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Delegates Are Important

Last year, for the first time, our churches were able to send delegates to the National Association. This was a significant step forward in that it gave to the local church a closer representation to the National. There were 168 churches which sent delegates last year.

Again, this year, every local church which holds membership within the highest body of the state may send a delegate to the National Association. We would strongly urge each church to give careful consideration to this very important matter. Let's have at least 200 churches this year with delegates at the Convention.

The procedure for having your delegate is simple. Just elect one and if possible pay all or part of your delegate's expenses to Fresno. Official delegates' credentials appear elsewhere in this paper and need only to be filled out and signed by either the pastor or the clerk. When the delegate registers at the convention, he will present his credentials authorizing him to represent your church and pay a \$10 representation fee.

It is important to note that delegates representing state associations will also need to have official credentials in order to register as a delegate. Each state association is allowed five lay delegates at large, but their fee is paid by the state clerk when the state letter is mailed in. In situations where there is no state association within the state, it would be well to consult Article IV of the Constitution to learn the basis of representation.

The work of the National Association is important to all of us. It is important that we have a representative delegation to consider the business of this session. Will you help us in our effort to have a wholesome representation both from our churches and our states? With real interest and concern let us come together at Fresno to do business for the Lord.

An Open Letter

This is your invitation from the California State Association of Free Will Baptists to join with us in Fresno, California, where an expected 1,500 people will convene July 12-14, 1960, for the 24th Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The California State Association of Free Will Baptists, which now represents over 70 churches and 3,200 members, is eagerly looking forward to having you come to the West Coast for the second time to attend a National Convention in our state.

You will find our people anxious to receive you with the western hospitality for which California is noted. You will find, too, that our people are enthusiastic workers for the cause of Christ. In fifteen years there have been over seventy Free Will Baptist churches established in this state. Our State Association now owns and operates a Bible Book Store located in Concord, maintains a full time promotional secretary, and publishes the "Voice", a monthly magazine. Our Junior Bible College is located in Richmond, where it is now operating on a part time basis.

You will like Fresno. It is a city of 123,-

238 population. Fresno is Central California's Capital City and the third largest convention city in California. A city atmosphere in resort surroundings. Less than a day's drive to any part of the state. A pleasant 91-minute drive from Fresno takes you to three of America's oldest and most famous National Parks, Yosemite, King Canyon, and Sequoia; El Capitan, Bridal Veil Falls, Mariposa Big Trees, the nation's Christmas tree and the oldest living thing in the world, General Sherman tree. These are just a few of the famous landmarks. Hundreds of thousands of people have traveled many miles and from all parts of the world to see and enjoy these.

"Sunny California" is exactly the right spot in which to store up warm memories of friendships formed and inspiration gained. We desire to make your stay in California a memorial one, so please accept our invitation to join the hundreds of your co-workers who will meet July 12-14 in Fresno, from all parts of the country, to accept the challenge, "Abound in the work of the Lord."

California State Association of Free Will Baptists

IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Dr. L. C. Johnson**, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, spoke in churches visited by the choir in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. He preached the baccalaureate sermon at Vernon (Ala.) High School, May 15. Also, he will attend the West Virginia state association in Huntington, June 11.

■ **WNAC Executive Secretary Mrs. Eunice Edwards** assisted in organizing a YPA in First church, Russellville, Alabama, May 10-11. She will attend the Alabama state Auxiliary convention in Florence, June 9-10, and the Georgia state Auxiliary workshop in Mt. Bethel, June 23.

■ **Home Missions Director Homer Willis** was in missions conferences in eastern North Carolina May 22-29. He will attend the West Virginia state association June 10-11, and will hold revival services in Pine Level church, N. C., June 13-19.

■ **Dean Charles Thigpen** visited the Free Will Baptist National Association of Cuba recently and preached at the Wolverine Association, Michigan, June 3-4. He will conduct revival services in the Winterville, N. C., area June 5-11.

■ **Billy Melvin**, Executive Secretary, held a revival in First church, Mountain Grove, Missouri, May 29-June 5. He will attend the Virginia state association in Norfolk, June 16-17.

■ **National League Director Ray Turnage** will attend the Alabama state League convention in Florence, June 10-11; the Cragmont, N. C., League conference June 19-24; Tennessee state League convention in Greeneville, June 25, and will participate in the Florida state youth camp, June 27-July 2.

■ **Rolla Smith**, Director of Foreign Missions, held a missionary conference in Holdenville church, Oklahoma June 1-5. He will have revival services June 8-19, in Loyal Chapel church, Columbia, Tennessee.

COVER PICTURE—The Memorial Auditorium in Fresno, California. This is the site of the 24th Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be held July 12-14, 1960.

BY MALCOLM C. FRY

FATHERS AWAKE

"There is a generation that curses their father and doth not bless their mother." (Proverbs 30:11).

THE INCREASE of juvenile delinquency is a problem of which we are all cognizant. Pick up a newspaper, turn on the radio, or tune in TV and this fact is verified. Sex crimes and homicides committed by teenagers are definitely on the increase. According to an article entitled, "Nine Words That Can Stop Juvenile Delinquency", which appeared sometime ago in the Reader's Digest, Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, senior judge of Brooklyn's highest criminal court, said, "Every criminal court's judge in this country is sickeningly aware of the terrible fact that teen-agers are replacing adults on the criminal dockets." After visiting the country that possessed the lowest rate of

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juvenile delinquency in the western world, the judge came up with this nine word principal that he thought would do more for us than all the committees, ordinances, and multi-million dollar programs combined—**PUT FATHER BACK AT THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY!** He said that a home where the father is not the recognized chief of the family is not much better off in his way of thinking than a home broken by divorce. He stated, "Every time mother overrules father, undermining his authority and standing in the child's eyes, she knocks a piece off the foundation on which the child stands. . . ."

Every man should realize that God has laid on him duties and responsibilities that women are not equipped, nor ordinarily required, to carry. God intended that man should lead in government, business, and home. When any man marries, he should be ready to assume the responsibility and obligations for the physical, moral, and spiritual welfare of his home. Husbands should be examples to their wives and to their children. Oh, that it could be said of our twentieth century fathers, ". . . the glory of children are their fathers." (Proverbs 17:6).

It is difficult to select any certain Biblical character as an outstanding father; however, Job certainly left an example that should be an incentive to the fathers of our day. Though blessed with riches and children, he remained faithful to the Lord and ministered as a priest, daily, to his large household. The Bible says that he sanctified his children. "And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually". Oh, that today, fathers would be concerned about the welfare of their children's souls to the degree that they would daily pray for them. That great Christian business man, R. G. LeTourneau, testified at our Nationwide League Conference that when confronted with death due to a serious accident, he was only concerned about his six children going through for God. He was more concerned about the soul security of his children than their financial security. Dad, let's put first things first when considering the welfare of our children, or else a generation will grow up whose only memory of a father will be a man whose sole interest was to make money and get ahead in this life.

There are at least three ways whereby fathers may sanctify their children. First, by teaching them. "Thou shall teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:7). Dad, you can talk to your children about the Lord as this Scripture sets forth! It can be done, just as easily as

you talk to them about sports and other things of life. It must be done!

Secondly, by controlling and correcting them. "Withhold not correction from the child." (Proverbs 23:13). Our children should be controlled and corrected because they are naturally wicked, for they, as we, are born sinners and later become sinners by choice. It certainly is an indisputable fact that we do not have to train them to be bad. The greatest impression in my mind of my formative years were the many times my father would apply the razor strap to the most susceptible place for that purpose. It is time that again, like our fathers of old, we use the rod and save the child.

Thirdly, by training them. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6). The Lord here does not imply that a child brought up in a Christian environment will grow up, leave home, sow his wild oats, and then eventually return to his father's way and a righteous life. No, no, no! Instead it is implied that a child, properly trained, will never leave the righteous way of life, even when he is old and out from his father's care. David's prayer, as found in Psalms 144:12 was, "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth . . ." In other words, they must be rooted in the word of God, then cultivated in order that they may break up their fallow ground, then grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and finally be fruitful and multiply. Dad, you are responsible for your children and particularly their eternal soul's welfare. Any Christian man who leaves this responsibility to his wife, the church, or the Sunday School teacher, is a slacker and skirker!

Though Job lost his property, his children, his health, and his friends, he tenaciously remained the head of his home. Job could set this fine example and retain such high standards because he was a Christian, and as such, a man of prayer. He knew he could not save himself, for Job 9:20 says, "If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me; if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse." So he trusted, unreservedly in the Lord, no matter how great the cost. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him . . ." (Job 13:15). The prayer of my heart today is that first, every father would turn to Christ as Saviour, and second, that every father would today be reinstated as head of the home, sanctify their children, lead in family altar, be a representative and not a figure-head of God. Father, awake! Only as we lead our family as God intended will the wave of juvenile delinquency diminish. This Father's Day, let's put father back at the head of the family!

