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OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage, 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California

Ass't Moderator, Rev. O. H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, California

Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. Winnie McLain, P. O. Box 138, Kerman, California 5-110

Ass't Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. Jo Hupp, P. O. Box 65, Selma, California

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Dean Moore (5 years), 1718 Lincoln Ave., Richmond, California —BE2-1165

Rev. Lester Davis (4 years), 1820 Pitt Ave., Fresno, Calif.

Rev. A. R. Deaton (3 years), 2113 East Calif., Bakersfield, California —5-4688

Rev. O. H. Doss (2 years), P.O. Box 61 Kerman, Calif.—6-370

Rev. F. A. McCage (1 year), 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California

The next session will be held at Kerman, Calif., on Wednesday night after the second Sunday in June. (June 17-19, 1953.)

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Night

The Ninth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with singing "Heavenly Sunlight", led by the host pastor, Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage, called the house to order. Invocation was given by Rev. L. V. Wood, Shawnee, Okla.

The Harmony Boys and the Harmonettes of Porterville sang several special numbers.

Rev. H. E. Dixon, Westminster, led the ministers in a united prayer, which was followed with a handshake.

Rev. J. R. Evans, Orange Cove, brought the introductory message on "The Three Basic Temptations", scripture lesson, Matthew 4 and John 17:1

After the message the host pastor assigned homes to the delegates.

Benediction by Rev. L. A. Lawson, Turlock.

Thursday Morning

Services opened with singing led by Rev. Lloyd Reddick, Taft

Rev. Randall Fry, Tulare, read Isaiah 12 for the scripture lesson, followed by prayer.

Letters were read, accepted, and delegates seated from the following associations: Center, Golden Gate West Coast and Southern.

The officers were elected as follows:

Assistant Moderator - Rev. O. H. Doss

Moderator - Rev. F. A. McCage

Clerk - Mrs. Winnie McLain

Assistant Clerk - Mrs. Jo Hupp

Motion carried that the clerk serve as treasurer.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint all committees.

He appointed committees as follows:

Pulpit

Joe Mooneyham

H. G. Harris

E. O. Lawless

Rodney Kemp

Daisy Stacks

Resolution

A. R. Deaton

Lester Davis

J. Q. Moore

Wiley Gregory

Dean Moore

H. E. Dixon

Finance

Winston Lawless

David Lewis

Anna Mae Sparks

Delmer Priest

Arthur Billows

Sunday School

J. E. Bridges

J. R. Evans

Fred Marler

Letha Roberts

Louis Wood.

League

Inez Thurman
June Rolen
Jenell Billows
Ralph Hampton
Finney Berry

Temperance

Pete Conner
Georgia Reynolds
D. J. Rowlett
Loretta Piland
J. A. Roberts

Publication

Lewis Lawson
Lloyd Talley
Loyd Reddick
Zella Ramsey
Elzie Owens

Obituary

T. W. Webb
Elsie Kemp
James Gullett
Joan Wells
Trudie Tilden

Auxiliary

Cleo Doss
Fern Ray
Sybil Campbell
Velma Sparks
Wilma Fairchild

Pulpit committee reported that Rev. Dean Moore followed by Rev. H. E. Dixon, would preach at eleven o'clock.

The welcome address was given by Mayor Thomas Drilling of Tulare. Response was given by Mr. Pete Conner of Fairfield. Business was adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

Dismissed by Rev. Walter Brown, Bakersfield.

Thursday Eleven O'clock Service

Opened with singing "Victory in Jesus" led Mrs. Marjorie Winters, Calwa.

Prayer by Rev. Cecil Thurman, Arvin.

Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond, brought the message on "A Cross, A Challenge, and a Commission." His text was Col. 1:20 Rev. H. E. Dixon, Westminster concluded the service.

Benediction by Rev. Ralph Hampton, Modesto.

Afternoon Session

Opened with singing "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" led by Rev. L. L. Davis, Calwa.

Mrs. Zella Ramsey, Kerman, read Phil. 2:1-7 for the scripture lesson, followed with prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss.

Rules of order were read by the moderator.

The following visiting brethren were invited to sit in council as advisory members: Rev. W. V. Wood, Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Rev. J. W. Handy, Houston, Texas.

Pulpit committee reported that Rev. Cecil Thurman, followed by Rev. W. V. Wood, would preach at the night service.

