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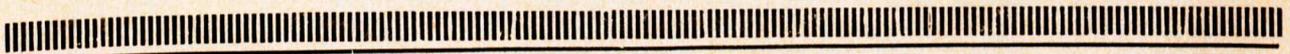
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W. N. A. C.	\$ 52.30
Alabama	69.38
Arkansas	6.00
California	12.27
Georgia	10.47
Illinois	32.39
Kentucky	6.00
Louisiana	2.00
Missouri	28.00
North Carolina	42.13
Oklahoma	108.81
Tennessee	36.82
Texas	18.25
South Carolina	1.00
Total receipts (Aug.)...	425.82
Grand Total	6,069.87

Disbursements:

Promotional Dep't. ...	\$ 70.00
Rev. Willard C. Day...	12.50
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S.W. Bell Telephone Co.	5.15
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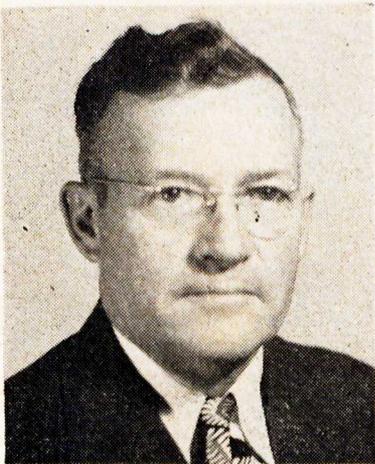
This is the final standing of the current Honor Roll period. It has been a great pleasure and very encouraging to have the interest and the help thus manifest. We wish to sincerely thank each one who has contributed time and effort to present the Gem and to receive subscriptions for us. It has helped us out very much. We hope it has also been a pleasure to you and that we may depend on you in the future.

Note: Also on the report was a summary of amounts paid in by states on quotas for the current year. No state has made appreciable inroads on their assigned goal. Missouri stands at the head of the list with \$123.06 paid in on \$1,500.00 expected from this state. Not many states have this high a goal to work too, but none are much if any nearer their goal percentage wise, with only \$717.66 having been paid in from all states on a goal of \$15,000.00.—Ed.

State Association in Most Successful Session --

**Fredericktown F.W.B. Church Hosts Annual Conventions;
Progressive Trend Definite in Business Transactions;
High Spiritual Plane Enjoyed Throughout All Sessions**

The period of September 15-19, 1952 has become a memorable and a historic time among Free Will Baptists of the Missouri State Association. During those days the annual sessions of the League Convention, the Sunday



Rev. O. T. Allred - Moderator

School Convention, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and the State Association were held with the Fredericktown Church in the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. Those attending voiced the opinion that it was perhaps the most spiritual, the most harmonious, and the most progressive of any session in remembrance. So grand was the fellowship that it was with reluctance that we adjourned the session Friday at the conclusion of the worship service and bid good bye to the host church and to each other and turned homeward to families and duties at home. Most of those attending were already making plans to be in the next convention if the Lord delays His coming and makes another annual session possible.

LEAGUE LEADS

The League Convention opened the conventions with worship services on Monday evening. A surprisingly large delegation was present for this opening service. Inasmuch as the adminis-

trative matters of the League have been devolved upon a responsible Board, the convention was able to present a program designed for inspiration and information, and a minimum of business was brought before the body. The session was called to order by the Chairman of the board, Rev. Benjamin Scott, who presided throughout.

The evening service came to order with congregational singing, special numbers, and prayer. Bro. Harold Baldwin, Leaguer of the local church, extended a gracious welcome to all, and in response Rev. Bob Hill heartily accepted in behalf of every Leaguer present.

The message of the hour was delivered by Rev. Charles Thigpen, young minister and instructor at the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee. This powerful message was based on Luke 5:1-11, and presented the who, how, where, and why of soul winning. The speaker emphasized that *the who* in the work of soul winning is indeed every Christian, that *the how* is with unlimited compassion, *the where* is everywhere, and of course *the why* is to win every soul who will be saved before Christ shall call for His Church. This powerful message was received with gladness.

On Tuesday morning, Leaguers were happy to have with them Mr. Earl Smith, member of the Pocahontas (Ark.) Church. Bro. Smith is a superintendent of schools, a deacon in his church, a Sunday School and League worker, and Director of Leagues in the State of Arkansas. In his address he presented many statistics and comparative illustrations for the purpose of stressing League work, its value and place in training, the need of a League in every church, a pastor's relation and responsibility to his League, and the pertinent fact that there is no possible substitution for the League.

Elsewhere is a more comprehensive report of the League session.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWS

The Annual Session of the Sunday School Convention came to order with the 11:00 o'clock worship hour on Tuesday. Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor of the Fellowship Church in Flat River, was the presiding officer. The set up is similar to that used in the League Conference, with a responsible board



Rev. Marie Hyatt - Clerk

handling administrative matters and the session almost entirely devoted to fellowship in an inspirational and informational program.

Again Rev. Charles Thigpen was the featured speaker keynoting the convention. Rev. Thigpen prefaced his message with some pertinent information on the Bible College and its astronomical growth through the past decade. Perhaps outstanding is the fact that no solicitation work is ever done to secure students. Facts of the functioning and purpose of the school are kept before the people, but the selection of students is left entirely to the leadership of God manifesting itself in the lives of the people. The faculty attributes both the success of the school and the high quality of the students to the fact the student body is thus God called.

Launching then into the message, Bro. Thigpen used II Tim. 3 for a scriptural basis for the message. Speaking on the Holy Scriptures, he said that he

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believed the Scriptures to be Holy because (1) they came from a Holy God, (2) they were imparted by the Holy Spirit, (3) they were recorded by holy men, and (4) they produce holy living when followed. Again his message was eagerly received.

A brief part of the afternoon was used in receiving the letters from various Sundays Schools and in other minor business. Beside this the afternoon was spent in praise and worship services. Speaker of the afternoon session was Rev. Reford Wilson, pastor of the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church in Arkansas, and member of



Rev. Willard Day - Introductory Message

the National Sunday School Board. Bro. Wilson's message was inspirational and quite helpful in information.

Again, additional information is contained elsewhere in this issue.

THE STATE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday evening the congregation gathered early and group singing was led by Rev. S. A. Hand. Rev. Marie Hyatt, clerk-treasurer, declared a quorum present and called for the Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred, to take charge. Rev. Allred delivered a brief message at this time outlining the purpose of a State Association and charging all delegates with their solemn responsibility. Many enjoyable special numbers followed.

The evening message was delivered

by Rev. Willard Day, pastor of the Mountian Grove Church, who was elected at the last session to be the introductory speaker. Bro. Day spoke on the subject, "Getting and Giving." In his discourse, he emphasized the good things and the abundance of them that we have received at the hand of the Lord, much of it through the activities of past State Associations. On the giving side of the issue was our keen obligation and privilege to do some giving both to the Lord and to our fellow man. Another very fine message.

Wednesday morning found the convention in the process of organizing and settling down to the business of the session. We shall summarize the business a little later in this report.

At the 11:00 o'clock hour the session was temporarily suspended and the rest of the day given to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Their reports appear elsewhere as prepared by the women attending the session. Suffice it for us to state the men enjoyed the session about as much as the women did. It was a profitable session.

THE COLLEGE GROWTH

The Association reconvened on Wednesday evening with singing led by Rev. Bob Hill. Several special numbers were enjoyed also. The sermon of the evening was delivered by Dr. L. C. Johnston, president of the Bible College. By request Bro. Johnson first brought us some facts about the Bible College. He pointed to the growth experienced in the short life of the institution. A total of 16 students enrolled during the first year while the final figure for the current semester will stand near the 160 mark. The school opened with only one building and a capital investment of about \$12,000 while today it owns five buildings and other assets representing a capital investment of \$112,000 and this does not include the purchase price of \$65,000 for the recently purchased Richland Apartments. He stated that there would be no unused facilities during the current term, and that any further increase in enrollment would make necessary the procurement of still other facilities. Bro. Johnson thankfully and humbly attributed the growth of the school to the cooperation of Free Will Baptists everywhere and the sound basis on which the school operates. With this informa-

tion, he turned to the message of the evening which was based on the statement, "A greater than Solomon is here." A fine sermon was presented picturing the superiority of Christ in wisdom, in love, in power, in ability, and in every attribute over Solomon or any other basis of comparison upon which men might be relying today.