Oh, keep our children pure and undefiled, Unspotted from a tempting world of sin, That clothed in white, through the bright City Gates,

They may with us in triumph enter in.

—(H. Bonar).

*An address given
before the annual
Convention of the National
Association of Evangelicals
in Chicago, Illinois,
during April of this year.*

COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL THROUGH LITERATURE

IT HAS BEEN ALMOST 20 years since Wendell Wilkie made his trip around the world in 80 days and then reported on it in his book "One World." At the time, the idea seemed fantastic, but since then we have acquired video-television and in minutes we actually see as well as hear a riot that is taking place in Calcutta or an earthquake in Agadei. Jet propelled planes have made possible our President visiting four countries within three weeks and draw together in bonds of friendship two whole continents. This is communication.

With the encouragement and help UNESCO, education has become universal. Illiteracy has been reduced by 50 per cent in many countries during the past decade. Everywhere people are reading. The average highschooler of 1960 learns more in a week than his grandfather would have learned in a lifetime. This is communication.

In a very real way our civilization and culture of 1960 has become one world. Political differences are being resolved. Economic standards are being raised. Religious differences are being tolerated. In these areas we have learned to communicate and have moved a long way toward becoming one world.

But the Gospel and the true message of the New Testament has not fared so well. Some authorities assert that less than two per cent of the world's population is vitally Christian—and that after 1900 years since our Lord said, "Go and disciple all nations."

Witness Baptism

Several months ago it was my privilege to witness a baptismal service on a Sunday afternoon in the heart of Morocco. Four former Moslems, a man and three women, went through the waters of baptism, and thus publicly confessed Christ before approximately 200 people. By my side stood Harold Stalley, field director of the North Africa Mission. Harold has had more than 30 years in that part of the world and turning to him I asked, "How

many does this now make that have confessed Christ in this manner?" He replied, "Probably just less than 200. But many of them have turned back as they have suffered very sore persecution. Following an experience such as we witnessed here this afternoon, these converts from Islam may, in the course of these next days, find a dagger in their back, poison in their cup, or very probably will be ostracized from their community and find it difficult, if not impossible, to buy and sell. Because of this sore persecution, I presume that there are not more than 160 or 170 who are standing true and still witnessing a good confession of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Think of it, 160 or 170 out of ten million in that land of Morocco where they have had the Gospel for more than 80 years!

As Harold related this situation to me, I could but think of that great stretch of country stretching east from Morocco, across North Africa, through the Near Middle East, across India, down through the Malaya Peninsula, and on into Indonesia, Borneo, and New Guinea, with its more than 450,000,000 Moslems. My heart was made heavy as I realized that the percentage of Christians among them was probably not greater than in Morocco—approximately one in 60,000. Is this communication?

Religious Country

When in India we were reminded, in every area we visited, that this is an intensely religious country. But India's religions have not alleviated the physical suffering nor brought peace to the troubled minds of her millions. Despite the fact that the modern missionary movement in India is well over 200 years old, less than two percent of her population is vitally Christian. Is this communication?

It was only a few weeks ago that I was in Tokyo, and, together with several hundred missionaries, observed the Protestant centennial of missions. But again my heart was made heavy as missionaries and nationals were reminded that only one-fourth of one percent of Japan's 94,000,000

are evangelical Christians. On the other hand, we were told that there is a recrudescence of Shintoism and Buddhism. Japan is adopting our western gadgets, and, in some measure our culture; but the real progress of the Gospel is barely perceptible, even with 2,100 missionaries. Is this communication?

It becomes a rather bitter pill for an old missionary to have to admit that while the world is evidencing a phenomenal advance politically, economically, socially, intellectually, we are losing ground in the sphere of Christian influence. The latest figures released by the United Nations indicate that our world population is increasing at the rate of 54,000,000 annually. This is net increase—births over deaths. Some authorities indicate that the increase of the Christian community across the world is approximately 4,000,000 annually. This means, then, that the world is growing non-Christian at the rate of 50,000,000 annually. Obviously, we are not keeping up with the exploding population, let alone the advance of Islam, Buddhism, communism, and the false cults of our day.

Reluctantly, we must admit, that for the most part, we have not effectively been communicating the Gospel, for my Bible says, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation." I'm sure that we are agreed that the message is not at fault, or that our Lord Jesus Christ has failed. Is it not time, past time, that we realistically examine our methodology?

Lack Proper Tools

Recent years have given me the privilege of contacts on five continents and in 42 countries. I've had contacts with literally thousands of missionaries. On the basis of these contacts, I would assert, without qualification, that the lack of fruitage across the world, is not because of any lack of dedication or thorough-going consecration on the part of our missionary force. I have seen some of them flat out in their job, 15, 16, even 17 hours a day. These missionaries have been inadequately equipped. They have

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lacked proper tools. Figuratively, they have been attempting to build a cathedral with a Yoruba's hoe and Iturie Forest pygmy's ax. We are living in the jet age, but still traveling by stage coach.

When I was in Congo in 1956, I found there was not a single book on prayer in the several major languages. And this despite missionary activity of more than 8 years. In Ethiopia, where they'd had an ingathering of well over 100,000 souls, I found that all of the evangelical literature produced in 30 years could easily be held in the palms of two hands. This, of course, excludes Scripture portions and hymn books and tracts. Our recent trip through the Orient revealed that in old mission fields, such as India, Taiwan, and Japan, less than five per cent of currently available titles were creative national-produced writings, slated directly to these people who are in such desperate need of the message of life, as we know it in the Lord Jesus Christ. There was virtually nothing in the way of Christian fiction or material that was well slanted and attractively prepared for children.

Until recently there have been, oh so few, tools for aiding the missionary or national pastors and evangelists. ELO's grateful for the privilege of helping make possible a concordance in Hindi, a commentary on the whole Bible in Chinese, a Bible story book that covers the whole Bible in Japanese. So far as I was able to learn, there is no Bible dictionary in the local vernacular in this whole area, with its 1½ billion population. However, I'm glad to report that a Bible Dictionary is in preparation in Japan and should be off the press late this year. Thank God, there are a few more tools being made available these days to God's workman building His church in the Orient.

Paul's Concern

Paul's major concern, as expressed in most of his epistles, was to strengthen the Church. Luther believed in the potency of the written word. William Cary concentrated on giving the printed word to his Indian constituency. But somehow the modern missionary movement has relegated the printed word to a second, third, or even fifth place. Many a mission executive will raise his eyebrows in amazement as the suggestion is made that 10% of mission personnel and 10% of mission funds should be designated for evangelical literature. In effect, they are saying, "Our task is to evangelize—not to run printing presses." And as we ignore the modern facilities of communication, the task becomes greater by the hour, primarily because we've failed to communicate.

However, we in ELO are exceedingly grateful to God and to those societies who are making a real attempt to use the printed page to the full. Their number is increasing, and the quality and quantity of literature produced more nearly approach our ELO standards. We are glad for the new tools that are being placed in the hands

of God's messengers. We believe that as the volume and quality of literature is increased, it could well turn the tide of battle in our day. However, where we've had one literature missionary, we need ten. Where we've had one dollar, we need a hundred. The battle for souls has only begun.

I am glad for the popular-appeal magazines that are now reaching into many quarters of the world. There are 12 of these magazines, such as the "African Challenge," "Envol," and "Dengta." It has been estimated that they are reaching approximately 3,000,000 readers every month; many of them being those who would never go into a church nor stop at a Gospel service on a street.

An Indonesian reader wrote, "I am a young man who has not entered church. Recently while trying to expell my loneliness, I purchased a copy of "Dengta," the magazine on the newsstand. I have now a desperate desire for the faith of God. I am determined to bring my wandering steps into the church. Thank your magazine for giving me the revelation."

"I've been very pleased," writes a reader of "Our Africa," "to be in possession of this so important newspaper, because I am an African. Will you please put me in better light about believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and Christianity? I would very much like to follow Christ, believe in Him and be born-again." Such inquiries have become the basis for leading seeking hearts into fullness of life as we know it in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Correspondence Courses

Between the Light of Life, Navigators, and Emmaus Bible Correspondence Courses, more than 2,000,000 have been enrolled in the study of the Word of God. This is to mention only three of the many correspondence courses across the world that are having a more and more far-reaching ministry.

In one area of the Orient, it has been reported that about 33 per cent of those who enroll in the course on John complete it. And of those who complete it, about 70 per cent accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour during their study.

When I was in Indonesia, the Christian and Missionary Alliance folk told of having advertised their Light of Life Correspondence Courses in the Djakarta daily newspaper. They ran one small four-inch, two column ad, offering the free correspondence courses and a Gospel of John. The response was so great that the requests threw them out of gear in their small office for almost three months.

