings. All money that is so desig-

nated will go to the missionary or field desired. At this time our greatest need is for support of the workers in Arizona, Miami, and New England. Of course, the general fund is used to pay these salaries when other funds are not available. The general fund is dangerously low at this time, however.

After two years of hard wear, the national tent is in immediate need of repairs. Since we have no funds for this, it is possible that some church would like to designate their offering for this purpose. The tent has been used in more than 20 revivals out of which a number of churches have been organized. Unless it is promptly repaired, it will not be of service many more times.

As we look around we see that the churches which are growing are the churches which are giving to missions. Show me the

church that is having souls saved, where harmony prevails and the needs are being met and I will show you a church with a missionary interest. Look at the church where no one is saved, where there is not enough income to meet the expenses, where there is strife and I believe you will find a lack of missionary interest and missionary giving.

God's Word says, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of thy increase; So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Proverbs 3:9-10).

We believe our people will share their blessings with those who have greater need. Give generously that the gospel may be taken to Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, the United States—yes, even to the ends of the earth.

THANKSGIVING HERITAGE





The "Ridge Meeting House" in New Durham, N. H., is located on the site of the Free Will Baptist church founded by Elder Benjamin Randall in the 18th century.

New England— Birthplace and Mission Opportunity

By Homer E. Willis

October 22 marked the 150th anniversary of the death of Elder Benjamin Randall, founder of the Free Will Baptist denomination in northern New England. Special services were held to mark the occasion at the New Durham Ridge Free Will Baptist Meeting House, New Durham, N.H., and at the cemetery nearby where he was buried.

Elder Randall was born at New Castle (Island), New Hampshire, February 4, 1749. He was converted under the powerful preaching of George Whitefield on October 15, 1770, and was baptized at Great Falls, N.H., on August 14, 1776. He preached his first sermon in March 1777 from the subject, "Free Will, Free Grace, Free Salvation." The old building is still standing where this message was delivered and it was my happy privilege this summer to stand behind the same pulpit which Elder Randall used for this sermon. The building was erected in 1750.

Elder Randall was ordained by fellow ministers at New Durham on April 5, 1780. He organized the first Free Will Baptist church in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bootey, New Durham Ridge, on June 30, 1780, with seven charter members. This house is now being restored by the owners as an historical shrine. It is known locally as the "Old Bootey House."

Elder Randall died October 22, 1808 at the age of 59. At the time of his death there were over 100 Free Will Baptist churches in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. He was personally acquainted with all of them.

In 1858, the Free Will Baptist people of New Hampshire, especially the New Dur-

ham Quarterly Meeting, erected a marble monument at Elder Randall's grave. He is buried in a small family cemetery which was part of his farm. Buried in the same cemetery are his father, his wife, and most of their eight children.

Randall was an officer in the War of Independence and served at one time with General George Washington. A plaque with this information is also on his grave.

Inscribed on the sides of the marble monument are the Articles of Faith of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Included are some of Randall's favorite sayings, such as "The Scriptures are our rule of faith and practice"; "Thank God—salvation is free and possible for all"; "The human will is free and self-determining" and "We believe

in communing with all sincere lovers of our Lord."

At the present time there are many Free Will Baptist churches in New England which are preaching the same doctrine that Randall taught. On my visit this summer I visited some of these churches and was privileged to preach in New Jersey, Connecticut, and New Hampshire.

All of New England, especially the northern part, is a real challenge to our denomination.

The following verse is inscribed on Elder Randall's monument:

"Rest here, thou servant of the living God
'Twas thy delight to preach His Holy Word;
Thousands of souls shall deck thy starry crown.
And all the glory to thy God redound."

Sunday School Department Reorganized

• A reorganization of the staff of the national Sunday school department was effected at a meeting of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, October 7-8.

The reason given for the organizational shift was that the great increase in the response to the literature necessitated the board taking these measures for the sake of both office and field efficiency.

Involved in the changes was Rev. L. Donald Hill who has been serving as editor of the new literature program. In addition to his editorial responsibilities, Mr. Hill was also named as national director of the Sunday school program. He will be in charge of the headquarters office and all business correspondence should be addressed to him.

Rev. William Mishler, who has been with the department since its beginning on a full-time basis as promotional secretary, was named to the newly-created post of public relations director. His work will not

only involve public relations regarding the new literature program, but he will also be in charge of the leadership training program and will plan and conduct training classes.

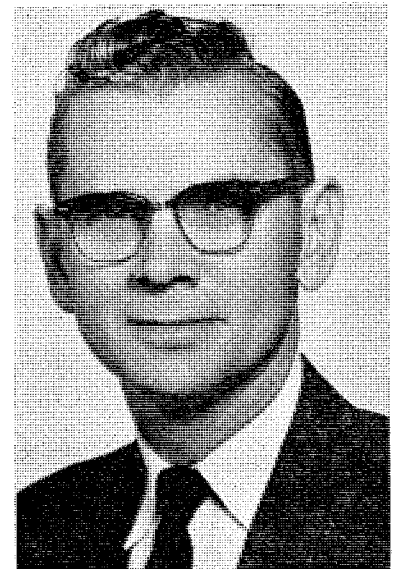
Miss Patsy Swann will continue as office secretary.

The fourth quarter of 1958, which concluded the first year of the new publishing program, saw 55,000 units of literature sold, according to Rev. John H. West, board chairman. Literature sales have shown a steady increase as new materials are being added to the supply available.

In its fall meeting, the board also named an advisory committee to work with the editor and staff in the production of materials. On this advisory committee are the national moderator and executive secretary, Rev. Charles A. Thigpen and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, and a Sunday School Board member, Rev. Louis H. Moulton.



L. DONALD HILL
National Director



WILLIAM MISHLER
Public Relations Director

Home Mission Board Has Expanding Plans

From the minutes of the last meeting of the Home Mission Board held in Nashville, Tennessee during October comes the following items which will reveal the plans for an expanded ministry for the department.

New Fields

Hawaii was officially approved as a new field of ministry and missionaries will be sent there in the near future.

New England and Canada were also approved as new fields and Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens were appointed as missionaries to that field. They will reside in Littleton, New Hampshire.

Rest Home

A rest home for retired Christian workers is planned in the near future. This may be a joint project with other departments cooperating.

Applications

Nineteen applications for home mission service were reviewed by the board. Applications were made for assignment to Hawaii, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky, Colorado, and New England.

Title Changed

The title of the promotional secretary of the department was changed to Director of Home Missions.

Home Missionaries Now on the Field

Alaska

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley—Anchorage

Mexico

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows—Monterrey

Rev. and Mrs. Juan Lopez—Monterrey

Spanish Work in U.S.A.