The rapid moving business session continued again Thursday morning, with harmony very noticeable in every transaction. At the morning worship service, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, native Missourian but now National Promotional Secretary residing in Nashville, Tennessee, brought the message. The



Rev. Damon C. Dodd - National Promotional Secretary; Guest Speaker

power of the Spirit used Bro. Dodd in delivering a wonderful sermon. He started the discourse with Matthew 16:13 and spoke concerning the duties of the Church, the blessings of the Church, and what God has in store for the Church. The service ended in a fellowship handshake and amidst great rejoicing.

In the evening, Rev. William Buster, Illinois evangelist, was chosen as the minister to bring the message. All who know him knew what to expect and were praying for God to use him. Their prayers were answered and he brought a powerful message on the Bible assertion, "And we see Jesus." The service was climaxed with the salvation of two souls at the altar.

The final message was delivered Friday morning by Rev. James F. Miller,

past moderator of the Association. He continued to point our attention to the great Christ, of his humanness, yet ever Divine, and His love toward man because of these qualities. Many in the congregation were aware that Bro. and Sis. Miller were soon to depart to a new pastorate outside the state and entertained the feeling that perhaps this might be the last opportunity to hear him for some time. Thus the service to many was very touching, and the Spirit used the occasion to warm many hearts and bless abundantly.

PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS

Much interesting and progressive business was adopted during the business sessions. We will not have the space or the notes to detail them here. However it will be well to consider some of them.

OFFICERS REMAIN THE SAME

Each officer of the Association was reelected to the same post for the coming year without an opposing nomination or a dissenting vote, thus endorsing confidence in their sincerity and ability and setting the stage for the harmony that prevailed in all sessions. Heading the list is the Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, Missouri. Also reelected was the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Ben Scott, of St. Louis, and the Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. Marie Hyatt, of Centerview, Missouri.

Several Board vacancies were filled at this session. Rev. Rolla Smith was elected to succeed himself to a five year term on the Executive Board. Rev. Bob Hill is to fill the unexpired term on the Youth Camp Board, while Rev. O. T. Allred will succeed himself on the same Board. The Sunday School Board is unchanged. Rev. Cecil Campbell was elected to the one year vacancy on the Superannuation Board, while Rev. James Barker was elected to the five year term. Also an Auditing Committee was elected to comply with the desires of the treasurer that the books be audited annually. This committee is Rev. Bob Hill, Rev. Eunice Edwards, and Rev. Willard Day. Rev. Kenneth Turner was reelected as statistician.

Of paramount interest was the election of Rev. Cecil H. Campbell of Monett, Missouri, to take over the duties of the office of manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem. This was at

the request of yours truly, presently both editor and manager. You will see more of this action elsewhere in this issue.

PROGRESS IN FINANCES

A few years ago, when I was still very new in the Free Will Baptist Church and but a young Christian, someone said, perhaps merely to discourage me, that if he were going out to slay Free Will Baptists he would never aim at the heart or the head, but would thrust at the pocketbook and the slaughter would be colossal. I never enjoyed the jibe! Still I reluctantly admitted to myself that per-



Rev. Jas. F. Miller - Delivered the Concluding Message

haps we were not living up to requirements and privileges in regard to our stewardship of finance and materials. I am not ready to say that we are even yet nearing perfection in this matter. But I am happy to know beyond any possible doubt that great progress in giving can be noted.

Someone attending the State Association 29 years ago for his first time, recalled that less than \$150.00 was handled by the organization during the year. During the past year finance handled by the State organization exceeded \$15,000.00, with many earmarked funds bypassing the treasury and so no record of them is available. The Entertainment Fund alone this year was \$1,079.26. Because of heavy donations of commodities by the host

church and association, and labor donated, the church was able to pay back to the General Fund \$200.00, and still have nearly that much in reserve toward any yet outstanding bills.

Because of the great increase in the duties of the treasurer, the annual honorarium was raised to \$120.00. This does not even approximate a wage, but does denote a milestone reached in finances and shows a great confidence that the attainment will be permanent.

It was also voted to liquidate a standing debt of \$125.00 owed by the Youth Camp. Also, in connection with the Youth Camp, pledges and offerings amounting to \$1,015.00 was taken in a short time for the erection of a tabernacle to be constructed at the Camp for use in worship services, thus releasing the dining hall back to its intended purpose and need.

An offering was taken at the evening service on Wednesday amounting to a little over \$160.00. This was divided 25 per cent to the Youth Camp, 25 per cent to Missions, and 50 per cent to the Bible College.

NEW COOPERATIVE FUND PLAN

Hailed as one of the most progressive steps in recent history of the denomination was the financial plan adopted as a suggested method of giving to the state work and to higher levels for the coming year. To examine this plan, known as the "Cooperative Plan," let us assume that you wish to send \$1.00 to the State Treasurer to be used according to the plan. Of your \$1.00 sent in, the following allocations will automatically be made—you *Will Not* be troubled with the division.

Missouri State General Fund	....	.24
Missouri State Youth Camp	.....	.07½
Gem (operation-expansion)	....	.07½
Missouri State Home Missions	..	.05
Missouri Superannuation	.....	.00½
National Foreign Missions	.....	.25
F.W.B. Bible College	.....	.25
National Home Missions	.....	.05
National Superannuation	.....	.00½
Total Allocation	.....	1.00

Previous to now no adequate balanced plan of giving has ever been enjoyed by the Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri as a whole. Even now the plan is not presented as being perfect. Imperfections are realized. Therefore, SEE STATE ASSOCIATION, next page

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you will note that 24 per cent of the dollar is kept in the General Fund. Besides taking care of administrative matters in Missouri, when and if a definite need arises, the Association while in session or its Executive Board between sessions, can appropriate out of the General Fund to meet the need that exists. It is not intended to build up and hold a huge sum in the General Fund, but to allow sufficient flexibility in the plan to make and keep it workable in supporting a well balanced program at home, in the National Association, and abroad. To use the plan it will be necessary—as an individual, a church or a group—to send your funds to the State Treasurer, designated as "Cooperative Fund." The Treasurer will take care of it in the above manner without further worry to you. And you will also be receipted for the exact amount so that you may know that is has been received and properly entered. The Treasurer is sufficiently and reliably bonded for both her protection and yours, and the books will be audited regularly. The office is for your convenience. Please use it—whether an individual a church, or any other organization.

TIME AND EFFORT

It would be impossible to take all the proposals and plans conceived in the framework of the State Association and deal with them each one from the floor of the convention. Time would never permit. As a necessary means of expediting business, committees are named to evaluate, prepare and present proposals and plans in a concrete manner, ready for the consideration of the delegates. Often committees have been known to treat their responsibilities lightly, and hastily and loosely frame their report. Such reports are generally worthless and consume much time on the floor in reconstructing the proposals. The committees of this session appeared to be duly impressed with the significance of their duty and proceeded to act accordingly. One joint committee continued in session until 2:15 a. m. on one occasion, and continued to work at an early hour the following day. Other committees and boards spent long and arduous hours in framing their reports. God honored prayer and labor, and the reports were well received.

Also spending long hours at hard labor were members of the host church, paced by their pastor, Rev. Harry Beatty. When the congregation needed something for their comfort, they were there. When all else were in bed and the storm struck, they were there, holding down the tents. When the cook tent caught fire, they were there to save the tent and avert a serious incident. When we arrived early that Monday afternoon, they were there, and they were still there when we left in the middle of the afternoon Friday. Yes, considerable of the success and pleasure of the meet-

ing was due to their tireless and well placed efforts.

From a delegation of less than 30 attending the Association only 29 years ago, the organization has swelled to the colossal thing that it is today. Many worked hard to make it a success it really was.

Next year we will be traveling to Northeast Missouri to convene with the good folks of that section of Missouri. The delegation from there left already formulating plans and expecting even a greater delegation. May we not disappoint them.