Speaking of Indonesia, the desire for Christian literature is unparalleled elsewhere in the world. Last fall the Overseas Missionary Fellowship sold out the entire edition of 5000 Billy Graham's "Peace with God" in three months. Shortly before our visit, a CLC bookstore sold \$14,000 worth of American books (all in English) in less than three weeks. In virtually every country

literature sales are reaching a new high, and yet we have ministered only to the fringe of the need.

Potent Weapon

We are not suggesting that evangelical literature is the panacea for all the ills and failures of the missionary enterprise. But we do believe it can be a mighty effective tool in the hands of the missionary. We believe it can be a potent weapon in his task of evangelization. We believe it can be an appetizer, giving the indifferent Christian a desire for the strong meat of the Word. We believe it can be a lift to the young and immature Christian who needs to be taken back into the Book to see afresh his identity with our unfailing Lord Jesus Christ.

Undoubtedly, literature just in itself, can have a ministry, but we believe that its most effective ministry will be as it is used not by an isolated missionary here and there, but by every missionary. We believe that the doctor, the nurse, the teacher, the technician, the evangelist, the preacher, yes, and every layman, should be regularly using literature to complement and make more effective his own ministry.

We believe there is no substitute for a man—God's basic means of reaching the lost and edifying the Church. However, not every so-called Christian worker, not every layman is qualified to use this new and effective tool. We wouldn't think of placing a razor-sharp chisel and saw in the hands of a seven-year old, and telling him to make a TV stool. Maturity of experience and a demonstrated skill become essential factors in any achievement.

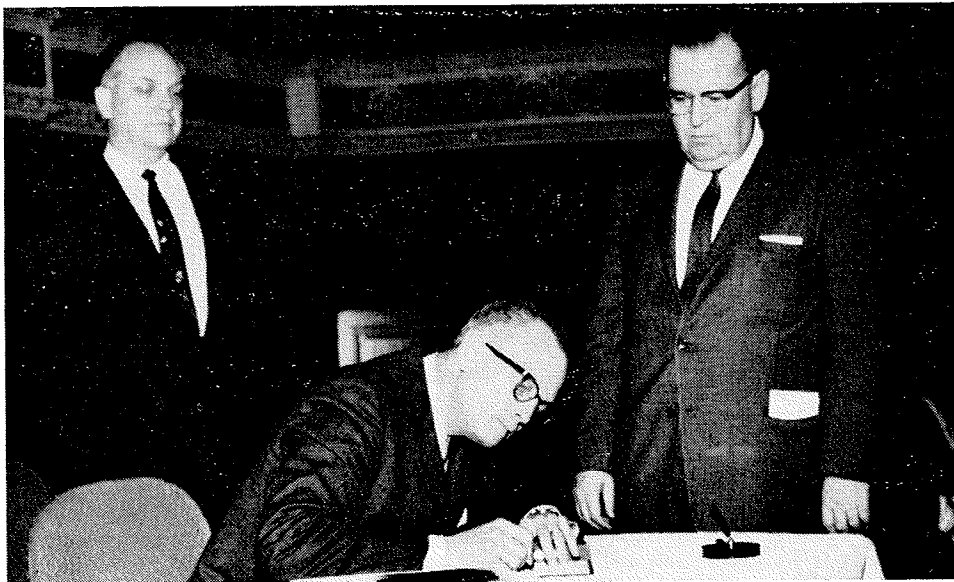
While we would delight to see every missionary, and in fact, every Christian across the world, using this effective tool of literature, yet we recognize that only a few are really well qualified to use it effectively. The essential qualifications are dedication, identification, and exaltation.

As there is a complete dedication of God's man who counts all things but loss for the sake of reaching lost and dying men, the right kind of literature in such hands can be much used of the Holy Spirit. This does not mean a promiscuous scattering of literature anywhere and everywhere, but it's faithful use, growing out of a maturity of experience of walking in intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Man Needed

God's man must also experience a positive identification, growing out of a Calvary love, recognizing that the servant is not greater than his Lord. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." As He became man, identified with his failure and sin, so must that Christian who uses literature be willing to be identified with the people he wants to reach. He must know and be identified with problems, aspirations, and satisfactions. Finally, the effective literature missionary must passionately desire an

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Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, newly-elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals, reaffirms his belief in the doctrinal position of NAE by signing the organization's "Statement of Faith." The impressive ceremony in which all of the officers signed the statement took place at the recent convention held in Chicago. Standing at left is Dr. Bob Cook, first vice-president, and at the right is Dr. George L. Ford, executive director.

To Sponsor Retreats

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The NAE Commission on Chaplains is currently completing plans for three retreats to be held during the months of August and September.

The *European Retreat* is to be held at the Alpine Inn at Berchtesgaden, Germany, 8-12 August, with Chaplain (1st Lt.) Paul E. Kreider, Office of the Chaplain, 3807-02 Bad Aibling, APO 108, New York, New York, as the convener. It is planned that the Reverend C. Mervin Russell, youth director for the Free Methodist Church of North America, will be present as a speaker and that Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, acting executive secretary of the NAE Commission on Chaplains, will direct this retreat. It is anticipated that at least one other outstanding European speaker will be present to participate in these meetings.

Japan Retreat—The first of the two Far Eastern retreats will be held at the Gohra Hotel in Tokyo, Japan, 12-14 September. The convener is Chaplain (1st Lt.) Calvin Roy, USAFR, Hq 6000th Support Wg, OL # 1, Box 60, APO 323, San Francisco, California.

The team for both of the Orient retreats will be directed by Dr. Roy McKeown, who so effectively ministered in the retreats last year. He is to be accompanied, according to present plans, by Mr. Floyd Robertson, for many years an officer of the Navy, who in recent years has established and conducted retreat centers and a very successful ministry to servicemen. If plans can be perfected, it is also hoped that Johnny Webb, the

outstanding evangelical singer, and the Reverend A. S. Taylor of the Conservative Baptist Chaplains Commission and director of the Eastern regional office of NAE, will also be present.

Korean Retreat—This retreat is to be held at the Retreat Center at Seoul 17-18 September with the same team.

How Many Jews?

NEW YORK—(EP)—There are 12 and one-half million Jews throughout the world, and approximately 5,367,000 of these live in the United States.

So says the new 1960 American Jewish Year Book, published by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society.

It reports that there are only nine countries with Jewish communities of 200,000 or more: the United States, the Soviet Union, Israel, Great Britain, Argentina, France, Canada, Romania and Morocco.

It is estimated that between two and three million of the 3,500,000 Jews in Europe are in the Soviet Union and its satellites. The largest East European Jewish community other than the Soviet Union is in Romania, numbering 220,000.

Interesting sidelight: the population of Israel, according to the Yearbook, is about 1,837,000 Jews and 225,000 non-Jews.

A study of the Yearbook totals shows that enrollment in Jewish religious schools in this country is now nearly 554,000, an increase of more than 131 per cent over ten years ago. During that time the Jewish population has grown only about 15 to 20 per cent.

Nazarenes Exceed Goal

KANSAS CITY, MO.—(EP)—The Church of the Nazarene has exceeded its 1956-60 quadrennial goal of 14-million dollars for world missions by about \$650,000, according to announcement by Dr. John L. Stockton, general treasurer.

The total amount given during the 4-year period was \$14,648,245. The 1959-60 fiscal year closed on April 30. This represented an increase of about \$4 million dollars over the previous quadrennial record of \$10,669,598 given in 1952-56. The Church of the Nazarene maintains 450 full-time missionaries in 41 world areas.

Struggle For Power

SAVANNAH, GA.—(EP)—A veteran United Lutheran Church missionary to Africa said here that Russia is informing Africans that "America will be a Communist country by 1974."

The Rev. Milan Gustav P. deLany of Atlanta said in an interview that an "intense struggle" for power is being waged on the continent, which he describes the "heart of world strife."

A veteran of many years service in Tanganyika, Pastor de Lany charged that the U.S. is not keeping pace in the race to win over the population of the Dark Continent.

"For instance," he said, "although there are 700 tribes with as many dialects on the east coast of Africa below the equator, one common language is spoken. Swahili, now classed as one of the world's ten most important languages, is being taught at the University of Moscow and to all Russian diplomats."

"Throughout each day," he continued, "short wave broadcasts in Swahili from Russia, India, Egypt and occasionally China are beamed into Africa—filled with anti-Western propaganda."

And he added significantly: "None of the Western countries, with the exception of one British station, have bothered to make such broadcasts in the common voice of the African in that section."

Prohibition Continues

JACKSON, MISS.—(EP)—As the Mississippi Legislature closed its 1960 session on May 5, it refused either to repeal the state's 50-year-old prohibition law or to act to put the 946 federally licensed whisky retailers out of business.