Miss Bessie Yeley—Arizona

Miss Molly Barker—Arizona

Rev. and Mrs. Melinito Martinez—Florida

Northwest U.S.A.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite—Washington

New England—Canada

Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens—New Hampshire

FWB Bible College Receives Accreditation

A significant milestone in the history of Free Will Baptist Bible College was reached on October 31 with the announcement that the institution had been received into full membership by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

The announcement was made at the association's annual meeting in Chicago and Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of the Bible College, was present to receive the recognition on behalf of the school.

This action is the climax to many months of diligent effort on the part of the administration and faculty. After a very careful self-evaluative study of the entire institution sometime ago, the administration decided to submit the preliminary application to the Accrediting Association. This was done during the 1957-58 school year.

The second step was to complete a "Set of Schedules" which called for detailed information on every phase of the operation of the school from its founding until the present. On the basis of this extensive information the association decided that the institution was ready to be examined by a committee of educators appointed by the association.

This committee spent two days on the campus and made a comprehensive account of their findings which was presented to the accrediting association. On the basis of this report the entire association voted to receive Free Will Baptist Bible College as a member school.

The Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges has made significant progress and

gained wide acceptance since its inception in 1947. It is recognized by the United States Office of Education, Department of Justice, Veterans Administration, other relevant federal agencies. It is a constituent member of the American Council on Education and of the Council on Cooperation in Teacher Education. It is recognized by the National Education Association, the New York State Department of Education, and numerous other bodies concerned with educational matters.

More than 30 colleges are members of the association. Among them are Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Columbia Bible College, Fort Wayne Bible College, Moody Bible Institute, Nyack Missionary College, and Providence-Barrington Bible College.

When asked what this accreditation means in practical application, Dean Charles A. Thigpen said, "It means, first of all, that the methods, staff, facilities and course of study of the accredited school have been examined in detail by the association representatives and that the school has been approved as offering Christian training of the highest caliber.

"It means that credits earned in Free Will Bible College will have the widest possible acceptance in schools of the same type in the event the student wishes to transfer or to use his study here as the foundation for more advanced work. It also enhances our institution's standing with other schools which have been accredited by other agencies."



L. C. JOHNSON
President



CHARLES A. THIGPEN
Dean

Terry Shutes Not Improved

Terry Shutes, nine-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Thomaston, Ga., who was stricken with leukemia this summer is not improved, according to word recently received.

A card from the family says, "The doc-

tors have him on the last drug which they know and it is only for a while. We know that doctors can't cure his disease, but it is not beyond the Lord.

"The prayers of our friends have built us up. This has been a most trying time."

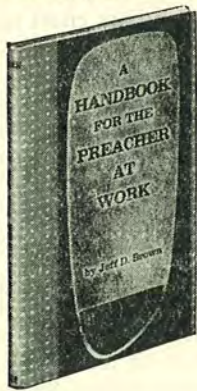
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A HANDBOOK FOR THE MINISTER AT WORK

by Jeff D. Brown

Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mission, Texas.



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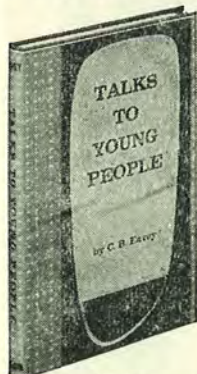
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The Collection

I understand that this is the week for the church collection, and many of you do not want to give a thing. You ungrateful people should be ashamed of yourselves. You Wittenbergers have been relieved of schools and hospitals, which have been taken over by the common chest, and now you want to know why you are asked to give four pennies. They are for the ministers, schoolteachers, and sacristans. The first, labor for your salvation, preach to you the precious treasure of the gospel, administer the sacraments, and visit you at great personal risk in the plague. The second, train children to be good magistrates, judges, and ministers. The third, care for the poor. So far the common chest has cared for these, and now that you are asked to give four miserable pennies you are up in arms. What does this mean if not that you do not want the gospel preached, the children taught, and the people helped? I am not saying this for myself. I receive nothing from you. I am the prince's beggar. But I am sorry I ever freed you from the tyrants and the papists. You ungrateful beasts, you are not worthy of the treasure of the gospel. If you don't improve, I will stop preaching rather than cast pearls before swine.—*Martin Luther*

The Preacher's Problems

The Ministers Life and Casualty Union of Minneapolis has conducted a survey to find out what troubles clergymen in the USA.

No. 1 worry for the preachers polled turns out to be the problem of handling demands on their time, especially the increasing details of administration.

Other thorny matters bothering ministers include church members' lack of interest in spiritual things, church finances, and their own inadequate salaries.

Forty-four per cent of the 1,405 preachers said they felt that their salaries were insufficient. Almost 25 per cent of the men said their churches expect too little of them in the way of counseling.

Although 65 per cent of them expressed satisfaction with their vacation time, 63 per cent felt that their duties prevented them from having much leisure time during the rest of the year.

What about *your* pastor?

No church ever gained anything by short-changing its preacher. Provide him the best salary possible. Then give him a chance to perform his ministry.

To turn the preacher into a janitor, errand boy, and jack-of-all-trades is poor business. Free his hand to preach, teach, and lead out in personal soul-winning.—*W. C. Fields in The Baptist Record*

\$1¼ Million Saved

Evangelical missionaries, ministers and full-time Christian workers have saved \$1,250,000 over the past ten years by purchasing equipment and furnishings through the New York purchasing office of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. The EFMA is the foreign missions arm of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The purchasing office buys an average of a half-million dollars worth of equipment each year—all at wholesale prices. The office can buy anything from a new car to church organs, with hundreds of smaller items such as watches and cameras included.

A free catalog is available for missionaries, pastors or full-time Christian workers which lists a few hundred of the thousands of items available at discounts ranging up to over 50 per cent of the retail price. For further information write EFMA Purchasing Office, 39 Cortlandt Street, New York 7, N. Y.

Aucas Ready?

Latest report from Auca land in Ecuador is that two missionaries have gone into the tribe. Dayuma, Mankamu and Mintaka, the three Auca women who returned to their people after accepting Christianity, came back out to Arajuno with an invitation for the missionaries to accompany them in to their homes. They said their people wanted to be friends.

Betty Elliott and Rachel Saint left with the Aucas on October 6, taking Mrs. Elliott's young daughter Valerie with them. Mrs. Elliott's husband and Miss Saint's brother were two of the five missionaries who were martyred in an attempt to take the gospel to the Auca tribe in 1956.

Catholic Commandments?

The National Association of Evangelicals has asked the Navy to revise its version of the Ten Commandments to conform to good reason and Protestant tradition. The Navy is highlighting the commandments in a colorful series of posters which will be distributed both through military and civilian channels.

The poster series omits what most Protestants have traditionally considered to be the second commandment—the commandment prohibiting graven images as a means of worship. It divides the tenth commandment, prohibiting covetousness, into two parts. Thus the ninth and tenth commandments prohibit covetousness of a neighbor's wife and of a neighbor's goods respectively. This is the listing used traditionally by the Roman Catholic Church.