—Editor

SOCIAL WORKERS NEEDED ON INDIA MISSIONARY STAFF

Kishanganj
Purnea District
Bihar, India
August 31, 1952

To the Wolverine Association (Mich.) of Free Will Baptists.

Dear Friends:

We received the telegram with great feeling. Imagine the suspense of a foreign telegram when all sorts of imaginations enter ones head when he thinks, "Has some loved one passed on or just what has happened?" Then imagine the joy which comes from being remembered by you folks back there meeting together and remembering us here. It is great encouragement to know that you are back of us and are offering up prayers in our behalf.

Also, we received the cashier check for fifty dollars. We can't begin to say how grateful we are for these extras which the Lord provides through the love and thoughtfulness of our friends. Please let us just say thank you because we don't know how else to express our appreciation. We praise the Lord for providing for every need and ask Him that we might be as eager to receive of His Spiritual blessings as we are to partake of his daily physical care.

How we look forward to the time ahead when we can again join in the fellowship of the Wolverine Association in session. The Woolseys wrote us about being there and made us a bit homesick. Every once in a while we determine to send you regular letters but we always let the time slip by and don't get it done, but I hope that

we can make this a beginning of a regular news letter to you there in Michigan. Would some of you please send us the Quarterly Meeting dates. It has been so long since we heard that we have forgotten just when the meetings come. We'd like to join in your fellowship by letter if we can remember long enough ahead of time to get it off in time for you to get it before the meeting. We are so glad for every bit of news that comes from any one in Michigan and we read minutes of meetings eagerly.

We came down from the hills toward the first of August and found the roads still so under water that we can't move about much. The Monsoon is still on and the heat is rather fierce when the rain is not falling, and now that the Monsoon is slowing down almost to a finish we get a lot of steam as the sun dries the water up.

We did manage to get through to Sonapurhat today and were there for the church services. Many people are ill and it is a rather trying time all around. We found a number of problems among the Christians. Some times we would be very discouraged except that we remember how little they have been taught of Christian living and their whole background is steeped in Islam and Hinduism, with their conflicting cultures and moral standards. May the Lord give us grace to bear and forbear and gradually try to instill the Christian principles which ought to be their heritage but is lacking because of lack of teaching and education. In all the grossness

there are hearts of gold in some of them.

Now we have made our first real contacts with Budhism. We have a young Nepali fellow working for us who is a Budhist. We have touched all the other big religions before but he is our first personal interest in Buddhism. Pray that we might be able to lead him to the Lord.

Perhaps you remember the story of A. S. Gill, how he came from Sikhism and was truly converted and we hoped would go along with the Lord to become a really powerful witness in India. He grew in grace so rapidly that we were amazed. But then there came that time of testing and persecution when we felt that he might even lose his testimony. We have prayed for him often since he returned to his own country, the Punjab. We heard very little until the other day we had a glowing letter from him. He is down in Malaya and says that he is getting wonderful opportunities to witness to the Sikh soldiers stationed there. There seems to be something of his first love in his letter. Pray for him. I believe that many people at home have followed him in prayer. Pray that the Lord will continue to lead him. Pray for the salvation of his non-Christian wife. Also for his three children that they might receive the teaching of Christ rather than the religion of their mother.

Pray for our Santali preacher, Devan. He has so little education and it is so hard for him to continue to give out when he receives so little. The Lord must undertake for him. We do not know his mother tongue and what little help we can give has to be through Hindi, which is neither our tongue nor his. We'd like him to get some training but don't know how to go about it as he has a family to support and would have to start so low that it would take years. Pray that the Lord might use him and provide for his needs.

Just now we are rejoicing because we expect the Hannas out very soon and we can hardly wait to greet them here in Kishanganj. Also we are thrilled to have the Calverys coming and are praying that they may soon receive the necessary permits and so forth. The hope of their coming encourages us much.

We need a doctor and a nurse, as well as an agriculturist. Please pray

that the Lord will send us a doctor as the need is very great. We must satisfy the government in regard to social service. Only those who can contribute something in this line are really encouraged by the government. As a mission we do not provide some qualified people for social service, and we feel that we might not be able to continue to justify our existence here as they, of course, do not consider 'preaching' to be of any earthly value.

May the Lord bless each of you and the work of every church. Our prayers are often lifted for you. And thank you again for all your loving and continued interest.

Yours faithfully,

Dan and Trula Cronk

Note: Please pray very definitely about a doctor for North India. Also an Agriculturist.

NEW CALIFORNIA CHURCH IN BUILDING PROGRAM

2641 South Sierra
Fresno, California
September 2, 1952

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Since receiving the Gem I have found that the Free Will Baptists of California have let down as far as keeping the paper informed of the activity in this state.

I am a new reader and would like to have others know that the F.W.B. of California are still on fire for God.

We have a new church in Calwa which is a short distance out of Fresno. Our church is only nine months old, but the Lord has prospered us to the point that we are building a large new church.

The Lord has blessed us with a good pastor who has been interested in his people and in the progress of God's work. He has done a wonderful work here in Calwa. I might add that he also has worked wonderfully with the young people as well as the old. He is Rev. Lester (Bud) Davis.

We have a fine League, with two able ministers to guide us: Rev. H. Hupp and Rev. F. C. Berry. They are doing a fine job as are all of our Leaguers.

Our Sunday School is doing a fine work also. We have good crowds. We feel that we are teaching the young-

sters the Word of God in a way that they will not forget. Our superintendent is Bro. Jack Hupp.

Our Woman's Auxiliary is doing very well. We have adopted a young girl from the F.W.B. Orphanage, which I think every Auxiliary should do. We also are sending \$5.00 a month to Foreign Missions, besides other works that are too numerous to state.

The Lord has truly blessed us here in California. We are thankful that the Lord has given us the good pastor we have; also the group of wonderful deacons who work together for the good of the church. If we have a church that works together and love one another we know that the Lord will be pleased. Our deacons are: Bro. E. Guinn, Bro. W. Floyd, and Bro. G. C. Berry.

I would like to add that our pastor's wife means as much to us and to our work; also that we love her dearly. It takes a co-worker like Bro. Davis has in her, to give the women of the church faith and strength.

We would like to have all of you visit our church, and if you happen out our way, come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with us.

May God bless you.

Your Sister in Christ,

Margaret Berry

Note: Our thanks for this nice report. We appreciate it. Editor.

CHURCH HAS NEW ORGAN

1928 N. Lewis Ave.
Tulsa, Oklahoma
September 2, 1952

The Lewis Avenue Church is growing. The choir for prayer meetings on Wednesday nights has been being filled with young people.

Recently the church purchased a new Hammond organ. It seems to make the services more reverent. God has given our church a lot of talent. We are having large crowds in our services.

The church has also bought a new electric mimeograph machine for the church office. We have a weekly church paper called "The Grape Vine." Raymond Lee is the editor.

The college quartet visited us in August and had a very successful service with our church.

--Contributed



From The Editor's Desk



NEW MANAGER ELECTED

It is the happy privilege of this writer to be able at this time to welcome to the staff of the Free Will Baptist Gem its new manager, Rev. Cecil H. Campbell. Bro. Campbell was elected at the recent session of the Missouri State Association by the delegates present, without a single dissenting vote.

Rev. Campbell probably needs no introduction to most of the readers of the Gem. He is a very successful pastor-evangelist, coming from within



Rev. Cecil H. Campbell - Manager

the Indian Creek Association and presently pastor of the Monett Free Will Baptist Church situated adjacent to the Gem Office. His previous pastoral duties and evangelistic services have acquainted him throughout the state and in many regions in other states.

Perhaps as well known as Bro. Campbell himself, is his fine family who manifest an understandable satisfaction in his ministry and stand with him in every labor undertaken for the Lord. Sis. Campbell has been quite active in Auxiliary and in youth work and is always active wherever Rev. Campbell is engaged in the ministry. Their son, Lewis Eugene, is now in

High School and manifests a special calling to which he is working. The daughter, Judith Lynn, is yet in the lower grades, but takes a very active part for her age.