Mississippi, the last state with a state-wide prohibition law, reportedly collects \$3 million yearly from a so-called "black market" tax on illegal whisky sales.

Church Construction Up

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(EP)—Despite a drop of 16 per cent from the 1959 level in the construction of housing, church construction continues to set new records.

The report of the census bureau on April construction showed another record month, with a total of \$75 million—a gain of \$1 million from March.

▶ POINTERS ON CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ◀

Perfecting A Master Plan

IT IS OBVIOUS that there isn't a single plan of church administration that will work equally well in all churches. If this were true, we would but have to perfect one plan and carry it out in every church. There are many ways, many factors to consider in setting up a "Master Plan" for church administration on the local level. The size of the membership, the size of the physical plant, the location of the church, the potential of the church—are but a few of the things that must be considered. There must be, however, a *plan* if any church anywhere in the world is to operate at its fullest efficiency. In the article for this month we would like to offer some suggestions for "Perfecting a Master Plan".

I. The "Plan" on Paper.

A. Plan well in advance.

Your writer has been told by those who ought to know that the plans for most 1960 automobiles, right down to the most minute detail, have been on the drawing boards for years, and have actually been perfected for months. This is true of the automobile industry, but it isn't true of the greatest institution on this earth, the Church of God.

Most of us are intellectually lazy. Good, advance planning is hard work. A Master Plan of work cannot be put down even on paper in just a few minutes, but will take weeks and often months. If we will take a good look at the internal workings of a great church, we will always find a well organized and well executed Master Plan of work.

As you begin to think and jot down ideas concerning a plan of work for your church—Think!! Think like this. What should be done first? Sure most of us would like to jump right in the middle of things and see a great oak grow from a little acorn,

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in just a short time—but things just don't work that way. A farmer first plows the ground, then sows the seed, then cultivates—and waits for the harvest. First let us think about foundations, that is, basic things and basic needs; but always keeping the ultimate plan and goal in mind. A firm foundation makes a good house more likely. Taking care of basic things and basic plans will make your master plan solid also.

After thoroughly thinking through the first things, it is safe to proceed to more advanced stages of the Master Plan. *Think Carefully!!! Work Prayerfully!!!!*

B. Your Responsibility.

Perhaps all of us will agree that plans for church work should be made well in advance as has been indicated in point "A". Just whose responsibility it is to plan well in advance is another problem. Who is supposed to do this? Is it wise to bring the church board in on such a thing at this point? Is it wise to bring the entire church in on such a program before a Master Plan is perfected on paper? The answer to both these questions is no. Paul, Acts 20:28 gives us a clue as to whose responsibility the Master Plan is: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost *hath made you overseers*, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." The perfecting of a plan and program for the administration of a flock is as much a part of the "Overseeing" as is preaching, visiting the sick and winning lost men. Here then, the responsibility falls upon the preacher. It is a fact, preachers, that our

organizations are what they are because of what we are.

Therefore, lay out on paper well in advance, a plan for the church that the Lord hath made you responsible for. As you plan, think of your church as individuals. Consider their talents, their potentials, their previous training, their length of service in the church. Make these people a part of your plan.

II. The "Plan" and Cooperation.

Many a preacher has worked hard in perfecting an excellent plan on paper, and then, all because of failure in enlisting cooperation, the plan has failed to the uttermost despair of the preacher. Plans cannot usually be "crammed" down people's throats. They must be presented as a means of improvement and advancement. The best place to begin in presenting your plan is with your church board.

It is certainly hoped by your writer that each of your church boards are composed not of just the deacons, but by a representative from every department of the church as well. That is, in addition to the deacons, why not have the Sunday School Superintendent, the President of the Master's Men, the President of the Woman's Auxiliary and etc., as a part of your board? After all, a church board cannot do business for the church, they merely act as an advance planning committee for the entire church—the church being the final voice of authority. The reason that each department should be represented is that a good Master Plan of work will include every department and tie them together in such manner that each is dependent upon the other.

Don't approach your board with an attitude of "We are going to do this." Approach them with the "Shall we do this?" attitude. They will begin to ask questions,

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Bible College Graduates Seniors



Bible College seniors for 1960 are pictured standing on the steps of the recently acquired West End Avenue property. Front row, left to right: Betty Pittman, Cordova, Ala.; Fleda Mercer, Blakely, Ga.; Bettie O'Haver, Kirksville, Mo.; Flora Turnage Gilliam, Snow Hill, N. C. Second row: George Allen, Guthrie, Ky.; Jimmy Aldridge and Phillip Gilbert, Cordova, Ala.; Gordon Hart, Ayden, N. C.; Allen Messer, Swannanoa, N. C.; Roger Phenicie, Tuscon, Ariz.; Donald Sexton, Coeburn, Va. Third row: Charles Hampton, Shawnee, Okla.; David Jolin, Van Buren, Ark.; Lloyd Plunkett, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dean Dobbs, Kirksville, Mo.; Milton Crowson, Tupelo, Miss.; Roy Thomas, Artesia, N. M.; and Jimmy Bowman, Norfolk, Va. Absent from the picture taking was Lonnie Palmer, Fort Worth, Texas.

CLIMAXING THE 18TH YEAR of operation 19 seniors were graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College May 26 after having completed four years of study. Each is a candidate for the B.A. degree with a major in Bible and theology. Of the 15 men, 11 are classified as ministers, and two are missionary candidates. Three of the graduates plan further schooling.

The baccalaureate service was held Sunday evening, May 22, with the Reverend Rolla Smith, Director of the Foreign Mis-

sions Department of the National Association, as speaker. The Rev. Mr. Smith is an alumnus of the Bible College.

Bringing the commencement address at the graduation exercises Thursday evening, May 26, was Rev. Frank H. Sells, professor of Bible at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. Mr. Sells is an outstanding Bible teacher and is a popular Bible conference speaker, having appeared at the Bible College as guest speaker in 1958.



Devotional Introduction to Job by Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr. Baker, 165 pp. \$2.95.

The title of this book may mislead you. It is a great deal more than a *Devotional Introduction to Job*. There is much more in this writing than just meditative examination. The book of Job has a timeless message and the author spares neither himself nor his subject in setting forth its eternal truth; namely, the righteous suffer as well as the unrighteous. Even as Job asked "why," so does the twentieth century Christian. The author pursues this question with clarity and compassion. He concludes that "Though he (Job) cannot explain what part, he realizes that God knows, God cares, and God permits human sorrow only that some good greater than the sorrow may result." A well written book that can be understood by laymen.—Eunice Edwards.

The "You Can" Series, Convention Press, \$1.00 each.

You Can Lead Singing by W. Hines Sims
You Can Learn to Sing by Warren Angell

You Can Play Hymns by Loren R. Williams
You Can Play the Organ by Samuel W. Shanko

You Can Read Music by Jesse C. McKinney

This series of music studies has been especially prepared for training young people in the ministry of music in the local church. The books are designed for either home or class study and requirements for credit are listed in each course. These books would be of special help and interest to those who work in the field of music in the local church level. The value of the books is increased by the illustrations which are freely used throughout.—MDM.

Delegate's Official Credentials

(Each delegate who registers must present this form properly signed.)

THIS CERTIFIES that _____ is a duly authorized delegate to the National Association of Free Will Baptists from _____

(Name of church or state association)

of (if church, give city and state) _____

(Only one signature required)

Fee for a delegate from a local church is \$10.00.
Registrar check here when fee is paid.

Moderator or Pastor

Clerk or Secretary

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION: "Each State Association shall be entitled to five lay delegates at large and in addition each local church which holds membership in the highest body in the state shall be entitled to one lay delegate."

"Abounding in the Work of the Lord"

TO BE THEME OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, by ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (I Cor. 15:58). From this Scripture comes the general theme for our 1960 National Association, "Abounding In the Work of the Lord."

Opening the convention services will be Rev. Othel T. Dixon, pastor of Mountain Grove (Mo.) Free Will Baptist church, using the keynote of the evening, "Abounding In Our Task." The message will be centered on the Scripture of John 9:4, "... the night cometh, when no man can work." The Keynote Message will be "The Urgency of This Hour."

Rev. Ralph Lightsey, pastor of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist church, New Bern, North Carolina, will bring the message at the Wednesday morning worship hour. His message, "Devotion Without Measure," will be in keeping with the theme of the day, "Abounding In Our Consecration," taken from II Corinthians 8:5, "... first gave their own selves to the Lord."

The Wednesday evening services will, as in previous years, place emphasis upon our missions responsibility as seen in the keynote for the evening, "Abounding In Our Witness." Dr. Bob Pierce, world famous president of World Vision, Inc., will bring the missionary message "Sharing the Glad Tidings." Scripture basis of the message will be Romans 10:15, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

Preceding the evening message, conventioners will hear Dr. LaVerne Miley, missionary appointee, speak on "Why We Plan to Go to Africa." Dr. Miley, along with his wife and three children, will be our first medical missionaries to the foreign field.