"Millions . . . Now"

Under the theme, "Millions for Christ Now!," nearly 3,000 delegates registered for the 13th annual National Sunday School Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, October 8-10. Sixty-seven denominations and 41 states plus the District of Columbia, Canada, and several other foreign countries were represented.

Next year conventions will be held in San Jose, Calif.; Atlanta, Ga., and Columbus, Ohio. New officers of the convention are Rev. Bert Webb, Springfield, Mo., president; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn., vice-president; Rev. Paul W. McBeth, Elizabethtown, Pa., secretary, and Rev. J. Clair Peters, Butler, Ind. (See picture below)

Missionaries Decline

The number of Christian missionaries in India has been declining during the past two years, according to a statement presented to Parliament on Sept. 15. The report showed 5,691 for 1956, a total of 5,521 last year and 4,844 at the beginning of this year.

Of this number there were 1,821 missionaries from the United States. Italians were next highest with 643. An official spokesman said one factor was that more and more Indian Christians were taking up duties previously performed by foreign mis-

sionaries.

It is the Indian government's declared policy that foreign missionaries coming to India in the future should possess special qualifications for jobs for which Indians are not available.

School of Atheism

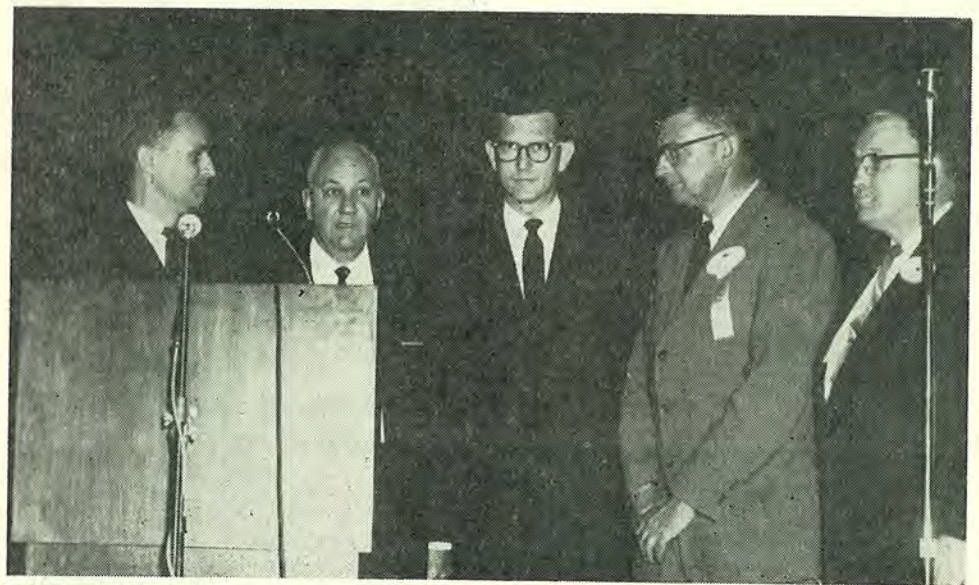
A "University of Atheism" has been opened in the Soviet Union. The official Tass news agency reports that "university" is located in Ashkhabad which is in a predominantly Moslem part of the country. Courses will consist of 60 lectures including one on "Marxism and Leninism on Religion, and Ways of Overcoming It."

Horses Confiscated

The U. S. Internal Revenue Service has caught up with the fast-trotting horses of Old Order Amishmen in Ohio. It has seized 19 of them because their owners have steadfastly refused to pay Social Security self-employment taxes which went into effect for farmers in 1955. Now the government's problem will be how to dispose of its booty, since the only people who use buggy horses in Ohio these days are the Old Order Amish and the trotting mares are not suitable for work or saddle use.

Social Drinking

Alcoholic beverages are a blessing from God if used properly, but a curse if misused, Episcopal church leaders agreed here at the 59th general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. A report near the close of the two-week conclave said that moderate social drinking is in full accord with Old and New Testament teaching.



NSSA OFFICERS . . . Dr. Edward Simpson (left), retiring president, installs the new officers of the National Sunday School Association at the annual convention in Des Moines. They are Rev. Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo., president; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn., vice-president; Rev. Paul W. McBeth, Brethren in Christ, Elizabethtown, Pa., secretary, and Rev. J. Clair Peters, Butler, Ind., treasurer. Almost 3,000 delegates registered for the 13th annual convention (see details in story above).

Gloom and Glory on The Offshore Islands

As sleek, lead-splitting jet fighters flash across the azure skies over the Formosa Strait and Communist warships pound the off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu with artillery, scattered news of the Christian church has seeped out.

A taped message from Orient Crusades missionaries, Dick Hillis and Norm Cook, describes the situation as extremely tense and critical. Nationalist China's military installations, which the people heretofore took for granted, have suddenly flared into violent throbbing action. Guns and tanks belching fire and thunder have completely unnerved the people who are unaccustomed to war. Added to this confusion is the constant breaking of the sound barrier of the jet traffic overhead. Many people are becoming mentally deranged because of the ceaseless bombings. Heaviest casualties among the island's 175,000 inhabitants are reported among children . . . there is no school . . . Christians are meeting mostly at night.

The church of Little Quemoy has been completely destroyed by Communist artillery. Christians have piled the scattered bricks in rows for seats upon which they sit and sing and pray.

A leader in this church, after spending much time working night and day to relieve the wounded and bury the dead, arrived home to find his house destroyed and his wife and children dead. There was little outward sorrow. His Christian confidence remained. Kneeling down he prayed, "I am willing to give all."

The church on Big Quemoy has been shelled but is still standing. On September 28, Christians in Formosa spent the day in prayer and collected an offering for their brethren on the islands.

On Formosa, the Christian harvest field seems ripe for reaping. Orient Crusades missionaries sent out 300 invitations to a rally in Taipei. One hundred thirty-one people came and sixty-five were converted. The total cost of the rally was \$51. Less than a dollar was expended for each person who made a commitment to Christ.

The Chinese Reds have published statements that the islands are the gateway to Formosa. They are shooting their way to China's last stronghold for freedom, over the dead bodies of a people innocent of aggression. The winners will not be the men with the biggest guns, but the men whose weapons are not carnal . . . men like the pastor on Little Quemoy who stood looking over the graves of his brethren and said, "Although they are not here, they are still singing."