When it became apparent that this writer could no longer carry the responsibilities of the Business Manager, together with other necessary duties, a search went out for someone with both Christian integrity and with business ability. The Christian status of Rev. Campbell is in part related above. In addition, Bro. Campbell is not a stranger to the problems encountered in the business world. It has



Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys - Editor

been his practice to live as close to his pastorates as possible. Often the substance derived from these duties has been insufficient to maintain his family. He has therefore, when necessary, supplemented his income through honorable business connections wherever situated. He has always carefully analyzed each business venture and has been remarkably successful, especially so in the light that they have always been only part time engagements. These past business experiences, together with his many other qualifications, will serve him well as he encounters the duties and problems of the office of Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem.

While yours truly will remain as Editor and will serve in other capacities requiring full time service in the

office, we will look forward with great pleasure to working both for and with Bro. Campbell. I am quite sure that you will also want to express your satisfaction with this selection as manager, and pledge your support and cooperation for the advancement of the Cause of Christ by means of the printed page. No manager, however well qualified, can be a success without such cooperation. No doubt Bro. Campbell will often approach you with propositions for the upbuilding of this enterprise—propositions which only you can accomplish. I humbly thank you for each act of kindness and act of assistance extended me while in the office of Manager, and see your continued and increased support of this worthy enterprise and your wholehearted and active cooperation with the successor to this important office.

Gratefully yours,
Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Editor

K. C. CHURCH ENTERTAINS FIFTH SUNDAY MEET

The Central Western Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened at their Kansas City Church on August 31, 1952. Bro. Harold Hoover brought a fine message at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

The noon hour was enjoyed by all. A fine dinner was served in the annex of the church. The church had been recently redecorated inside. The members of the Kansas City congregation are to be congratulated on how nice their church looks.

The afternoon program was called to order by the president. Sis. Lois Davis had charge of the devotional. Special numbers were given by members from each church present. There were four churches represented at the meeting.

Of great concern to all that this was Bro. Kenneth Mason's (member of the Kansas City Church) last Sunday at the little church before going into the Armed Forces. We wish the very best for this fine young man, and may God continue to use him in His service.

It was voted to meet on November 30 with the Hickory Grove Church near Harrisonville, Missouri. That church asked permission to select the morning speaker.

WANTS NAMES, ADDRESSES OF WEST TENNESSEE F. W. B.

I recently spent several days in Memphis, Tennessee, and in Western Tennessee in the interest of Home Missions.

Memphis is a beautiful city of over 400,000 and is without a single Free Will Baptist Church. Isn't it a shame that we don't have any churches in this fine city? In fact, I didn't find any Free Will Baptist Churches anywhere in the western part of our state except two or three small ones in McNairy County.

If we have any Free Will Baptists who have relatives or friends living in or near Memphis, who will be interested in a Free Will Baptist Church being organized in that city, please forward their names and addresses to—

Rev. J. L. McIntosh
Lyles, Tennessee

\$2.00; Niangua, \$1.00; Copper Mines, \$5.00; South Side, \$3.00; Desloge, \$2.00; Hazel Creek, \$3.00; Berkeley, \$2.00; Sublette, none; St. Louis Third, \$2.00; Mountain Grove, \$3.00; Pleasant Grove, \$5.00; Macedonia, \$5.00; Fredericktown, \$5.00; Richwoods, \$1.00; Central Western Missouri League Convention, \$29.48. Total offerings received were \$86.48. Added to the balance of \$12.66 in the treasury, the amount of the treasury was \$99.14.

Disbursements were as follows: Entertainment, \$35.00; guest speaker, \$20.00; gift to Bible College Building Fund, \$35.00. Total disbursements were \$90.00. Balance in treasury, \$9.14.

The State League Board for the coming year will be Rev. Ben Scott, president; Rev. Bill Hill, secretary-treasurer, and Rev. Willard Day, program director.

Rev. Ben Scott, President

Sunday School for your cooperation in making this session the success that it was. I would also like to urge each Sunday School to keep accurate reports the coming year in order that our State report might be even better than it was this year.

Rolla D. Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL		Offering	
:	:	Ave. Attend. :	
:	:	Enrollment :	

Carterville	31..	32..	\$
Wagoner	45..	30..	
Wolf Creek	60..	35..	2.50
Fredericktown	202..	167..	15.05
1st Flat River	133..	100	10.00
Leadington	96..	78..	2.00
Union Third Fork ...	18..		1.00
Hazel Creek	60..	50..	6.75
Union Chapel	17..		2.50
Myrtle	71..	67..	1.00
Sublette	38..	28..	5.00
Merl's Chapel	80..	60..	5.00
Twin Oak	55..	28..	
Niangua	50..	40..	
Desloge	130..	70..	6.35
Jones' Chapel	70..	60..	3.00
Copper Mines	125..	100..	1.00
Mine La Motte	60..	30..	1.00
Hickory Grove	55..	31..	5.00
South Side St. L.	165..	140..	3.00
Golden Oak	100..	63..	1.00
Berkeley	217..	125..	2.00
Fellowship	160..	130..	5.00
Hannon	66..	46..	5.00
3rd St. Louis	120..	102..	2.00
Mt. Pisgah	66..	45..	2.00
Verdella	66..	46..	
Monett		82..	
New Harmony			19.77
Richwoods	102..	42..	1.00
Mountain Grove	155..	122..	3.00
Carried forward			\$ 75.18
Rec'd with 1952 reports			114.92
Total receipts			\$190.10
Disbursements:			
Postage and report forms	\$	2.00	
State entertainment	50.00		
Rev. Chas. Thigpen	30.00		
(Convention speaker)			
Rev. Reford Wilson	20.00		
(Convention speaker)			
F.W.B. Bible College	25.00		
(On \$65,000.00 campaign)			
Missouri Youth Camp	25.00		
(On new chapel)			
Total disbursements	152.09		
Balance			\$ 38.01

LEAGUE CONVENTION

It is with a great deal of happiness and satisfaction that I report the activities of the Missouri State League Convention, which preceded the setting of the State Association. Following the plan adopted by the state last year, the convention proved to be a greater success than ever before in the history of the State League Convention.

Outstanding speakers for the convention were Rev. Charles Thigpen, of the Bible College, and Mr. Earl Smith, Director of Leagues in Arkansas. Rev. Thigpen addressed the group, estimated to be near 500, on the importance of personal soul winning. He emphasized the fact that every Christian should be a soul winner. Mr. Earl Smith, who has devoted more than 20 years of his life to working with groups of young people in schools, churches, and conventions, spoke of the benefits derived from the Leagues in our churches.

The following is a statistical report of the convention. Number of Leagues reporting, 19 (not including one Convention which reported as a local convention). Total enrollment of Leagues reporting, 945. Average attendance of Leagues reporting, 38. Offerings from various Leagues were as follows: Fellowship, \$5.00; Mt. Pisgah, \$1.00; Flat River First Church, \$10.00; Leadington, \$1.00; Myrtle, \$1.00; Oak Grove,

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION HUGE SUCCESS

September 22, 1952
Flat River, Mo.

Dear Co-laborers:

Another session of the Missouri State Sunday School Convention has just passed, and compared with previous sessions was an overwhelming success. In view of the fact that this session was held in conjunction with the Missouri State Association we feel that the change must have been for the better. The increased number of local Sundays Schools reporting as well as the very great increase in number of people in attendance made the convention much more interesting and beneficial. Since under the present set up all matters of business are handled by the State Sunday School Board under supervision of the Missouri State Association, all the valuable time could be given to inspirational and informative messages by those on the program.

The two speakers for the convention were Rev. Charles Thigpin, member of the F. W. B. Bible College faculty and Rev. Reford Wilson, pastor of Pochontas, Arkansas, and member of National Sunday School board. Both speakers presented very challenging and inspirational messages.

As a member of the State Sunday School Board, I wish to thank each

"Our business is to do the will of God. He will take care of the business."