Delegates and visitors will also have the privilege of meeting both home and foreign missionaries who are presently in the homeland, including the Lee Whaleys, Alaska; the Luther Sanders, Hawaii; Miss Bessie Yeley, Mexico; the Arthur Billows, Mexico; the John Postlewaites, Northwest; and the

Wesley Calvarys, Japan. Fourteen adult missionary appointees will also be introduced.

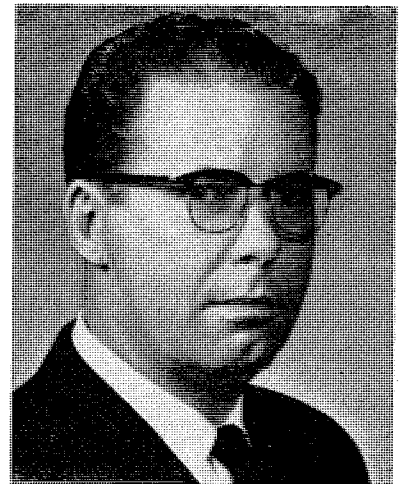
The 11:00 o'clock worship hour on Thursday morning will have as speaker, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, pastor of Holdenville (Okla.) Free Will Baptist church, using the subject, "The Availing Force," in keeping with the keynote of the day, "Abounding In Our Intercession." Mr. Wilson will use the Scripture, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16).

To add to the spiritual emphasis which is always uppermost in our conventions, there will be an early morning prayer meeting on Wednesday conducted by Rev. Lonnie DaVault, pastor of Capitol Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Of growing interest among delegates and visitors each year, is the Layman's breakfast which will be held in the Empire Room of the Hotel Californian on Thursday. Featured speaker will be Mr. Delmer Priest, a deacon in First Free Will Baptist church, Richmond, California, who, for the past 14 years, has served as Juvenile Court officer of the Richmond Police Department.



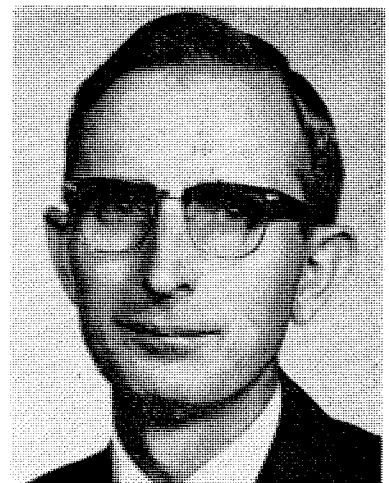
OTHEL T. DIXON



RALPH LIGHTSEY



BOB PIERCE



REFORD WILSON

What's Your Problem?



LOUIS H. MOULTON

CONVENTION TO FEATURE EXHIBITS

For several years now the exhibit area at our National Convention has received more and more attention from the ministers, delegates, and visitors. This year should be no exception. At least twenty booths will be open for the benefit of those who attend the convention in Fresno. Several of our regular exhibitors will have new displays.

All departments of the National Association will have exhibits. These will help to acquaint our people with the work which is being done. Several states will also have exhibits. These exhibits will point-up some particular work within the state. And as always, there will be some exhibits sponsored by groups outside our denomination. The ministry represented by these has always been of interest to our people.

Please plan to spend some time in viewing the exhibits while in Fresno. They have been planned for your benefit. If further information is desired concerning the booths at our National Convention, please write immediately to the Executive Department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. We will be happy to provide additional information.

Cooperative Receipts Good In April

A healthy increase of approximately \$600 was noted in our cooperative giving during the month of April over that of the month of March. It is hoped that this increase will continue. Through this effort we can undergird the total program of the National Association.

If your church would like to give through this plan, simply have the treasurer of the church send 10% of the monthly offerings to the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Your gifts will be disbursed monthly to all the departments of work and your church will have a part in the worldwide ministry of Free Will Baptists.

ALABAMA		
Goodwater church, Slocomb	10.00	
First church, Dothan	58.78	68.78
ARKANSAS		
State association	177.37	
First church, Springdale	83.00	260.37
CALIFORNIA		
State association		471.25
FLORIDA		
State association		91.01
GEORGIA		
State association		376.97
ILLINOIS		
Southern Yearly meeting	502.96	
Oak Grove church, Scheller	7.00	
Alex Mt. Zion church, Olive Branch	56.90	566.86

MISSOURI		
State association		937.07
NORTH CAROLINA		
Swannanoa church	85.00	
Goshen church, Belmont	105.34	190.34
NEW MEXICO		
First church, Hobbs	71.70	
First church, Grants	34.04	
First N. M. Association	13.30	119.04

OKLAHOMA		
State Association		581.28
TENNESSEE		
Oak Grove, Charlotte	13.12	
Olivet church, Clarksville	125.00	
Horton Heights, Nashville	57.35	232.95

TEXAS		
State association		158.40
VIRGINIA		
Bethany church, Norfolk		59.60

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Florida	20.00	
Oklahoma	20.00	40.00
Total Receipts		4,153.92

DISBURSEMENTS

Headquarters Trustees	123.42	
Bible College	822.78	
Home Missions	595.96	
Foreign Missions	1,151.90	
Executive Dept.	1,007.33	
Sunday School Dept.	205.69	
F.W.B. League Dept.	123.42	
Board of Superannuation	123.42	4,1543.92

SPECIAL NOTICE—On Saturday, May 14, Brother Louis Moulton suffered a heart attack enroute to Norfolk, Virginia, where he was scheduled to begin a revival. At the time of this writing Mr. Moulton is confined to the hospital in Galax, Virginia. The doctor has ordered the cancelation of all his activities through the time of the National Association. For this reason, his column is not carried this month. Your prayers for his full recovery will be greatly appreciated.

FRESNO'S Leading Hotels and Motels

PREVAILING RATES AS OF APRIL 15, 1960

CENTRAL	Single	Double	Twin
CALIFORNIAN HOTEL (HEADQUARTERS)	\$5.00-6.50	\$7.50-10.00	\$9.50-12.00
BROADWAY	5.00-6.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00
FRESNO HOTEL	5.00-6.00	6.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00
MARLO	6.50-7.50	7.00- 9.00	10.00
SAHARA	5.00-6.00	7.00-10.00	8.00-14.00
SEQUOIA	3.50-4.00	5.00- 5.50	5.50- 6.50
TRAVELODGE	9.00	9.00	11.00
VIRGINIA	3.50	4.50	5.50
BLACKSTONE (HIWAY 41-YOSEMITE)			
BLACKSTONE MOTEL	5.00	5.00	7.50
THE PINES	5.00	5.00	7.50
PARKWAY	5.00	5.00	7.00- 9.00
MOTEL ROW NORTH			
AYALON	6.00	6.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
BELAIR	5.50-6.00	7.50- 8.50	8.50- 9.50
CANDY	5.00-6.00	6.00- 8.00	7.00- 9.00
DEL MAR	4.00-5.00	5.00- 6.00	7.00
EL GRANDE	6.00-8.00	6.00- 8.00	7.00- 9.00
EL RANCHO	6.00-7.00	7.50- 8.50	8.50-11.00
FREMOR	5.00	5.00	6.00
HACIENDA	8.00	9.00	10.00
HOLIDAY	8.00	10.00	12.00
PARK	5.00-6.00	6.00- 7.00	7.00- 8.00
RITZ	5.00-6.00	6.00- 7.00	7.00- 8.00
RANCH-O-TEL	6.00-7.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00
ROYAL	5.00-7.00	7.00- 9.00	8.00-12.00
SANDS	8.00	8.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00
STARLITE	4.00	6.00	7.00
TOWER	5.00-7.00	7.00- 9.00	8.00-12.00
TOWN HOUSE	7.00	8.50	10.00
TOWNE & COUNTRY	5.50-7.50	6.00-10.00	8.00-12.00
MOTEL ROW SOUTH			
BIG STAR	5.00-6.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00
CALIFORNIA	4.50-5.50	5.50- 7.50	8.00
CAPRI	5.00	7.00	7.50-10.00
CITY	5.00	6.00	8.00
FRESNO MILL	5.00-6.00	6.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
GABLES	5.00-6.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
SIESTA (Fowler)	5.00-6.00	6.00- 8.00	7.00- 9.00

NOTE: We would like to encourage our people to make reservations at the Californian Hotel if at all possible. This is our Headquarters Hotel and many of our activities will center there. The hotel has a family plan in which children under 14 years of age are cared for without charge, and a FREE parking lot for 180 cars next door which is available to our delegates. The hotel is within walking distance of Memorial Auditorium.