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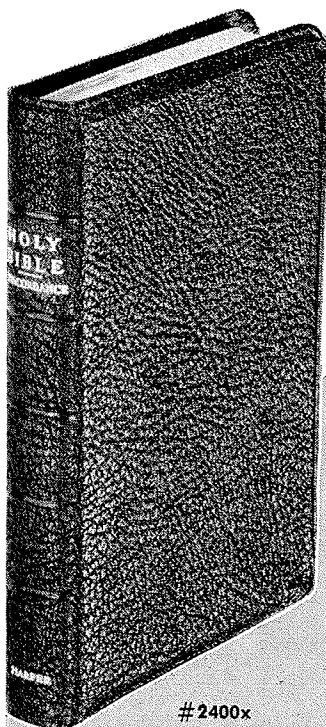
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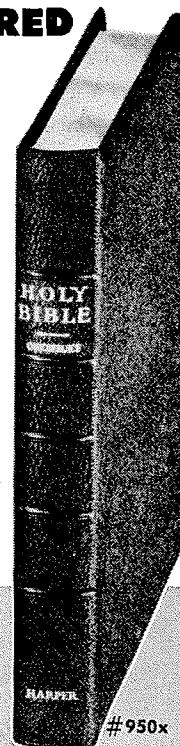
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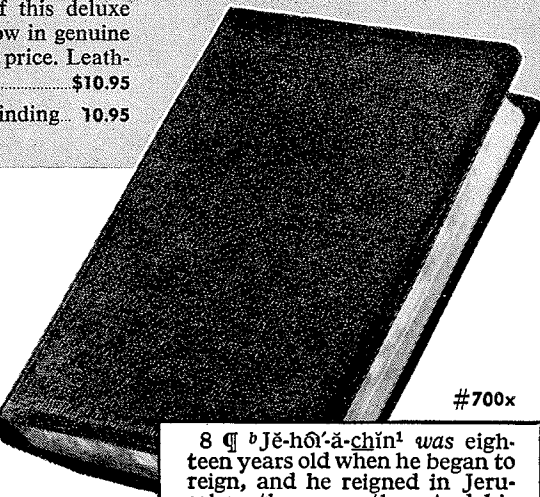
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TAKE TIME FOR A STANDARD STUDY CLASS

"Take time to be holy,
Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always
And feed on His Word."

The words of this familiar hymn serves to remind us of our daily need to take time for the Lord. We are living in a busy age and I feel that every often in our auxiliary work we are running to and fro with little results for so much effort. We have forgotten that Bible study and prayer are vital to our spiritual growth and that God could use us in a much greater way if we will take time to learn of him.

I am especially concerned with our auxiliary study courses. How many times have our women gathered around the Word of God with a study course book to guide our thinking only to rush through the material, skimming the surface, never to experience the "depth of the riches" of God.

Jesus is there in the person of the Holy Spirit to teach us and he isn't the one who is in a hurry to get home for lunch. He said on one occasion, "I have meat to

eat that ye know not of." He was always willing to lose a little sleep in order to spend time with God.

I believe that the new standard for study classes as outlined in the Yearbook is the answer to our study course needs. If your auxiliary will use this standard for at least some of your study classes, I am sure the result will be:

- . . . Consecrated members in place of unconcerned members.
- . . . Informed members in place of uninformed members.
- . . . Mission-minded members in place of self-centered members.
- . . . Praying members in place of prayerless members.
- . . . Auxiliaries with a purpose in place of aimless efforts.
- . . . Cooperation and unity in place of bickering and strife.

God is never in a hurry and the Holy Spirit never shouts at anyone, so let us take time to have a Standard Study Class for the glory of God.

session the women of the host auxiliary presented the playlet, "Chocolate Drops." Another highlight of the day was the presentation by each auxiliary of their love offering that was divided equally between the Illinois Youth Camp, the Tennessee Orphanage and the Free Will Baptist College. The offering received during the morning service was given to the Ellistons for their work in Nogales, Ariz.

Lawnwood, Okla.—The auxiliary sponsored a prayer meeting each morning during their recent revival which was a blessing to the entire church membership.

Mountain Grove, Mo.—The Missouri State Auxiliary convention is sponsoring a workshop to be held here November 7, 1958.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Trinity auxiliary purchased some articles of clothing for the Whaley's in Alaska in October as well as giving \$27.00 for a special offering to the Bible College kitchen fund. The GTA's at this church are also working on a missions project.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Cumberland district Woman's Auxiliary conducted by a workshop at the Sylvan Park church, November 1, 1958. The theme for the program was "New Horizons—Our Challenge." Mrs. Robert Hill is president of the district.

Nashville, Tenn.—The YPA from East Nashville Church is planning a Thanksgiving breakfast at the church. A program is to follow the breakfast.

Women at Work . . .

Russellville, Ark.—The fifth session of the Arkansas State Auxiliary Convention met here September 30-October 1. The program theme was: "A Big Step Forward." Principal speakers were Rev. J. Reford Wilson, who also showed a film on Japan, and Rev. Lewis Barker. Five districts and two local groups were represented. Officers elected to serve for the next two years are Mrs. Willard C. Day, president; Mrs. C. E. Wilson, vice-president; Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, recording secretary; Mrs. Wayne Thacker, assistant; Mrs. W. G. Henry, promotional secretary; Mrs. George Broadway, treasurer; Mrs. Henry Brown, youth chairman; Mrs. Ida Sallee, study course chairman; Mrs. Bob King, stewardship-prayer chairman; Mrs. Johnny Sago, personal service chairman. The 1959 session will be held at the Arkansas Youth Camp in Conway, Ark.

Ashland City, Tenn.—The auxiliary recently had opportunity to give a special kind of offering to the Hannas, returning missionaries to India. Upon learning of

the difficulty to obtain glass jars in India, Mrs. Agnes Frazier offered five dozen of her own. Members of the Barnard and Calvary Circles filled the jars with staples and dry food amounting to approximately \$47 and these were presented to the Hannas during the recent missionary conference in Nashville.

Newport News, Va.—The sixteenth Tidewater district woman's auxiliary convention was held here October 11. Mrs. Billy Melvin, president, led the convention in carrying out the theme for the day, "Pray for Laborers." Prayer groups for missions and missionaries was a feature of the program. This group will observe a district workshop on November 8th. Rev. Charles Sapp is to be the principal teacher.

South Roxana, Ill.—The Franklin county district auxiliary convention was held at the Bethel church, October 23. A large delegation was present to hear Rev. Claude Childers, Johnston City, Ill., bring the eleven o'clock message. During the afternoon



Bryan, Texas—New officers for the Texas state auxiliary convention were installed at the annual convention which met at the First church here. These officers are (see picture) Mrs. Gaston Clary, Henderson, president; Mrs. Martha Rice, Fort Worth, vice-president; Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Bryan, secretary; Mrs. Styng, Lake Charles, La., study course chairman; Mrs. Dale Burden, Lake Charles, La., stewardship-prayer chairman; Mrs. E. M. Lewis, Bryan, youth chairman, and Mrs. Bill Berry, Laneville, personal service chairman.