THE CALL TO PREPARATION

Rev. William Mishler

Clearly one of the major duties of a preacher and Christian worker is to be an educator. I am not thinking of the fact that good preaching always has teaching values, nor of the fact that the greatest of all preachers was a "teacher come from God." But I am thinking of the direct responsibilities in formal education, that will be thrust upon the preacher or Christian worker, when he or she accepts the work of an ambassador for Christ's kingdom. Upon them will fall the advisory leadership of the youth of our denomination. The efficiency of their leadership today will determine the progress of our church in the future.

The preacher or Christian worker is no less an educator than is the professional school man. The latter is one who is required by his State Education Board to be fully qualified for the schoolroom, and will not be allowed to teach until he has prepared himself for the task. These teachers are doing a skilled task which is so highly specialized, that it has to omit the most important part of all education—the training of our youth in religious life. Thus the preacher and Christian worker inherits this task of being able to penetrate the secular wall that has been built around our youth, and give to them the most important of all educational training—the necessity of becoming a Christian, how they may do so, and how to conduct themselves after they become one.

Naturally, the questions will arise in the mind of the preacher and the Christian worker, should I prepare for such service, how and where shall I prepare? Please allow me to reserve the answer until later.

I have been asked the above question many times. And am fully convinced in my own heart that as sure as God calls among His people those to do for Him different tasks of labor, He also calls them to preparation.

When the Lord Jesus selected His helpers while here on earth, He said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." In other words, Jesus was saying to them give up your nets and give me your time, I'll give to you the necessary training and also the

desire to be a soul winner for me. But the religious doctors of that day looked upon these men as unlearned men, men who were ignorant. This was not because they were hopelessly illiterate men void of all knowledge, but because they were not graduates of the established schools of that day, they classed them as unfit for this service to mankind. But Jesus was wise to perceive that these men were not of the parochial schools of that day and to be sure He wanted just such men, men who were not impregnated with teaching that had hardened their minds and rendered them unfit to be followers of His.

It was for three and one-half years that these men were under the careful training of the great Master Teacher, for three and one-half years in His school they stayed; they followed Him; they heard Him teach, saw Him perform miracles, slept with Him, lived with Him and ate with Him. His method was "learn to do by doing," by combining theory and practice. But after this school closed, we see these men as they stumble at His crucifixion. Some of their lessons were poorly learned, but we see them later being taught the hard way.

If this great Master Teacher found it necessary to school and train these men three and one-half years, who are we to think after He calls us He will fill our mouths with words and our minds with knowledge without our trying to learn? Foolish are we indeed to even surmise it to be thus. We hear the ringing exhortation of the Spirit through Paul to the young minister Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Surely then all men who are divinely called today, are called to preparation. Does God put a crown on haphazardness, laziness, or triflingness among our preachers and Christian workers today? To this I say an emphatic no. He requires the same of us today as of those whom He Himself schooled. While some of them were men of culture, yet they had to be taught by the Master. But the facts are for us to face honestly. The majority of our preachers and Christian workers are those who have to secure their training after God has called them to service. If God always saw fit to call those who possess a good basic education, we

would not be confronted with such a baffling problem. But we are not to question God's workings. For reasons better known to Himself, the Spirit calls forth both the learned and unlearned. For those called early in life, the problems of preparation are considerably fewer. Only for those well up in years is the educational problem baffling, for with it is accompanied the responsibility of family support, and this presents to most of us a very serious problem. However, preparation has been made under these circumstances, it is being done today, (I speak from experience) and can be done tomorrow.

Preparation is necessary. We might as well face the issue squarely and honestly. For even in the remotest mountain district the young boy and girl faces us with a high school education. They note our speech. If we mutilate the English language, they know it, and they can question our ability to rightly interpret the Word of God, as well as our ability to be a successful leader for them to follow.

We are forced to keep pace with our people in learning if we expect to be able to win them to Christ, and to lead them to believe in that form of Christian discipleship that we believe is approved unto God. Christ called around Him those who manifested a real interest in His teaching, calling them disciples, or pupils. Later He commissioned them as helpers that they might, by constant association with Him, enter into His way of life and share His passions. Truly it was a school of learning for them. So well were they taught and trained that they, in every problem of life were able to cope with every situation.

Allow me at this point to present to you what I believe is, and will be in the future, the answer to our educational problem, and to be sure this is the major problem among Free Will Baptists. Here it is, the Free Will Baptist Bible College founded a few years ago, with the very purpose in the minds of those in its founding that I have been discussing. A Bible centered College with an evangelistic fervor, with men at its helm whose lives are dedicated to the betterment of our people, men who believe in sound Biblical teaching, as being the remedy for the many ills of our denomination today.

From this College have already gone

those who are proving themselves to be efficient leaders, such as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and youth leaders. Yes, I am fully convinced that this is the answer, and furthermore, I believe God has given Free Will Baptists another opportunity to take part in the greatest of all educational programs. The preparation of workers to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

In conclusion, I repeat the words of a noted minister, "We have no choice. The die is cast, argument is over, the evidence is all in and it is against us. We must study in self-defence if for no other reason. But the chief motive for our study is not self-defence. It is the Spirit's clear, clarion call found in II Timothy 2:15. Read it, heed it, and obey it."

I make the above statements after two years of study in this God given institution of Free Will Baptists. May He lay on the heart of our people the responsibility of supporting this institution, which will solve our most serious problem, THE NEED OF PREPARED LEADERSHIP.

—Reprint from Earlier Issue.

HAS A BUSY SUMMER

I would like to give just this brief report of some of my work since the first of July.

On July 7 we started a D. V. B. S. with the Merl's Chapel Church where I have been serving as pastor for the past six years. This school was for one week only. But the Lord greatly blessed, and two fine boys came to the altar and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

During the second week in July I attended the National Association held in Oklahoma, and enjoyed the rich blessings of the Lord while there.

On Friday, August 8, together with Bro. Orlie Phillips, one of our deacons from the Merl's Chapel Church, I attended the Old Mt. Zion Association in Northwest Arkansas. On Friday night the people of the Association observed the ordinances of communion and the washing of the Saints feet. A total of 139 people washed feet in this service, and there was such shouting and rejoicing in the Saviour's love that words cannot explain it. The service lasted until almost midnight.

On August 18 we started a meeting

with the Freedom Church near Garfield, Arkansas. This meeting continued for almost three weeks. Bro. Tommy Day, of Huntsville, Arkansas, was with us in that revival. God gave us 19 precious souls won for Him during the meeting, and there was a great spiritual revival in the church. Rev. Bruce Phillips, of Springdale, Arkansas, is the pastor of this group.

We also had a good session of the Indian Creek Association held with the Aurora (Missouri) Church September 2-5.

On September 14 I was with the Mt. Zion Church near Plattsburg, Missouri for their centennial celebration and a rededication service. Quite extensive remodeling had been done both inside and out on this church recently. Together with the improvements the church was rededicated to the service of God.

From this service, I went to Fredricktown to attend what seemed in the opinion of everyone, to be the best session of the Missouri State Association ever held.

We can truthfully say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

The Lord willing, we will be beginning a revival with the Merl's Chapel Church, Monday night, October 6. Rev. William Hill, pastor of the Myrtle Church will be the evangelist.

We covet your prayers.

Rev. O. T. Allred

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT GREEN GROVE CHURCH

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Green Grove Church on August 31, 1952, with Sunday School at the 10:00 o'clock hour. Rev. Orville Dobbs brought the 11:00 o'clock message. He read for a scripture lesson, I Corinthians, 3rd chapter, and used for his text, Jeremiah 6:16. His subject was "Returning back to God." A wonderful message was delivered. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Wayne Parsons. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened under the leadership of Sis. Alta Mikel, as the president and vice president were both absent. The congregation sang, "How Firm A Foundation," and "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

We were led in prayer by Sis. Wayne Parsons. The congregation then sang "The Kingdom Is Coming."

The acting president read for a scripture lesson Romans, 12th chapter. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Letters from Green Grove, Hazel Creek Union, and New Harmony were read and accepted.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be at Sublette Church, with Rev. Wayne Parsons bringing the eleven o'clock message: Rev. Alta Mikel is alternate.