Women at Work



Women's Auxiliary

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

Oklahoma City, Okla. Eight people attended the state workshop at Sulphur First Church March 15. A cottage prayer meeting was held in the home of Sister Ruth Durham; the group took her a sunshine box. They also took a grocery box to a shut-in. Services for the Pre-Easter week of prayer were conducted in different homes.

Shawnee, Okla. At the First Oklahoma District Woman's Auxiliary the auxiliary voted to pay half of the tuition for one of the Breeding children in the Arizona-Mexico mission. They also voted to buy one sewing machine for the mission, and plan to pay \$5.00 per month on the salary of the State worker, Rev. Paul Inbody.

Russellville, Ark Ten young people met for prayer and to bring up to date the activities of the foreign missionaries. The group has taken new interest in assuming leadership responsibilities, and received an offering for foreign missions. The Russellville women enjoyed inspirational and interesting meetings during the Pre-Easter week of prayer.

Saffell, Ark. The Aileen Calvary Auxiliary met three nights for a study course in Evangelism, planned by the Study Course chairman. A different instructor conducted the class each night.

Ewing, Illinois. The District Auxiliary met April 21 at the Tabernacle. Rev. Floyd Hartly brought the 11 o'clock message. The group enjoyed a pot-luck lunch during the noon hour. Officers were elected during the afternoon session.

Savannah, Ga. The Spring Workshop of the South Georgia Auxiliary meets here on May 14. A special session for instruction on records and reports will be held and procedures for conducting a study course will be discussed. Rev. Milton Worthington of Lake Butler, Fla. will be featured as the speaker.

Carlsbad, N. M. Six women attended the auxiliary meeting for the month of March to discuss the program on Africa. Upon completion of the program the women met in an altar of prayer for dismissal.

Tulsa, Okla. First Church Woman's Auxiliary met March 4 for the regular program, then on March 8 to organize a night circle. There were 11 charter members in attendance. The new circle is named Mary and Martha. The GTA met March 18 for its regular program, and with the YPA had charge of the Pre-Easter services of prayer.

Stillwater, Okla. Women of the Highland Park Church met in the house of their pas-

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Executive Secretary

A Gate in the Fence for You

(An Explanation of the N.A.E. Women's Fellowship)
By GRACE PETTICORD, Portland, Oregon

It is generally more difficult to get a truly understanding fellowship among women than among men. Dress has something to do with this. How a woman dresses many times carries a significance of belief. Style makes a difference and other traditional beliefs sometimes hamper fellowship and understand. But more and more evangelical women are looking into the hearts of other evangelical women with love and understanding.

While we truly respect the traditional "fences" or conscientious persuasions existing in groups of evangelical women, the National Association of Evangelical Women's Fellowship provides a gate in the fences. This gate, however, opens only to evangelicals, but does not exclude our fellowship with other believing women of "like precious faith" who may not be members of N.A.E.

We are separated from the non-evangelical sects, the neo-orthodox and liberal theological trends, and the purely secular welfare work. We are separated unto a united evangelical witness. We are separated to a united social action. We are separated to a united world relief program. Our missionary philosophy is still that souls are lost and need salvation through the blood atone-

ment of the Lord Jesus Christ and we must make our efforts count for the most in the needy parts of the world.

The Women's Fellowship has its own project for those wishing to use it locally. This is the "Penny-a-Meal" bank fund. The banks are passed in Sunday school classes or at monthly meetings and the offerings are sent to Mrs. Eunice Edwards, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

We support N.A.E. projects. We are united on the World Day of Prayer. We would like to have you united with us. Individual members may join for \$1.00 per year. The annual membership fee for an affiliate (missionary societies and Bible classes who join as a group upon signing the N.A.E. statement of faith) is \$5.00.

If your group would like to have an outside interest and a tie with evangelical women who are uniting for action to defend and promote the gospel of our Lord, write for further information to Mrs. Everett Armstrong, President, N.A.E. Women's Fellowship, West 2106 Courtland Street, Spokane 13, Washington.

(NOTE: The above is a summary of the article. The complete article can be obtained from Mrs. Armstrong.)

tor, Rev. Homer Young, for an organizational meeting and the review of a missionary lesson. After special singing, the group discussed the lesson on Africa, then officers were elected. The auxiliary plans to meet twice monthly.

Norman, Okla. A workshop was held here March 15 with Rev. Harry Staires bringing the message at 11 o'clock. The local auxiliary met March 22 for study of the book "All of Mine for Him." Eleven members attended the session.

Flat River, Missouri. The ladies of the First Free Will Baptist Church met Wednesday, April 27. The devotional was led by the president, Mrs. Hazel Scott. The scripture lesson, Psalm 23 was read. There were twelve in attendance. The group had its annual election of officers.

NEWS FLASH!

ATTENTION TENNESSEE WOMEN!

Tennessee State Woman's Auxiliary Convention is planning a wonderful experience for all the women in the state work. There will be two and one half days of feeding on the Word, fellowship with the saints, fun and relaxation, and fundamental teaching; August 11-13, Thursday through Saturday morning at the Bible College. We will stay in one of the dormitories and eat in the dining hall. There will be a slight fee to be announced later. Three meals a day, 3 classes a day, 3 worship periods a day. Won't you come and be blessed along with us? Send \$1.00 for registration to Mrs. Dale Burden, 616 Russell, Nashville, Tennessee.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES



Representing Free Will Baptists at the recent National Association of Evangelicals Convention in Chicago were Executive Secretary Billy A. Melvin, Foreign Missions Director Rolla D. Smith, and Home Missions Director Homer Willis. They are pictured above with Dr. Herbert Mekeel (third from left) past president of NAE.

Dedication Held

STAR CITY, ARK.—Easter services at Pine Hill church included dedication of the newly completed auditorium which has a seating capacity for 300 people.

Following the dedicatorial services a crowd of approximately 150 enjoyed dinner in the new dining hall of the church. Rev. Lawnie Coffman, pastor, reports the church is almost completely free of indebtedness.

Has Winning Team

FLAT RIVER, MO.—First Free Will Baptist church sponsored the winning team recently in the Unicity Church Basketball Conference, of which twelve churches are members. Pastor Dale Jones and team sponsor, Dale Blakely, accepted the trophy in behalf of the team for its placements of second in the tournament and third in the conference.

Master's Men Meet

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Cumberland District Masters Men Convention was held May 3, at Trinity church. The Tennessean's Quartet, a popular local group, provided the program entertainment.

New Building Erected

CERES, CALIF.—Village Chapel church held its first service in the new \$35,000 building on Easter Sunday. The building provides a sanctuary with seating capacity for 150 people, eight class rooms, kitchen, junior assembly room and future plans call for a large sanctuary to be built in front of the present building. Pastor Joe Mooney-

ham reports the church has fine prospects for growing and this is the only Free Will Baptist church in the area. The church is concrete block construction with white rock roof.

Students Graduate

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Two Free Will Baptists were among those receiving degrees in the 1960 Commencement at Columbia Bible College May 30.

The Rev. Randy Cox received the master of arts in Biblical education degree from the

college's Graduate School of Missions. Rev. Jerry P. Ballard received his bachelor degree in Biblical education. Other Free Will Baptists enrolled at Columbia Bible College include veteran foreign missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard of Glennville, Georgia; Dianne Arnold and Larry Holland of Savannah, Georgia; Don McKeaver of Hamlet, North Carolina; and Jimmy Hughes of New Bern, North Carolina. Miss Barnard and Mr. Hughes studied in the Graduate School of Missions.

Ministers and Deacons Conference

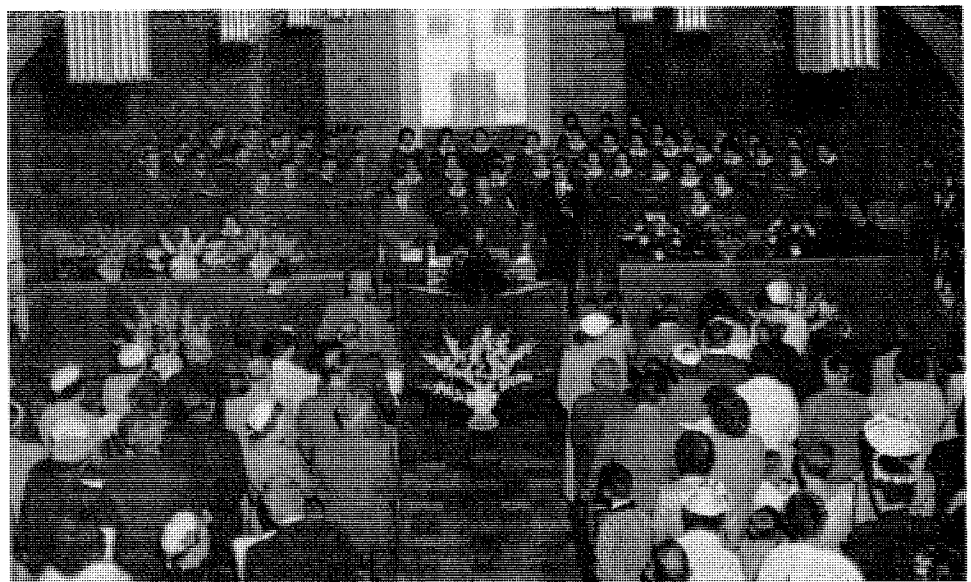
DALLAS, TEX.—The annual Texas State Ministers and Deacons Conference was held May 5-6 at First Free Will Baptist Church. Three messages were brought during the conference by Rev. James Evans, Bryan, Texas, Rev. H. Z. Cox, host pastor, and Rev. Gaston Clary, Henderson. In the business session new officers were elected for the forthcoming year and are listed as follows: Moderator, R. O. O'Dell, Assistant Moderator, C. B. Thompson, Clerk-Treasurer, Bud Parr, Assistant clerk, Billy Sharpston, and Publicity Director, H. Ray Berry.