Mrs. Everett Hellard, WNAC personal service chairman, conducted the installation.



Standing in front of a Mexican and Christian flag, Rev. Homer E. Willis, home missions director, hands the charge to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows, missionaries to Mexico. They were commissioned during the missionary conference.

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plans to visit the churches in California. I have not been able to visit as many of our churches as I would like to, but the Lord willing I plan to do more of this work next year. I need to get some more books and spend more time helping Miss Barker with her Spanish."

Miss Molly Barker writes, "The work here seems to be moving forward by degrees. Of course our greatest opportunity lies in our student body of 54 young people. The "Word of God" is presented daily in both Spanish and English in our school. Our Bible club is now meeting on Wednesday nights. Last week we had 20 children and four Mexican women present. I am continuing my study of the language, and my accordian practice. I am also doing much house-to-house visitation, this with my Sunday school and daily teaching keeps me busy.

Miss Yeley and I are very happy living

together, and I am happy in my work. I can honestly say I like it here better every day. I really love my work. My students keep me busy, keeping them busy, but I love each one of them. One thing that can be said about being a school teacher—there's never a dull moment or quiet one either. I can almost hear this in my sleep, "Teacher, what means this?" We really have some promising students. I trust before too many years several will be out among their own people telling the story of Jesus."

The Thanksgiving week of prayer offerings will help us do much more missionary work among the Spanish people of the United States. There are no less than three million living among us. Then, of course, there are many other groups we must reach.

MEXICO

Rev. and Mrs. Arthus Billows were commissioned as missionaries to Mexico on



A wedding had just been performed at the Free Will Baptist church, Monterrey, Mexico, and the wedding party is shown outside the church. Rev. Juan Lopez is pastor of this church which will be the nucleus of the Mexican work,

Wednesday night of the recent Missionary Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. They have been doing itinerary work since August, visiting several different states. Mr. Billows is Mexican by birth, but was born in the United States of America. In order to live in Mexico as a missionary it is necessary that he give up his United States citizenship. He is becoming a citizen of Mexico in order to have more liberty in preaching the gospel to those of his own people. We feel very few people would be willing to make this sacrifice. The Billows will make their home in Monterrey, which has a population of over 200,000. It is said that less than five per cent of the people of Mexico are Christians. Mr. Billows say, "I must go to my own people who have not heard of my



Miss Molly Barker is the newest missionary and teacher at the Nogales Academy. She is from Morehead City, North Carolina.

wonderful Jesus. My citizenship is on high, so it doesn't matter where I am in this world."

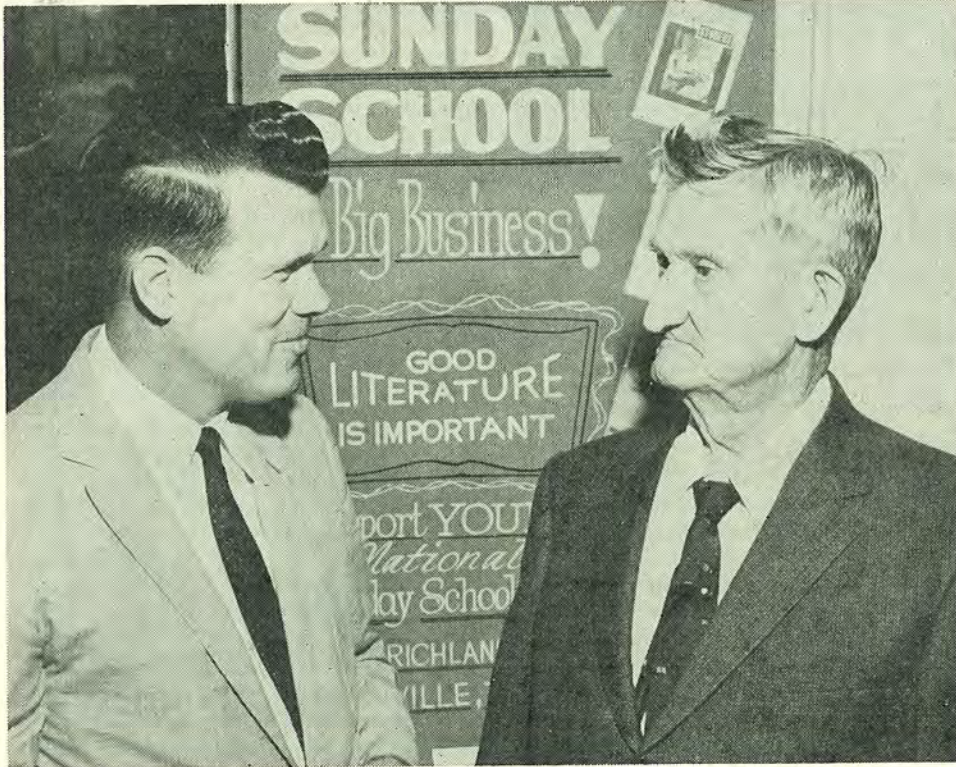
Mrs. Billows is a native of the state of Oklahoma. She shares with her husband the burning desire to be used of the Lord in Mexico. She, as well as her husband, has attended Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Our native workers in Monterrey, Rev. and Mrs. Juan Lopez, report their work growing. The great need is for a building. We feel Brother Billows will be able to soon have a building ready for use since he is a brick mason by trade.

Mexico is one of the most needy mission fields in the world. It is also one of the most difficult to work. The pressure of the Roman Catholic church is so great that more than half the states in Mexico do not have a Protestant church of any kind.

The Billows will be on their new field on or about November 10. We must hold them up in much prayer as they minister in this great white harvest field. Would you go if it cost your citizenship? You will give, I feel sure, that they may not be in want.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES



One of the most beloved figures among Oklahoma Free Will Baptists is Dr. I. W. Yandell, pictured above (right) as he chats with Rev. Delbert Akin, pastor at Ada, Okla., where the state convention held its fiftieth session in October. Along with two other elder members who were present, Dr. Yandell was one of the founders of the state association in 1908. He has been preaching for 66 years.

Oklahoma Free Will Baptists Both Celebrate and Make History

ADA, Okla.—History was both celebrated and made when the Oklahoma state convention met here October 20-24 for its fiftieth anniversary session. The association, which was organized in 1908, used the theme, "The Landmark of Our Fathers."

And while history was being relived and doctrinal positions reiterated, the convention also adopted several far-reaching items of business. Notable among them was the formulation of plans to establish a denominational college within the state. The recommendation was made by the Christian Education Board and the delegates authorized them to locate a site for the establishment of the school. Funds have already been collected for the initial expenses.

The convention also approved a recommendation to set up a \$100,000 church loan corporation. Named to the commission to administer the fund were Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. John H. West, Rev. Harry Staires, Rev. Bill Ketchum and Rev. Ernest Harrison. The fund will be used to make money available for new buildings or building expansion.