The following program was given. Duet—"Blessed Redeemer," by Velma Wellman and Wilma Bibie. Reading—"Sunday in the Country," Cleo Cooper. Duet—"The Savior With Me" and "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Montgomery. Reading—"The Bar," George Haines. Duet—"Have you Counted the Cost," Shirley and Leola Parris. Quartet from Lowground sang, "Look for Me At the Gate," and "I'm Moving Across the River Some Day." Play—"Rescue the Perishing," was given by Hazel Creek Union.

The congregation sang, "God be With You 'Till We Meet Again," and were then dismissed in prayer by Sis. Anna Phillips.

Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

LIKES YEAR BOOK TOPICS

September 26, 1952

I am sending you a small report of our Woman's Auxiliary at the Third Church, 1330 Geyer, St. Louis, Mo.

We have bought an electric water cooler. We are having a bake sale at Sears' on October 18. Our water cooler cost \$223.00. We thank God for each member that gave, for the ones that are faithful in coming to Auxiliary, and to the members that are always ready to help any way they can.

We are also thankful for the wonderful topics we have in our Year Books.

Our Auxiliary members have made 100 sick calls, sent 150 get-well cards, made 100 phone calls, made 50 visitations, and contributed three boxes and 20 pieces of clothing in July, August and September.

We thank God for each one,

Mary Regh, 1505 Buchanan



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



Advancing With Christ

WOMEN'S EDITOR: MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS—DESLOGE, Mo.

THE STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION AS SEEN BY ONE ATTENDING

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met in conference at the State meeting in Fredericktown, Missouri, and surely it was a most successful meeting, both spiritually and informative.

The president, Mrs. Agnes Smith of Flat River, Missouri, presided over the meeting in a very efficient manner. We feel that our organization is fortunate in having such capable leaders, who we are trusting to guide us into even greater service.

Through the general statistical report we found there were 16 auxiliaries reporting from over the state with 293 members. Of this 293 members there were only 127 tithers reported, so in that field alone we have an important goal to attain.

An offering of \$42.20 was received during the business session, to apply on our state's quota of payment on the Hammond Organ the W. N. A. C. is purchasing for the Bible College.

We voted to continue the use of the two pages in the "Gem" with Mrs. Eunice Edwards retained as editor of the pages.

Following the business session Bro. Johnson, president of our Bible College, gave a very interesting and informative talk about the school and its needs. He began by commending the women on the transacting of their business so effectively, which of course was received with enthusiasm.

We were so happy to know of the growth of the school and realize that as Bro. Johnson said, "A dead church has no needs," we need to aim higher and be determined to reach those heights through this year's work in the Woman's Auxiliary.

May we "Study to shew ourselves approved" and pray for more and greater opportunities of service in our Lord's work. But in looking ahead let us be sure not to overlook the everyday needs close at hand.

The Editor asked a delegate to the

W. A. to relate her experiences and observations while there. It was a surprise to the lady. She was not fortified with any extensive notes. Being very gracious, she consented to grant the request. I believe you like myself, will also like the contribution.

L. T. J.

membership, 293; average attendance, 212; active members, 252.

One Auxiliary sent household linen to the Cuban Missionaries. One Auxiliary sent supplies to the Youth Camp.

We feel that this was one of our greatest conventions.

Yours in His glad service,

Mrs. Sorma Kennedy
Secretary-Treasurer
915 Pardella Street
LeMay, Missouri

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following is the Nominating Committee's report. Each nominee was elected for the coming year.

For President, Agnes Smith, 601 Buckley, Flat River; Enlistment and Promotional, Mrs. Bernice Cantrell, Myrtle; Young People's Auxiliary, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Fredericktown; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Oletha Parson, Route 2, Kirksville; Program and Publicity, Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Monett; Benevolent Work, Mrs. Georgia Hill, Berkeley; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Norma Kennedy, LeMay; Woman's Editor, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge. Committee—Mrs. Dorcas Weisman, Helen Gamlin, Julia Hill.

CONVENTION REPORT

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Fredericktown Church, Fredericktown, Missouri, September 17, 1952. The Clerk, Evelyn Alyea, called the convention to order and introduced the President, Mrs. Agnes Smith.

The song service was conducted by Rev. Damon Dodd; pianist, Georgia Hill. Devotions were by Jewell Campbell. Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Moyers. Message by Rev. Bill Hill, Psalm 133; topic, "Unity." Benediction.

The following delegates were elected to attend the National Convention: Dorcas Weisman, Georgia Hill, Jewell Campbell, Norma Kennedy, Lucille Beatty, Janell Scott, Mrs. Will Gates, Julia Hill, Mrs. Logsdon, and Oleta Parsons.

We are happy to report the following: Number Auxiliaries, 16; members, 249; new members, 56; total

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business Committee, submit the following. We recommend that: 1. We pay the Gem for printing programs. 2. Each Auxiliary adopt the Co-Laborer Plan of support. 3. We continue the two page report in the Gem for our Woman's work, and that we continue with the same financial plan as last year. 4. Hereafter the Executive Committee be responsible for a plan of registration at our State Convention, and badges for the delegates. 5. The program Publicity Chairman be requested to select a committee of three to work with her and the State President in planning the State Convention programs. 6. Since the National Convention continues to report from July 1 to July 1, we recommend that we report the same way. 7. An offering be taken today to be used for general purposes.

Committee—Jewell Campbell, Hazel Scott, Genell Scott.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Money received	\$48.00
Expenses	3.00

I wrote 10 articles for publication in the Women's pages of the Gem.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our gratitude to the president, secretary, and all other of-

ficers of the Woman's Auxiliary for their wonderful work for the past year.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Southeast Missouri Association and all others who had a part in the entertainment program. We say now, thank you, and thank God for you all.

Committee—Oletha Parsons, Norma Kennedy, Marie Sherrill.

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

Kirkville, Missouri
September 18, 1952

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church met August 27 at the church with nine members, one visitor and several children present.

Our devotionals began with all singing, "Christ for the World We Sing." Sentence prayers were offered by all present. Maizie Sevits gave the devotional comments. The scripture reading was from James 5:1-6.

Oletha Parsons was elected to fill the vacancy of Second Vice President.

Song, "Work for the Night Is Coming."

Our lesson was introduced by Dora Sponsler and topics were given by Emma VanLaningham, Lizzie Filkins, Jaunita Newcomer, Dorothy Houston and Oletha Parsons.

Eight sick calls made, five cards sent, and 299 Bible chapters read were reported.

Lola Filkins, Sec'y.

TULSA AUXILIARY INSTALLS IN CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Tulsa, Oklahoma
September 11, 1952

Dear Editor:

I would like to report on the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church.

This Auxiliary met September 8 at 7:30 in the evening for business and the installation of officers. There were 28 women and several children present.

Sis. Marie Herron, the president, was in charge of business. The scripture reading was by Sis. Millie Ward and was from Matthew, 7th chapter. Good reports were given by each president. All business was taken care of

and business was adjourned.

The officers were installed in a candle light service by Rev. Leona Mayfield. Each came forward and stood in order. The officers are: President, Sis. Marie Herron; 1st vice, Sis. Versie Raley; 2nd vice, Sis. Wanna Winfrey; 3rd vice, Sis. Bernice Brown; 4th vice, Sis. Grace Seawright; 5th vice, Sis. Minnie Gann, and secretary-treasurer, Sis. Helen Long.

Candles, which were tied together, were presented to each officer, and a beautiful talk was made to each one concerning her duties and the necessity of each carrying out her duty in order to do a great work for our church. The candles were lighted and the scripture quoted, "Ye are the light of the world." All officers formed a circle and with bowed heads prayed for guidance and faith to fulfill each duty in harmony and love.

At the close of service watermelon was served to the men (who had been in their fellowship meeting) and the women.

—Reporter

NORTHEAST MISSOURI IN AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Greentop, Missouri

The Northeast Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Convention met Saturday afternoon, September 6, 1952 with the Hazel Creek Union Church. The Vice President, Sis. Mildred Gilliam, was in charge since the President, Sis. Agnes Smith, has moved away.

