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### OFFICERS

President.....	Rev. Charles O. Hollingshead
Vice-President.....	Rev. Billy Sharpston
Secretary & Treasurer.....	Miss Gladys Adams
Sword Drill Director.....	Mrs. Mary Lou O'Donnell
Chorister.....	Miss Dannie Sue Jones
Pianist.....	Miss June West

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5 year term.....	Rev. Charles B. Craddock, Chairman
4 year term.....	Rev. Dave Franks
3 year term.....	Rev. A. J. Lambert
2 year term.....	Rev. W. H. Ryland
1 year term.....	Rev. Roy O'Donnell

### MINISTERS

Rev. Dave Franks	Rev. W. H. Ryland	Rev. R. P. Ritch
Rev. Charles B. Craddock	Rev. Hadley Norwood	Rev. Huey Long
Rev. Billy Sharpston	Rev. O. L. Fields	Rev. Roy O'Donnell
Rev. A. J. Lambert	Rev. R. L. Sanders	Rev. J. M. Cobb
Rev. G. W. Nobles	Rev. J. N. Barnes	Rev. Rufus Hyman
Rev. Charles Hollingshead	Rev. Chester O'Donnell	Rev. W. A. Newman
Rev. M. H. Taylor	Rev. J. B. Smith	Rev. William Mishler

### LEAGUE DELEGATES

#### Progressive Association

David Parker — Jean Naramore  
Mrs. W. H. Ryland — George Capps  
Phillip Gilbert — Joe Lyles

#### Cooperative Convention

Lavonne Crowley — Faye Kirksey  
Sarah Lou Scott — Rex Womack  
Jo Ann Womack

#### Vernon FWB Church

Janice Yerby

#### Fayette Church

Sarah Lemons

#### Southeast Alabama Association

Mrs. Aletha Dees — Mrs. Roy O'Donnell  
Max Lawrence — Patricia Kelly

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DELEGATES

#### Progressive Association

Josephine Puckett — Yvonne Isabelle  
Mrs. A. L. Parker — Rev. Billy Sharpston  
Virginia Bobo

#### State Line Convention

Mrs. Ralph Bell — Imogene Bell  
Mr. M. H. Taylor — Mr. W. H. Stevens  
Mrs. Cecil Paramore — Mr. Grady Scott  
Gladys Adams — Mr. William Brown  
Mrs. Kirksey — Patricia Odom

#### Vernon FWB Church

Howard Gilmore

#### Fayette Church

Jane Henderson

#### Liberty Convention No. 2

Cecil McGowyrk



# MINUTES

## of the ALABAMA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama

"Sowing Seeds for the Master" (Matthew 13:3; 28:8), was the general theme of the Alabama State League Convention which opened with singing led by the president, Charles Hollingshead.

Rev. Hadley Norwood of Florence, Alabama, conducted the opening devotion.

A hearty welcome was extended to all delegates, ministers and visitors by Rev. Charles B. Craddock, pastor of Dothan Church. Rev. Billy Sharpston responded to the welcome address.

Letters from the various churches and conventions were read by the secretary. A motion was made and carried to receive the reports as read and seat the delegates.

Motion was made and carried to receive the Southeastern League Convention into State Convention.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

**Appreciation:** Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Joe Lyles, David Parker  
**Executive:** Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. O. L. Fields  
**Nominating:** Rev. Charles Craddock, Rev. Dave Franks, Rex Womack  
**Registration:** Glenda Seay, Carolyn Enfinger, Jo Ann Breland  
**Judges:** Mrs. Clara Cobb, Mary Edna Cook, Jean Naramore  
**Secretary:** Jean Richardson

### WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Section I, "Leaders Who Lead," Rev. A. J. Lambert  
Section II, "Better Weekly Programs," Annette Jones and Glayds Adams  
Section III, "The Business-like Way," Rev. Luther Sanders  
Section IV, "The Romance of Leading," Mrs. Helen Sanders and Mrs. Mary Lou O'Donnell  
Rev. Roy O'Donnell of Eufaula, brought the eleven o'clock message.  
Lunch announcements were made by Brother E. T. Ingram.  
The session was dismissed for lunch by prayer.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon session was opened with the singing of choruses. A quartet composed of Rex Womack, Glenn Jordan, Kenneth and Earl Jones from the Howard's Grove League, sang a special song. Jo Ann Womack, also from the Howard's Grove League, sang "Be Still My Soul."

Following announcements relative to other services of the convention, a

continuation of the workshop sessions concluded the services. Benedictions were prayed in each session.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Mrs. Helen Sanders conducted the Intermediate Sword Drill. Much skill was shown in this drill. Josephine Puckett of the Progressive Association won first place, Dannie Sue Jones of the Cooperative Convention placed second, and Patricia Kelly of the Southeastern Convention took the third place honor.

After a number of songs were sung, Rev. William Mishler brought "Greetings from the Headquarters' Building."

Rev. Chester O'Donnell gave a short message relative to home missions in Alabama.

Rev. William Mishler, secretary of National Sunday School Board, brought a very inspiring message.

League Convention was dismissed by prayer.

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The Sunday School Convention opened with singing led by the president, Charles Hollingshead.

Meredith Kirksey gave the devotion.

Letters from the various churches and conventions were read by the secretary. A motion was made and carried to receive the reports as read and seat the delegates.

Motion made to receive the Panther Creek Church into the convention; letter and dues to be sent later. Motion carried.

Motion was made and carried to receive the Margo Chapel Church into our Sunday School Convention.