Registration at the convention hit a record total of 750, which combined with the registration at the laymen's and woman's meetings put the attendance over the 1,000 mark. Named as the new moderator to succeed Rev. Harry E. Staires is Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman. Assistant moderator is Rev. Bill Ketchum, Muskogee, while elected as assistant clerk was Rev. Homer Young, Stillwater. Re-elected were Rev. Weldon Wood, Oklahoma City, as clerk and Rev. Ernest M. Kennedy, Oklahoma City, for a two-year term as executive secretary.

Capitol Hill church, Oklahoma City, will be host to the 1959 session.

St. Louis Area Will Start Bible Institute

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Immanuel Bible Institute is expected to open about January 20 in the St. Louis area under the sponsorship of the city and area churches. The school will open in rented quarters, according to Rev. Roger C. Reeds, pastor of

the Southside church. Only night classes will be held at first.

Parsonage Equity Is Given to Bryan Church

BRYAN, Texas—An \$1,100 equity in a home was given recently to the Fellowship church here and the house has now become the church parsonage. Making the gift were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest West, members of the church. Mr. West is one of the trustees. Rev. H. Ray Berry is pastor of the church.

Central Western Missouri Has Missionary Conference

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A missionary emphasis was given to the regular quarterly conference of the Central Western Missouri association when Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, on furlough from India, presented the program. An offering of over \$100 was given during the service which was held at the First church here. Other churches represented were Beacon, Victory, New Hope and Hickory Grove.

Tennessee Approves Combined Conventions

SWEETWATER, Tenn. — Delegates attending the Tennessee state association at Burl's Chapel church October 22-23 approved a combined convention next year which will include the Master's Men, Sunday school, League and Women's Auxiliary. The other sessions will be held on the days preceding the business sessions of the convention. The Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville will host the session.

In other business action the convention tabled a resolution which would have created a unified treasury for the state. Named as moderator to succeed Rev. Harold Teague, Knoxville, was Rev. Robert Hill, Nashville. Other officers are Rev. John Floyd, Jr., assistant moderator; Mrs. J. E. Frazier, clerk, and Mr. Frazier, treasurer.

Everton Named to Head N. C. Children's Home

MIDDLESEX, N. C. — Rev. Wilbert Everton was named superintendent of the North Carolina children's home at a Board of Directors meeting on October 17. Mr. Everton will succeed Rev. S. A. Smith who resigned because of ill health. He will come to the institution from a pastorate at the Hull Road church, Snow Hill.

Grand River Association Buys Assembly Grounds

WAGONER, Okla.—The Grand River association in Oklahoma has purchased a plot of ground north of here which will be developed into a modern assembly site. Final plans call for an expenditure of about

\$50,000 for major buildings with individual building lots being sold to individuals and churches. The first unit of construction on the 18-acre plot will cost \$8,000 and is scheduled for completion by spring.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held November 16 with Rev. Wade Jernigan, state moderator, as speaker.

Pitts Is Moderator Of Alabama Association

BRILLIANT, Ala.—Rev. Harold A. Pitts, Winfield, was elected moderator of the Alabama state association which held its annual session here November 6-8. Other officers are Rev. W. H. Ryland, Birmingham, assistant moderator; Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Ashville, clerk, and Rev. Jack Rollins, Birmingham, assistant clerk.

The principal business items dealt with the state children's home and the new superintendent, Rev. Carlton Lambert, was introduced to the congregation. The next session will be held at St. James church, Phenix City.

Arkansas League Rally Meets at Newport

NEWPORT, Ark. — The White River league rally met October 12 at the First church here with five leagues represented. Dene Tucker is president and the next session will be April 12 at Mt. Harmony church.

Oklahoma City Church Dedicates New Building

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Dedication services for the new sanctuary at the Capitol Hill church were held October 26 in connection with the annual homecoming. Rev. E. E. Morris, a former pastor, preached the homecoming sermon.

The new sanctuary, which will seat 550, has a central heating and cooling system and is furnished with rose oak pews. Rev. Weldon Wood is pastor.

Mount Olive College Given Formal Recognition

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—The four-year-old Mount Olive Junior College has been formally recognized by the North Carolina College Conference as a standard junior college. The college was recognized last year as having met the standards required for accreditation, but formal recognition was withheld one year to make sure the school would continue to maintain these standards.

When the college first opened here in the fall of 1954, only 22 students were enrolled, the income was about \$20,000, and there were only four faculty members. This year there are 143 students enrolled, the income has grown to nearly \$200,000 and the faculty has increased to 13.

Hopewell No. 1 Has Quarterly Meeting

DURANT, Okla.—The first quarterly meeting of the Hopewell No. 1 association of Oklahoma was held at the Pirtle church the last of August. Dr. T. H. King and Rev. Earl Umstead were the principal speakers.

Arkansas Adopts Budget of \$10,440

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark.—A budget of \$10,440 was adopted at the 61st annual session of the Arkansas state association held here October 1-3. Of the total, 28 per cent will go to state causes and 72 per cent will go to the national cooperative plan.

Officers elected were Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Pocahontas, moderator; Rev. Thomas Brashears, Little Rock, assistant moderator; Rev. Henry P. Brown, Warren, clerk; Rev. Clarence Campbell, assistant clerk; Rev. W. S. Isbell, statistician, and Earl Smith, promotional secretary.

The convention authorized the organization of ministers and deacons' conference. The first session will be held November 21-22 at the First church, Searcy. The theme will be "Preaching and Teaching the Word with Confidence." All the standing boards will meet at this same time.

Drumright Church Reports Progress

DRUMRIGHT, Okla. — The Sunday school average for the Drumright church is 197 and the entire school has been departmentalized under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Harry E. Staires. The church added 15 members during September and recently installed an organ.

Horton Heights Church Moves Into First Unit

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Horton Heights congregation (formerly Palmer Memorial) moved into their first unit October 30. The \$30,000 building is a 32' by 104' combination educational-assembly hall constructed of brick. It is centrally heated and cooled and will take care of 150. The church is located at Charlotte Pike and

West Hillwood Blvd. Rev. C. F. Bowen is pastor.

Texas Association Meets at Bryan

BRYAN, Texas—The Texas state association held its annual meeting here October 28-30 with a capacity attendance. The convention theme was "To God Be the Glory" and principal speakers were Rev. W. S. Mooneyham and Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, both of Nashville, Tenn.

The statistician reported 58 churches in the state with a membership of 4,246. A \$7,000 budget was adopted with 35 per cent remaining in the state and 65 per cent going to the national cooperative plan.