The service was opened with the congregation singing "Does Jesus Care" and "In the Garden." Prayer by Sis. Oletha Parsons. We then sang, "Saved, Saved." The Vice President read for a scripture lesson, Psalm 121. June Thomas led us in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Letters from Hazel Creek Union and New Harmony Auxiliaries were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. We then had the election of officers, with Sis. Oletha Parsons elected president, Sis. Alta Mikel the vice president, and Sis. Leona Thompson the secretary-treasurer.

The following program was given. Reading—"That City of Shut-Ins," by Alta Mikel. Duet—"When I Think of Calvary," Shirley and Leola Paris.

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Reading—"Recipe for A Good Year," Mrs. Chloe Gates. Play—"He That Winneth Souls Is Wise," Hazel Creek Union Auxiliary. Reading—"Life Is A Funny Proposition After All," Mrs. Edith Whittworth. Quartet—"Sweeping Through the Gates," New Harmony young folks. Reading—"God's Promise," Mildred Gilliam.

We were led in prayer by Mildred Gilliam. The service was turned over to the Associational Moderator.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y.-Treas.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FETES HOSPITALIZED POLIO CASES

1928 N. Lewis Ave.
Tulsa, Oklahoma
September 2, 1952

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Lewis Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as a special project for the Auxiliary, held a service at the Polio Clinic of Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa. Refreshments were served to the children, doctors, nurses, and other personnel of the clinic, also favors and balloons were given to the children along with their party hats.

Work such as this touches the hearts of people just to see these precious children in braces and on crutches, and some are bedfast. This project will become a part of the Auxiliary work of our church. Every three months we will have this privilege of serving.

While our pastor's daughter, Sarah Bingham, was confined to this hospital with polio for four months (visiting hours on Wednesday nights only), we then realized the lonesome hours for the children there and our ladies felt a desire to help in this manner.

When Jesus comes we will not need braces or crutches. Praise H's Name!

—Auxiliary Reporter



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* **HENRY H. SMITH** *

Henry H. Smith, son of Josiah and Mary Smith, was born in Wright County Missouri, May 15, 1886 and departed this life August 6, 1952 at the age of 66 years, 2 months and 21 days.

He was united in marriage to Zona Butcher, November 24, 1909. To this union two sons were born, both passing away in infancy.

He was engaged in farming until becoming a co-partner in the grocery and produce business with his brother-in-law, the late Lee T. Goolsby. After 18 years spent in this capacity and in failing health, he and his wife lived a quite life at their home near the place of business.

Henry was well loved by his many friends for his friendly and cheerful attitude toward those whom he met. He professed faith in Christ in his early life and united with the Free Will Baptist Church, being a charter member of the Rock Chapel Church at the time of his death.

He was very patient in his many months of illness and submissive to the will of his Lord until the end came. During his last illness his many friends were greeted with a cheerful smile and warm hand clasp even in the hours of physical pain; thereby demonstrating the thought of the Apostle Paul when he said: "But though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

He is survived by his devoted companion, his father-in-law, four brothers, Coy of Norwood, Shirley of Hartville, Homer and Marshall of Mountain Grove, 11 nephews, five nieces and a number of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted August 8th at the Rock Chapel Free Will

Baptist Church by Rev. Selph Jones, assisted by a nephew, Rev. Rolla D. Smith. Interment was in the Broyles cemetery.

—Contributed

* **MRS WM. A. RAGSDALE** *

Mrs. Selinda Mae (Moser) Ragsdale, died suddenly at her home on Roosevelt St., Flat River, Missouri, Monday, September 8.

She was born at Gravelton, Missouri, July 17, 1881. She was seventy one years and two months of age. The daughter of the late Samuel G. and Matilda (Tinnin) Moser. She was united in marriage to William A. Ragsdale, January 1, 1894. He preceded her in death September 20, 1947.

To this union six children were born, namely Lawrence of Flat River, Theodore of Farmington, Charles of Flat River, Lester of Farmington, Maude (Mrs. John Eden) of Farmington, and Bessie (Mrs. Charles Goggin) of Elvins. Also twenty one grandchildren and twenty four great grandchildren.

She leaves four brothers, Charley, Fred, Bill and Luther Moser; two sisters, Florence Dudley and Lora McKelvey. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Solon and Audie Moser and one sister, Mrs. Emma Powell.

She was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River.

The funeral services were held Thursday, September 11 at 2:30 at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Rolla Smith officiated with Rev. Carl Roberts assisting.

* **JOHN B. TREASTER** *

John Benjamin Treaster was born September 25, 1875 at Spratt, Missouri, and passed away at his home on Adams Street in Flat River on September 11th. He was the son of George and Mary Elizabeth Treaster.

He is survived by his wife Gina Treaster; three children: Oscar of Desloge, Edna Mae (Mrs. Fred Childs) of St. Louis, and Marie (Mrs. Estel Overall) of St. Louis; also by one niece

who had made her home with them, Ruth (Mrs. Marvin McCorkle) of Elvins; six grandchildren, three step grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. R. J. Crank of St. Louis.

Mr. Treaster professed his faith in God and became a member of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. He had a great number of friends who with his relatives are saddened by his death.

The funeral services were held Sunday, September 14th at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Rolla Smith officiated.

HOLDING SINGING SCHOOL

September 29, 1952

Dear Gem Editor:

I has been some time since there has been a report sent in of the work here at Copper Mines. The Lord has indeed been blessing us here in many ways the past year.

Last September we organized a F. W. B. League with 48 members. We are truly thankful for each one that comes and takes a part in this service.

In December there were pledges and offerings taken to install a new furnace in the basement of the church. Then in February the Sunday School, League, and Church each gave offerings to purchase a new piano. Thank the Lord, not only for His spiritual blessings, because we know He does bless in a financial way too.

In March we closed a three week revival with six souls being born into the kingdom. Rev. Truman Huffman was our evangelist. We are truly thankful for the manifestation of the Spirit throughout this meeting.

In June we had our regular Vacation Bible School with all but a very few relieving diplomas. We are very thankful for our young people and the part they take in serving God.

We are also thankful for our pastor, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, his companion and son. They have been with us for almost ten years and we do pray that the Lord will richly bless them for their faithful work here.

Our Sunday School average attendance for last year was 100 with an enrollment of 125. Tonight our F. W. B. League is sponsoring a Singing School with Rev. S. A. Hand as instructor

which will continue for the next two weeks.

In closing we ask for the prayers of each one that we may carry on the Lord's work here at Copper Mines.

Yours in Christ,

Leamon L. Killian, clerk

A PATHETIC SITUATION

In greater South Africa there are many modern cities, large and small, around which are gathered hundreds of thousands of ab-original Africans, who came, and are still coming, in search of work and the material benefits which continual employment afford. These Africans, not financially able to build permanently, have been permitted to build their shacks in appointed areas adjacent to the cities, which settlements are called locations, or one may say, African suburbs. By law, these people are now required to reside in locations, for, in the main, they are a people accustomed to the crude habits of sanitation found in the bush, and lest that plagues and disease be carried from the bush to these congested cities, such laws were established out of sheer necessity.

But man is always inadequate. While preventing plagues of sickness, conditions have been permitted to arise, and increase, which have brought forth plagues of another type—plagues of sin, evil and crime.

Due to the presence of rich gold deposits in the area, Johannesburg with its great industries, has become the largest city in all of South Africa. Two and one half million Africans have come to the area called the Reef and Rand, and still come in a ceaseless stream of 1,000 souls per day. In the immediate municipal area of Johannesburg 563,000 souls from every tribe and language of South Africa have settled. Living conditions in these settlements tax one's powers to describe. Housing is crude to the extreme, built of any available material—poles, sticks, mud, stones, scraps of boards, cartons, old iron, rags, sacking; groups of 40 to 70 men, women, boys, girls, young men and maidens sleeping in a hut smaller than an average living room. Privacy is impossible, so immorality abounds. Girls, thirteen years of age, fall in travail to become a mother while all in the street look on.

Stealing is the common thing, drunkenness abounds, and women and young girls sell themselves in an effort to eke out a living. All the tribal restraints of yester year are gone: poverty, banditry, sodomy, and shameless sin of every description combine to produce a generation given to crime.