Church Has Candidate

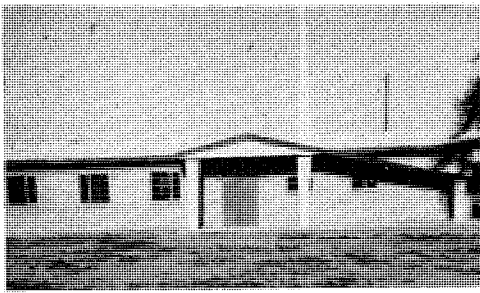
ROSE BUD, ARK.—Mt. Bethel church recently held a missions service which featured Rev. Lonnie Palmer, missionary candidate to Africa, as speaker. The church was also host to the Rose Bud community sunrise service on Easter, which is an interdenominational affair, Rev. Roger Harwell reports.

Progress Noted

GREENBRIER, ARK.—The church here has recently constructed a new parsonage and added Sunday school rooms to the present church building. Rev. Rupert Pixley of the Armour Avenue church in Ft. Smith was the evangelist for the revival meeting, which began May 2.



Pictured above is the new sanctuary of the Mt. Grove, Missouri, Free Will Baptist Church. The sanctuary was dedicated on May 1. Rev. Othel T. Dixon is pastor.



The church pictured above is the new Village Chapel Free Will Baptist Church located at Ceres, California. Rev. Joe Mooneyham is the pastor.

Church Organized

HOUSTON, MO.—The Free Will Baptist Mission, which has been sponsored by the Mountain Grove church, was organized into a church on May 11. Rev. Ervin Morton, who has served as director of the mission, was elected pastor. A charter membership of 29 was received.

Contacts Wanted

RICHMOND, VA.—Rev. W. A. Hales, who has recently accepted the pastorate of First church here, requests that anyone having knowledge of Free Will Baptist residents of this city, please send the addresses to him. He wishes to contact them on behalf of the church.

Revival Continues

ERWIN, TENN.—First church is still experiencing revival following the services which began April 24. Rev. Harley Brown of Kingsport, Tenn., served as evangelist in the meeting and pastor Johnnie Floyd, Jr., reports 21 decisions, nine of which will receive baptism and twelve were added to the church.

Church Is Dedicated

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO.—The new \$40,000 sanctuary of First church was dedicated on May 1. Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, preached the dedication message. Pastor O. T. Dixon's father of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Rev. Thomas H. Dixon, preached in the afternoon service.

Seven Conversions

TAFT, CALIF.—The Taft church witnessed seven conversions in a recent revival. Rev. McAlister was reelected as pastor and he is conducting a study course on suitable conduct for Christian young people.

Camps Announced

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.—State youth camp director Rev. Willard Day reports that there will be two camps conducted this year in order to accommodate those planning to attend. Camp for those 9-12 years will be June 20-25, and ages over 12 will attend June 25-July 2. Those who are thirteen years old may attend either camp for the convenience of parents who have more than one child attending.

Board Organized

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Christian News Associates, publishers of *Perception*, has organized a twenty-man board designed to serve as a representative and advisory unit. The following ministers are included: Joseph Ange, H. Ray Berry, Dale Burden, Forrest Chamberlin, Randy Cox, Ronald Creech, Robert Edwards, Herman Hersey, Irvin Hyman, Bobby Jackson, A. J. Lambert, Dean Moore, Jack Paramore, James E. Raper, Roger C. Reeds, Raymond Riggs, Bob Rogers, Ben Scott, Robert Shockey and Henry Van Kluyve.

Director, Rev. Jerry Ballard, announced this as a part of a plan to make the ministry of CNA more valuable to the denomination in line with its established purpose. CNA supplies news and articles of denominational interest to established church organs and provides a public relations consultant service to churches and ministers who desire to increase the scope of their influence in their communities through organized church publicity.

Attendance Is Up

HOLDENVILLE, OKLA.—The recent revival in the Free Will Baptist church here numbered 19 conversions, 7 rededications, and 10 additions to the church. The Sunday school attendance held its highest average of 163 during the month of March. Rev. J. Reford Wilson is pastor and the visiting evangelist was Rev. Paul Inbody.

Missions Revival

ANDERSON, IND.—A week-end missions revival conducted by Rev. Homer Willis, National Home Missions Director, at the Anderson and Muncie Churches, resulted in one conversion and \$262.23 cash offering for missions. The services were arranged by Rev. Dick Cordell and Rev. William Simmons. The church in Anderson has an average attendance in Sunday school of

approximately 200 and the Sunday school attendance at Muncie is approximately 100. Both of these are new churches and have their own buildings, which are a credit to our denomination.

Holy Land Trip Planned

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Through special arrangements with Crusader's Bible Studies, Inc., arrangements have been made for 134 Free Will Baptist preachers to earn an expense paid trip to the Holy Land. This trip is planned in connection with the 25th anniversary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and will take place in the spring of 1961.

Any Free Will Baptist preacher who would be interested in making this expense paid trip should contact one of the following persons: Rev. E. M. Kennedy, 5520 S. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Rev. William Hill, 23082 Hazelwood Avenue, Hazel Park, Michigan; Rev. Herman Hersey, P. O. Box 11173, Raleigh, N. C.; Rev. Charles Hollingshead, 19th Avenue and 24th Street, Northport, Alabama; Rev. E. C. Morris, P. O. Box 553, Tifton, Georgia; Rev. Rufus Coffey, 158 Queens Road, Florence, S. C.; Rev. Winford Floyd, 702 First Street, Elizabethton, Tennessee; Rev. Henry Melvin, Winterville, N. C.; Rev. Bob Hill, 324 Cleveland, Nashville, Tennessee.

This opportunity is available for only a limited number, so if you are interested in more details, contact one of these men immediately.

Reports Due

NASHVILLE, TENN.—All State secretaries and treasurers of the Woman's Auxiliary should have their reports in the WNAC office before June 30 in order to be counted at the National Convention. Please get them in soon. The address is 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

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The Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama, has recently completed the attractive building pictured above. The original place of worship has been converted into a parsonage. Rev. Chester L. Finch is the pastor.

HAVE YOU TRIED THIS

by Robert Hill

ONE OF THE COMMON failures of today's growing church is the lack of fellowship and friendship among the newer members of the church. We have a tendency to continue our fellowship with the older members and neglect the newer ones. As young Christians and new church members, there is a definite need for fellowship and a spirit of acceptance.

This crucial need can be met by reviving an old tradition quite common among Christians during the preceding generations. Most of us can remember Sunday as a day of worship and an afternoon of fellowship with other Christians. Sunday was a day of togetherness. We worshipped together, ate together, and had fellowship together.

Why not specify a certain Sunday in the near future as "Go home with us for dinner Sunday?" This old tradition will prove a definite blessing to your church. The older members are urged to invite the newer members into their homes for dinner. It is not intended to be an extravagant meal that will take precious hours in preparing, lest we neglect the most important part of the day.

Those persons inviting others to their home should make a special effort to ask some family in the church who has never been in their home. This will eliminate those in certain cliques going to each others home, and give a wonderful opportunity for developing closer ties among all the members. In all of our churches there are several families that have never made an actual visit with some other member.

The afternoon should be spent in fellowship. But, before departing, special prayer should be asked in behalf of the church, its officers, and the community. A prayer list might be made and passed out to every family during the morning service.

This special day should be given at least two weeks advance notice in order to give people time to invite their guests and to see that every member in the church will be visiting in someone's home or having someone in their home. This day will strengthen the church spiritually and will build new understanding among the members. Try it! See what blessings it will bring.