Officers were elected as follows: Rev. H. Z. Cox, Dallas, moderator; Rev. E. E. Zoellers, Midland, assistant moderator; Mrs. Huey Gower, clerk; Mrs. William Johnson, assistant clerk; Rev. Clarence Hearron, parliamentarian; Rev. Gaston Clary, statistician, and Rev. Everett D. Hellard, Houston, executive secretary. The 1959 session will be held October 27-29 at the First church, Dallas.

Revivals

Drumright, Okla.; Bobby Jackson, evangelist; Harry E. Staires, pastor; Oct. 5-18; 17 dec.; 9 add.

Goshen church, North Belmont, N. C.; Dale Burden, evangelist; Ralph Staten, pastor; Nov. 2-.

Bear Point church, Sesser, Ill.; Glenn Rehkop, evangelist; W. T. Turnbough, pastor; Sept. 29-Oct. 12; one dec.

Pastoral Changes

Owen Ganey is available for pastoral work. Write him at Rosman, N. C.

Eugene Davis has resigned the First church, Corning, Ark., and is available for pastoral work.

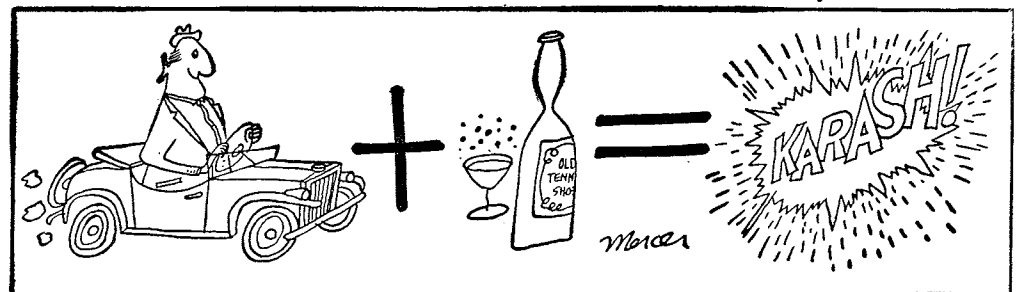
E. B. Ledlow to Cordova, Ala., from Unity church, Sylacauga, Ala. Address is 504 Greene Ave.

C. F. Bowen has resigned Horton Heights church, Nashville, Tenn., effective January 1. Future plans are indefinite.

W. T. Turnbough has resigned Bear Point church, Sesser, Ill., effective Dec. 21 and is available for pastoral work.

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What's Your Problem?



BY LOUIS H. MOULTON

Q. I am of all men most miserable and wretched. I am (and I'm not boasting, God forbid) a good preacher, a good pastor and my desire is to do the will of God. Yet I find myself whipped by a habit, a thing which no one knows about but God and myself. I'm ashamed of myself before God. I've tried and I cannot seem to get victory over this habit which comes in a package for twenty-five cents. Can you help me?

A. Your experience has been described by the Apostle Paul in Romans 7:18 . . . for to will is present with me; but to perform that which is good I find not." In verse 19 he continues ". . . the evil which I would not, that I do." As we follow this passage on Paul says in verse 22, "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man" which again seems to describe you. Then he says "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me . . . ?" Paul seems to have found the answer (and so can you) for he says "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Let me encourage you to give yourself again in complete, unreserved consecration and claim the promise of Matthew 7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." At the same time remember Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Q. Is it right at any time for a pastor to call one of his members a liar?

A. Under certain conditions, yes. The Apostle John was a pretty plain-spoken individual when he said in 1 John 2:4 "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." Jesus, in Matthew 23, spoke to the religious group of his day, the Pharisees, and called them hypocrites. In substance he was saying, "You pretend that which you are not and so your life, your testimony, you, are liars." In John 8:44 speaking to the same crowd, Jesus said "Ye are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do . . . he is a liar, and the father of it." I repeat, under certain circumstances, it is not only right but it becomes the duty of the pastor to speak bluntly and pointedly.

Q. I met my husband in England and came

to this country following the war as a war-bride. We are both Christians and very deeply in love with each other. Lately I have gotten to the place where I can't pray because of an old sin which keeps coming before me. I'm ashamed to confess it but our first child was born out of wedlock. We have two others now making three in all. Help me if you can.

A. You say you are now a Christian. If that is so then it means that you have confessed your sins to God, turned from them, received Christ as your Savior and have promised that you would live daily for Jesus, taking up your cross to follow him. But it seems as if you are doing or are allowing Satan to do something which God never does, that is, to drag our sins out from under the blood to parade them before us again and make us miserable. If you have sincerely and honestly turned to God with all your heart and you are daily living for Jesus, then remember, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12). And again in Micah 7:18, 19 "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity . . . he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy . . . and wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Remember also that ". . . in him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:28. Trust him, believe his word, put out of your heart that self-condemnation and live for him.

Q. I have some next-door neighbors who are good friends of mine and they keep insisting that it is a sin to eat pork or hog meat. Is it?

A. In 1 Timothy 4:1-5 Paul says that it is the doctrine of devils that commands to abstain from meats. "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving." The one who refuses meat and endeavors to keep certain days and tries to keep the Law is making himself his own savior and denies the need of the Lord Jesus Christ. Actually by his actions he sets aside the work of the atoning blood of Christ.

Q. I read with much interest and delight Psalm 37:4 "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Do you really believe this to be true irregardless of what our desires may be?

A. I would have you take a look at the preceding verse which says, in part, "Trust in the Lord, and do good. . . ." Surely if we are to have the desires of our heart, then our heart must be right with God. God will not grant them if we desire things for the gratification of the flesh. If we are heeding that verse

Cooperative Plan Almost \$4,000 for October

Receipts for the denominational agencies through the Cooperative Plan totalled almost \$4,000 for October. This amount was in undesignated funds which were allocated to the seven national agencies. This showed an increase over the previous month.

With less than two months to go before the end of the fiscal year, the cooperative budget was behind its anticipated receipts. Every church is urged to do something extra between now and January 1.