Motion was made and carried to receive the Southeastern Association into the convention only if they send in their dues and report.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

#### Appreciation Committee

"We, your Appreciation Committee, wish to express our thanks to the Dothan Church and surrounding churches for the wonderful hospitality in the church and homes; the delicious meals and the kindness shown us. We ask all visitors to stand as a vote of thanks."

Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Chairman  
David Parker  
Joe Lyles



### Youth Camp Committee

"We recommend that the president of the convention, together with Brother Ryland, work out plans for the Youth Camp this year. (In case of a new president, the newly elected president to work together with the past president.) Date of camp will be August 1-5, 1955."

Rev. R. P. Ritch, Chairman

### Nominating Committee

(See officers page 2.)

Rev. Charles B. Craddock, Chairman

Rev. Dave Franks

Rex Womack

### Registration Committee

Ministers Present .....	21
Delegates Present .....	35
Visitors Present .....	120
Total .....	176

Glenda Seay

Jo Ann Breland

Carolyn Enfinger

### Executive Committee

1. We recommend that the Executive Board shall be composed of five members with a term of one member expiring each year. The vacancy to be filled by the convention. The board to be composed as to afford a fair representation over the state.

2. We recommend that a committee be composed of three ministers, one district league president and one district Sunday school superintendent.

3. We recommend that the secretary-treasurer purchase the gifts for Sword Drill not to exceed seven dollars.

4. We recommend that the offices of pianist, chorister and Bible Sword driller be inaugurated at this session, and that they be elected to these officers by the convention.

5. We recommend that the expenses of this convention and the youth rally be paid out of the treasury of this convention.

6. The First Church of Sylacauga, Alabama, and Brilliant Boston are asking for our youth rally to convene with their church, December 17, 1955. Delegates to vote where we shall go.

Rev. W. H. Ryland

Rev. A. J. Lambert

Rev. O. L. Fields

Motion was made and carried to receive the report of the Youth Camp Committee.

Motion was made and carried to receive the report of the Nominating Committee. Officers were elected as per list on page two.

Motion was made to receive the recommendations of the Executive Committee in order. Motion carried. The first resolution was adopted as read. Second resolution was adopted as read and the following committee was appointed:

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Charles Craddock, Rev. Malone Cobb,

Mr. Chester Matthews and Mr. Carlton Lambert.

The third resolution was adopted with the amendment that there be only one gift purchased and that same to be a good Bible.

The fourth resolution was adopted with the amendment that the officers, pianist, chorister and Bible drill director, be elected temporarily pending the constitution.

The fifth resolution was adopted as read. Delegates voted to go to Sylacauga for the youth rally to be held December 17, 1955.

Motion was made to let the church with the most attendance at the convention and rally receive the banner based on 1 point for mileage and 10 points per person, same to include the host church. Vote carried.

Motion was made and carried not to award banner until the rally.

Motion was made and carried to receive the treasurer's report through the minutes.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.

State Sunday School Convention was dismissed by prayer.

Gladys Adams, Sec. and Treas.

### BY-LAWS FOR THE ALABAMA STATE LEAGUE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

I. Each session shall be opened by a song, Scripture reading and prayer.

II. Each Sunday school or league shall send one delegate and a \$2.00 fee, if not represented by a local convention; whereas each local convention representing shall pay a minimum fee of \$5.00, up to 4 leagues in the organization, and where the member exceeds 4, they shall pay \$1.50 for each league or Sunday school in the organization. A local convention may send one delegate for each league or Sunday school.

III. Ordained ministers and their wives shall be standing delegates.

IV. Each league president and Sunday school superintendent, with the secretaries, shall be standing delegates.

V. Visiting brothers and corresponding messengers shall be recognized by the presiding officer and invited to sit in the council, but not allowed a vote on any question.

VI. In any regular convention there must be at least a quorum in the delegated body to legally transact any business.

VII. Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer. After being recognized, he or she shall be permitted to speak. When two shall rise at the same time, the president shall determine who speaks first.

VIII. All questions, properly recommended by their proper committee or board, after a motion and second, shall be clearly stated and discussed, then voted on.

*Encense - was the spirit of god*  
*Rev. 8-3-*

IX. The various committees or boards shall be appointed by the president unless otherwise directed by the body.

X. The regular officers of the convention shall be elected by the body before the closing of each annual session.

XI. The program for each annual session may be arranged by the president, vice-president and secretary, assisted by the Executive Committee.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Alabama State League and Sunday School Convention

Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year ..... \$ 9.97

#### Dues Collected at Convention:

##### League

Cooperative Convention .....	\$ 7.50
Vernon Church .....	2.00
Fayette Church .....	2.00
Progressive Convention .....	6.50
Union Grove Church .....	2.00
Southeastern Convention .....	5.00
Jasper Convention .....	5.00

Total for Leagues .....	\$30.00	30.00
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##### Sunday School

State Line Convention .....	\$15.00
Vernon Church .....	2.00
Fayette Church .....	2.00
Progressive Convention .....	6.50
Union Grove Church .....	2.00
Margo Chapel .....	2.00
Davis Chapel .....	2.00
Liberty Convention No. 2 .....	9.00
Jasper Convention .....	5.00

Total for Sunday Schools .....	\$45.50	45.50
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Total to Account For .....	\$85.47
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#### Disbursements:

Prizes for Drills .....	\$ 6.00
Rev. William Mishler .....	10.00

Total Disbursements .....	\$16.00	16.00
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Balance .....	\$69.47
Offering at Convention .....	17.37

Balance in Treasury .....	\$86.84
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