A Master Plan

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which you are well prepared to answer. As you discuss the plan with your board, discuss it in such a way as for them to feel they are a part of the plan—which they really are—and so far as possible lead them to feel that the plan was "their" idea. Many a preacher has failed because he was not humble enough to take "I" out of the plan and put "you" in it.

After you have enlisted the cooperation of the board, thoroughly sold them on the program, and informed them as to its workings, you are ready for another step—presenting the plan to the church.

Again, the preacher should take the "back seat." The plan should be presented by a skilled member of the board, or else, have a member of the board bring this matter to the attention of the church with the words: "Our pastor is more capable than myself to present a plan to you which we have discussed." Then the pastor has opportunity to assume his place of leadership without appearing to "lord it over God's heritage."

III. The "Plan" and Its Execution.

After perfecting the "plan" on paper, selling it to the leaders of the church, we are ready to put it into operation within the church.

A. Patience required.

Many pastors have failed at this point because of the lack of patience. People do not change from the old to the new readily, especially in churches that are old and well established. They feel that they have gotten along this far without a new-fangled idea, why should they start now? A preacher is a salesman and must be a good one to sell a successful church program to his church. It may take months, or even years to actually put a successful program into operation. Take it easy. Establish only one thing at a time, make sure it is working under proper supervision, and then move on to the next step of the Master Plan.

B. Don't try to do it all.

Here is another common preacher-failure in the execution of a master plan of church work—trying to do it all himself. Preachers who have an unusual amount of energy are able to build for a while with themselves as the center; but when they move to another location, their works crumble behind them. Remember what you are building is to exist even after you are no longer pastor—if this is not true, it is not worth the effort. Take the leadership, to be sure, then wisely, prayerfully and carefully place that department upon the shoulders of responsible personnel. You may even have to train someone to do this job—if so take the time to do it!!! It is God's work!!!!

In these articles, we have laid the ground work for something concrete. In the next two articles we will offer a Master Plan for Church Administration that has worked well for this writer. Perhaps you will not

agree with all contained in the plan, neither will everything in it be adaptable to your particular church and need. We trust, however, that from it you will get some idea of what we mean, of your needs, and the great potential we could realize if our churches were properly organized and administered. Next Month: "A Concrete Procedure."

GLANCING

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WNAC to Meet

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The 1960 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention meets in Fresno, California, on July 11-12. The Convention theme is "Abounding to Every Good Work" and the Watchword is "God Is Able." Featured speakers will be Rev. Arthur Billows, missionary to Mexico, and Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the WNAC. Special music will be provided by the Women's Choir of California directed by Mrs. Sue Lindsey. The annual Declamation Contest will be under the direction of Mrs. Leah Waddell, National Youth Chairman.

Church Buys Property

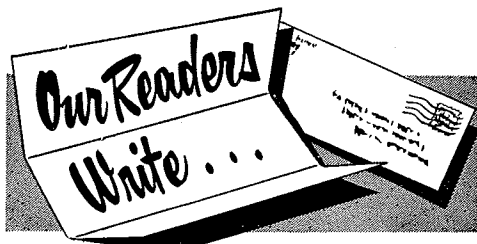
NEW CARLISE, OHIO—The Free Will Baptist Church here has recently purchased property to be used as a permanent place of worship. The property is 105 feet by 137 feet. A large two-story, seven-room house stands on the property and will be used temporarily for Sunday School and worship services. This church was organized in November 1958 and belongs to the Little Miami River Conference. Rev. Eugene C. Stone is the pastor.

CONTACT Family Plan Increasing

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Ten more churches have enrolled on the "family plan" for receiving CONTACT since our last reporting. Those most recently enrolled are: Corinth church, Ozark, Alabama; Grand View church, Maynard, Arkansas; First church, Lakeland, Florida; Bethel church, Pensacola, Florida; Wilson's Chapel church, Thomaston, Georgia; Mt. Vernon church, Mt. Vernon, Illinois; Liberty church, Wichita, Kansas; Garden City church, Wayne, Michigan; Harris Memorial church, Greeneville, Tennessee, and Richlands church, Richlands, Virginia.

Comments received in the office are more and more encouraging in regards to CONTACT which shows a growing desire among our people to keep current on denominational work and happenings in areas other than their own.

If your pastor has not suggested the "family plan" to the church perhaps you might want to mention it to him for consideration. Information concerning the "family plan" or for mailing bundles of CONTACT to churches will gladly be furnished for the asking.



Contact Unites

Dear Sir:

I sure do enjoy CONTACT since it makes our churches feel closer together. United we will stand and divided we will fall. CONTACT draws us closer together.

Prayerfully,
Cordelia Adams
723 W. 45 Street
North Little Rock, Ark.

Contact Has A Place

Dear Sir:

I have been so busy that I have not taken time to let you know how much I appreciate the good work you are doing. We just take things for granted and we feel that others know we appreciate them, but I know we should tell them so.

I think that CONTACT has a real good appearance and is occupying the place in our National Association that God intended for it.

Yours and His,
Rev. Willard C. Day
Box 441
Russellville, Ark.

Pastoral Change

Dear Sir:

I have resigned as pastor of the Copper Mines Free Will Baptist Church at Fredericktown, Missouri, and have accepted the Victory Free Will Baptist Church of Avondale, Missouri. Please note my new address.

In His Service,
Glenn Rehkop
Avondale, Mo.

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Communicating

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unqualified exaltation of Jesus as Lord supreme in his life. This will grow out of a sense of personal inadequacy on one hand and on the other recognition of Him as sufficient for every circumstance. The right kind of literature always has a ministry, but it becomes most effective in the hands of God's man.

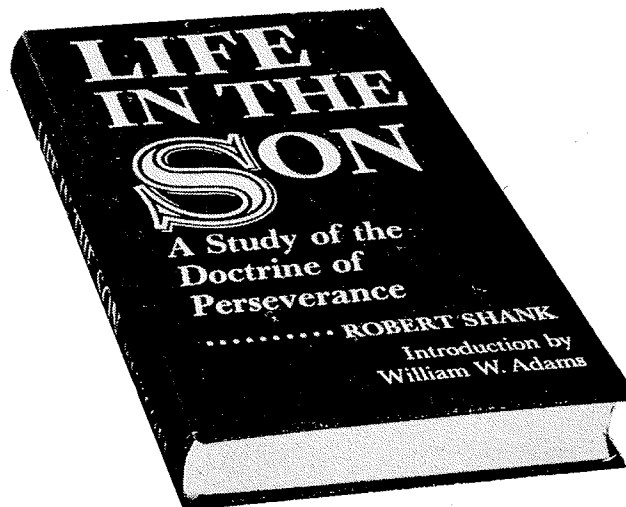
I like Dr. Phillip's manner of expressing this truth as we find it in II Corinthians 10:5, 6—"Our battle is to bring down every deceptive fantasy and every imposing defense that men erect against the true knowledge of God. We even fight to capture every thought until it acknowledges the authority of Christ. Once we are sure of your obedience, we shall not shrink from dealing with those who refuse to obey."

As many of you know, it was our privilege to serve our Lord in Ethiopia in the years preceding the Italian invasion. During that time, for more than a year, we were cut off from the rest of the world without fresh food or medical supplies. For ten months we were without mail or money. We were under constant suspicion, for in the minds of the national, since we were white, we must somehow be related to the invader. We were prisoners in our own mission compound. We had been robbed on three different occasions. Our friends among the national Christians kept warning us that they would continue to rob until they

had the clothes on our backs and even would take our own lives as the children were ultimately stolen. It is a gross understatement to suggest that this was a difficult time for any parent.

Heard Commotion

One evening shortly after I had retired, I heard a commotion out in our mission compound. I got up, reached for my flashlight, and went to the front door of our missionary cottage. As I opened the door, there lying across the threshold was the form of a man, covered with his Ethiopian shama. I stepped over him and turned the beam of my flashlight around the compound, but could see nothing nor hear anything. All had become quiet in the dense darkness of that Ethiopian night. As I turned around and directed my flashlight toward this form that had been lying across the threshold, I found that it was none other than Cassa, our gardener. He had risen to his feet and was obviously perturbed. I said to him, "Cassa, why are you here? You have a house in which to sleep." He then replied, "But Godo, the rumors were very persistent today. Many said they were going to come tonight and kill you and the mistress and steal the children. So I decided that I would plant myself here on the threshold of your door, and if there was an attempt to kill you and the mistress, it would be only over my dead body." Cassa communicated. Have you and I?



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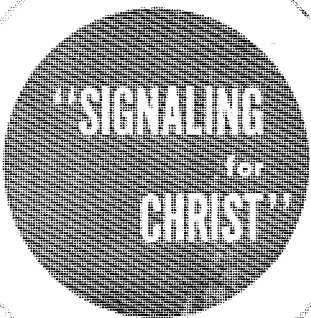
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