October receipts were as follows:

RECEIPTS			
ALABAMA			
Goodwater church, Slocomb	5.00		
First church, Cordova	18.82		
State association	20.84		44.66
ARKANSAS			
State association	310.65		
Willoughby church, Warren	2.40		313.05
CALIFORNIA			
State association			221.51
FLORIDA			
N.E. Fla. association			2.50
GEORGIA			
State association			562.71
ILLINOIS			
Waltonville church	20.35		
Oak Grove church, Scheller	11.20		
Alex Mt. Zion, Olive Branch	44.83		
Johnston City church	56.37		
Webb's Prairie, Ewing	13.10		
Blue Point church, Rinard	47.28		
Ina church	40.78		233.91
KENTUCKY			
Southside church, Paintsville			42.70
MISSOURI			
State association			593.53
NEW MEXICO			
First church, Hobbs			109.25
OKLAHOMA			
State association			696.58
TENNESSEE			
Wooddale church, Knoxville	24.70		
Horton Heights, Nashville	125.35		
Union association	5.00		
First church, Lewisburg	4.00		159.05
TEXAS			
Trinity church, Ft. Worth	50.00		
State association	945.72		995.72
DESIGNATED			
North Carolina	130.08		130.08
			4,105.25
DISBURSEMENTS			
Foreign Mission Board	1,231.57		
Home Mission Board	576.05		
Bible College	873.82		
Executive Dept.	973.55		
Board of Superannuation	172.01		
Sunday School Board	159.01		
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which says "Trust in the Lord, and do good" we shall not desire anything that would be unsavory, our desire will be to glorify and honor him. We cannot play with sin and expect God to shower his blessings upon us to the extent of satisfying every desire or any desire. I do believe that when we delight ourselves in the Lord then we may expect him to literally give us the desires of our hearts.



has ruled that public funds may not be used in our schools for the purpose of religious instruction to the children. Yet many schools have dancing lessons on public funds. Think this over: Russia prohibits teaching the Bible in its schools; so does the United States.

If there was ever a time when the people needed God-fearing leadership it is now.
Arthur Williams
 New Bloomfield, Missouri

Likes Sunday School Issue

Dear Editor:

This letter concerns the September issue of *Contact*. I found it to be a good publication on the Sunday school and would like to request seven additional copies if they are available.

Bobby Aycock, Pastor
 Washington, North Carolina

What Happened?

Dear Editor:

When I received the October issue I began reading at the front, as usual, but when I got to the back page—oh, my!—there was no "What's Your Problem?" by our Brother Moulton. What happened? My prayer is that God will give him strength in his work and I hope we may look forward to seeing his column back in the November issue.

Irene Range
 Dearborn, Michigan

Editor's Note: See page 14 for "What's Your Problem?" A crowded paper last month with the special Christian Education issue kept Mr. Moulton's column from appearing. Our apologies to all who looked for it and missed it.

A Question Answered

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago I heard Dr. George Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, say at a ministerial breakfast here that the federal government is giving some churches a hard time because they are not officially recognized as non-profit institutions. This, of course, means formal government recognition. He suggested that we should write you and see how we stand in case the government should ever raise a question about the giving of our members. Could you answer this question for me?

R. Eugene Waddell, Pastor
 Portsmouth, Virginia

Editor's Note: Last summer we sent 70 copies of our Yearbook and Directory to the NAE Washington office so that they might file one with each of the district internal revenue offices, thus clearing our churches with the government. This one case alone points up the vital service value of both NAE and the Yearbook and Directory. Neither of them is appreciated or supported enough by our local churches.

personally . . .

Do We Want It?

The response to the *Yearbook and Directory* published last year was so disappointing that we seriously doubted if it would be worth the effort and money to produce another. And yet we realize that the value of such a compilation of our churches and pastors was so great that we could scarcely afford not to keep publishing the directory every two years. (Read the letter from a Portsmouth pastor in the adjoining column for just one of the vital purposes which the *Directory* served.)

An Alabama pastor said, "We cannot afford to be without this *Directory* even if it means paying a premium price for it." Similiar expressions have been heard, but we still do not know if the demand is great enough to risk an investment of over \$2,000 to produce a 1959 edition. The 1957 edition lost money. We still have several hundred copies on hand out of the 2,500 printed.

If pastors and lay leaders would help us get the rest of these into the hands of the people at the below-cost price of 50 cents and would assure their support of a new edition, we would like to get an up-to-date and corrected edition ready by convention time 1959. How about it? Will you order a supply of the current edition on consignment and send us the money when you sell them? Do you feel we should print a 1959 edition?

How you respond to these questions will determine our future plans. Let us hear from you today.

Appreciation to Pastor

Dear Editor:

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Glennville, Ga., Free Will Baptist church wishes to express to our pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt, our thanks and appreciation for the wonderful way in which he has served our church during the past year. We pledge to him our prayers and our wholehearted support for even a better year in 1959.

Woman's Auxiliary
 Free Will Baptist Church
 Glennville, Georgia

Education Issue Echoes

Dear Editor:

I want to express my appreciation to you for the article which appeared in the October issue of *Contact* on Mount Olive Junior College. The entire copy of this issue should prove to be of much interest to Free Will Baptists everywhere, and I hope that our people will accept the challenge of providing an adequate program of Christian higher education for our entire denomination.

Please send me six additional copies of the October issue.

W. Burkette Raper, President
 Mount Olive Junior College
 Mount Olive, N.C.

Dear Editor:

I have no doubt that there was a noble motive behind the dedication of the last issue of *Contact* to higher Christian education and certainly advanced learning needs to be Bible-centered. But I have been wondering for many years—even before I professed faith in Christ—just why it would not be far more important to have our children in their formative years learn from books which are God and Bible-centered.

They not only do not have text books which teach the existence of an omnipotent God and the inspiration of the Bible, but our whole public educational system discourages a belief in the fundamentals of Christianity. And it is stranger than fiction that the Protestant churches are the strongest supporters the public school system has. Of course, the original intent of the public school was to build character and give our youth spiritual knowledge for a full and well-rounded life. But I believe the school system of the United States as it now exists is the biggest single contributing factor toward ungodliness that exists in our nation.

The Supreme Court of the United States

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Why Non-Resident Church Membership?

There are many people in all communities who hold their church membership elsewhere. Below are given some of the main reasons why such folks cling to the "old church".

First: Pa and Ma belonged there. Exactly so, and they belonged there because they lived there. Why not be as sensible as they and belong to the church in your neighborhood?

Second: The "old church" needs me. Perhaps it does, but it does not get you. In spite of all your spasmodic efforts to go back to the old church for every possible special occasion, you are not giving the old church your honest support. Pulling a church is like pulling a wagon—the further you get away from the load, the less you pull.

Third: We have a burial lot there. God bless you for thinking of the resting place of your dead. Earth holds no more sacred spots, but they will be more sacred if you enter whole-heartedly into the work of the church where you live.

Fourth: It costs too much in a city. It won't cost you one cent more than you are willing to give. If some people give more than others, perhaps it is because they love Jesus Christ more.

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Cherry Hill church, Limestone, Tenn.
Faith Mission, Nashville, Tenn.
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Richland church, Nashville, Tenn.
Brightlight church, Bryan, Texas
First church, Concord, Calif.
Willow Springs church, Mountain Grove, Mo.

One new church this month now gives us a total of 13 churches toward the completion of our third honor roll, which is not an unlucky number for us. Things have slowed up just a bit, however, and fewer churches are reporting. If you've been thinking about this plan for your church, why not do something about it this month?

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Rules for Honor Roll

1. Send names and addresses (zone numbers, too, please) of all families in the church. You need not send any money.
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