Europeans constitute a very small minority when compared with the millions of Africans. True evangelical Christians, who labor with Christ for the salvation of these souls, are a very minute segment of the European population. Therefore, the task of evangelizing these millions of souls is too

great for the European and African Christians of South Africa; they need help from abroad. It is Christ or Communism for these masses! Which shall it be?"

—Selected—South Africa Gen. Mission

CASTS OUT HIS IDOLS; HE AND YOUNG FRIENDS SAVED

Here in Cuba we are in the midst of our summer campaign consisting of large district meetings. Twelve of them are announced, and hundreds of our people will come to these central meetings. Consisting of baptizing and all-day preaching, the first of these meetings was in the chapel at San Juan, one of our strongest works. From this one church we have eight full time missionaries. I have had the privilege to baptize hundreds in the San Juan river. How we rejoice in the lovely new bus and a set of fine amplifiers made possible by very dear friends. The amplifiers carry our voices clearly a mile and a half.

Our second meeting was in Jibacoa where we baptized thirteen people. That night there was a spirit of brokenness and revival as we took these new members into the church. The pastor, a handsome young fellow, had been saved from a terrible life of sin in Havana. He knows how to reach the unsaved. One of the boys from Tocca, James Sunda, went with me. He has been a great help with the accordian. The following day, Sunday, was a very full one, seven sermons, one after the other. The house was packed and running over. Our people are deeply conscious of the need of adequate temples. When we can move out of rented halls and build attractive temples, the work of our church will be looked upon with greater respect by the Cubans. This church of Canasi is in the province of Matanzas. As I write, plans are being made to go into the mountains for the third conference just above the school in the beautiful valley of Isabelle Maria. Continue to

pray for these meetings that hundreds shall find our Christ as Saviour and Lord.

In the lower part of the island there is a section of country notable for its terrible roads and its voodism and spiritism. One of our graduates while working on a new temple they are building, was approached by an unsaved native who offered his service. While working away, it is customary for them to talk of the gospel. This unsaved man became so interested that they had to quit and go to prayer.

The pastor urged upon him the necessity of immediate surrender. "No," he said, "I must go home at once. Before I can accept the Lord, I have some unfinished business in my house." The pastor went along also. Arriving at the house, he said, "Pastor, see, I have many idols. To me, they were beautiful; they were my religion. Now I know that these idols must be cast out and destroyed." So he began to throw them out. While doing this, a half grown boy said, "Give them to me." Both the pastor and the man began to talk to this boy while they were destroying the idols. While they were talking, another young man joined them and became deeply convicted of his sins. The results of this was that another prayer meeting was called in which the man and the two boys were wonderfully converted.

Experiences like this are common in this neglected part of Cuba. God shows His mighty power to cast out demons and to heal the sick. These native boys need your prayers as they battle with spiritual darkness.

Rev. Thomas H. Willey

**STATE TREASURER'S REPORT
OF ENTERTAINMENT FUND**

JULY - SEPT., 1952

League, 1st Ch., Flat River ..\$	20.00
1st Church, Flat River	50.00
Paul Roberts, Couch, Mo.	6.25
Leadington	26.06
Twin Oak	30.04
Union Light	35.10
Copper Mines	50.00
Walnut Grove	10.00
State Sun. School Convention	50.00
Golden Oak	20.00
S.E. Mo. League Convention..	10.00
Fellowship Ch., Flat River...	35.00
Norman	10.00
Sanford Jackson, Marble Hill	5.00
3rd Church, St. Louis	25.00
Bryan Novinger, Green Castle	5.00
Roy Martin, Couch, Mo.	1.00
Aulsbury Chapel	20.00
Rev. T. C. Ferguson, Weath-	
erby, Missouri	5.00
Green Grove	10.00
Rock Chapel	15.00
Desloge	50.00
Merl's Chapel	10.00
Copper Mines	28.60
New Harmony	12.50
Madison Co. S.S. Convention	10.00
Woman's Mission, 1st Church,	
Flat River	10.00
Faith & Hope	10.00
New Harmony S.S.	12.50
FWB Ch. by Basil Smith	50.00
Mine LaMotte	25.00
Sublette	5.00
Hannon	15.00
Mountain Valley	15.00
Hazel Creek Union	23.18
1st Church, Kansas City	5.00
Carterville	10.00
Union Third Fork	14.00
Mission Association	25.00
Southside, St. Louis	50.00
Mountain Grove	15.00
Macedonia	15.00
Flat River	35.00
Richwoods	5.00
Verdella	10.00
Laclede County Association..	13.00
Shibley's Point	20.00
Berkeley	31.00
Rev. Mary Wellbaum, Had-	
dam, Kansas	5.00
Hickory Grove	5.00
J. K. Stephens, Stockton	5.00
Black Oak	6.00
State League Convention	35.00
Mt. Olive	10.00

Monett	20.00
M. H. & Melba White, Platts-	
burg, Missouri	10.00
Wagoner	10.00
Liberty	10.00
Mims. O. D. Crepp, Flat Riv.	5.00
Total	\$1,079.23

Submitted by Marie Hyatt
State Treasurer

Addendum—

Groceries, Commodities, Produce	
Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 41.50
Golden Oak	25.70
Leadington	15.00
Youth Camp	15.00
Twin Oak	28.00
Fredericktown	133.00
S.E. Mo. Yearly Meeting	92.50
Total	\$330.70

Fredericktown Church
Lumber \$300.00 || Cups | 12.60 |
Balance on hand .	\$312.60
The amount of \$312.60 on hand is	
from the sale of lumber, etc., at a	
depreciation price.	

Submitted by Marie Hyatt
State Treasurer

**YOUTH CONDUCT SERVICES;
CHURCH SEEKS REVIVAL**

St. Louis, Missouri
September 18, 1952

Dear Gem Readers:

We, of South Side, are happy that we are once again privileged to report on the happenings and progress of our church.

As you know, there are several months with five Sundays in them. August was one of those months and the Fifth Sunday on August 31st was turned over to the Young People of the church. These young Christians not only conducted the Sunday School but the morning worship service also. Two were saved that morning; and just one week later we saw three more saved. Some have united with the church. We are proud that we can see souls saved and then join the church; but we still need the prayers of all that we of the South Side Church might ever be found doing the will of God and continue to be a soul-saving station for the Lord.

September 21 is our annual Sunday School Rally Day. This will be the first Rally Day in our new church and

we are endeavoring to have 500 in Sunday School. There will be all-day services, with lots of special singing and preaching. We are working and praying that we may see many lost souls accept Christ on this day.

Do you know any Free Will Baptists who live in or near St. Louis who do not now attend Sunday School and Church? Perhaps you know someone who is not yet a Christian living in or near St. Louis. If so, please contact Rev. Harvey Hill, 120 East Loretta Ave., Lemay, Missouri. His phone number is SW4327. He will see that your friend or loved one is visited, either by himself, by the young people, or by the women of the church, and that they are invited to attend Sunday School and church.

We are still endeavoring to establish a Mission in the vicinity of North St. Louis. Pray for and with us that God will direct us to the exact location for His Mission.

Continue praying for our revival which will begin on October 6. We will have as our evangelist, Rev. Luther Gibson from East Tupelo, Mississippi. We know that Rev. Gibson cannot bring the revival with him, but that it must be prayed down from heaven. We are praying, working, and looking for the greatest revival South Side has ever seen. We not only need your prayers but we need *you*. Will you help us by praying, working, and if possible attending this revival? God expects His Children to do their part in each and every revival that the lost people all over the world might come to know and serve Him and His Son in truth and in spirit.

The Men's Brotherhood, which was just recently reorganized, is now actively engaged in repairing and improving the church building. They have already installed a new modern outside bulletin which is lighted at night and have completed the remodeling and painting of the kitchen in the basement. There are just a few more repairs that must be done to improve the appearance and efficiency of the church. We are proud of our church and pray that God will bless our efforts and continue to let us be one of His soul saving stations here on this earth.

Yours in Christ,
J. Whittington, Correspondent
Rev. Harvey Hill, Pastor