The report of the executive board was read and accepted. Rev. Dean Moore was elected to the executive board (5 yrs.).

Motion carried that Rev. H. A. Lewis's place on the board be declared vacant as he had moved to Washington. Rev. L. L. Davis was elected in his place. (4 years)

The resignation of Rev. Geo. McLain on the board was accepted and Rev. A. R. Deaton was elected in his place. (3 yrs.)

The next association was placed at Kerman, June 17-19, 1953.

Rev. Fred Marler, Farmersville, was elected to bring the introductory message and Rev. Ralph Hampton, the alternate.

A program committee for the next association was appointed as follows: Pete Conner, Finney Berry, Joe Mooneyham and Wiley Gregory.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint the delegates to the National Association. He appointed as follows: Allyne Lawless, Clara Humphreys, Pete Conner, Delmer Priest, Cleo Doss, Jo Hupp, Winnie McLain, June Rolen, Daisy Stacks. Alternates were Pearl Davis, Margaret Berry, Maudie Rowlett, Gracie Wood, Lena Zachary, Mae Mooneyham.

Motion carried that the following resolution be sent to the National Association: Resolved, that each state association be allowed to elect its member to the general board and California

Benediction by Rev. John Montgomery, Hughson.
recommends Rev. O. H. Doss for its member.

Report of Home Mission Board was read and accepted. The Mission Board recommended that the resolution in regard to percentage paid to Home and Foreign Mission and California Missions become a by-law of the Home Mission Board. Carried.

Resolution No. 1 was read and tabled until 10:00 a.m. of the following day.

Adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday.

Benediction by Rev. John Montgomery, Hughson.

Thursday Night Service

Opened with singing "Heavenly Sunlight" led by Mr. Albert Miller, Kerman.

Prayer by Rev. L. A. Lawson, Turlock.

After several songs were sung, Rev. Cecil Thurman, Arvin, brought the message on "True Worship", using John 4:23 for his text. Rev. W. V. Wood, Shawnee, Oklahoma, concluded the service, using the text Romans 1:16 - "The Power of God".

Prayer by Rev. A. R. Deaton.

The pastor assigned delegates to homes.

Benediction by Rev. O. D. Scroggins, Parlier.

Friday Morning Session

Opened by singing "Standing on the Promises" led by Rev. Eual Gorman, Bell Gardens.

Rev. Wiley Gregory, Santa Paula, read 1st Peter 1 for the scripture lesson followed with prayer.

Rev. J. R. Evans, Orange Cove, was elected on the Mission Board (5 years).

Resignation of Rev. L. L. Davis on Mission Board was accepted and Rev. Joe Mooneyman was elected to take his place.

Pulpit committee reported that Mr. Pete Conner, Richmond, followed by Rev. L. A. Lawson, Turlock, would preach at the eleven o'clock service.

Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 were read and adopted. (See reports)

Reports of publication and obituary committees were read and adopted. (See reports)

Prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss.

Adjournment until 1:30 p.m.

Benediction by Rev. F. A. McCage.

Eleven O'clock Service

Opened with singing "Some Day" led by Rev. Delmar Scroggins.

After two special songs, Rev. Dean Moore prayed.

Bro. Pete Conner brought the message on "Building". His scripture was 1st Cor. 3:11. Rev. L. A. Lawson concluded the service using Isaiah 28:16 for his text.

Benediction by Rev. J. E. Bridges.

Friday Afternoon

Opened with singing "Where the Soul Never Dies" led by Bro. Lester Kyle, Porterville.

Rev. Louis Wood, Concord, read 1st John for the scripture lesson followed with prayer by Rev. Arthur Billows, Earlimart.

Reports of the League Committee and League Board were read and accepted. (See reports)

Motion carried that a treasurer for centralization fund be elected. Rev. Dean Moore was elected. Motion carried that Rev. F. A. McCage be co-signer on that fund.

Resolutions Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8 were read and accepted. (See reports)

Report of Finance Committee and clerk and treasurer were read and accepted. (See reports)

Report of mileage of Mission Board was read.

Executive Board reported that they met and organized as follows: O. H. Doss, Chairman, F. A. McCage, Clerk, Dean Moore, A. R. Deaton, and L. L. Davis, members.

Reports of the Auxiliary, Temperance, and Sunday School committees were read and accepted. (See reports.)

Adjournment until next session.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Handy, Houston, Texas.
F. A. McGee, Moderator
Winnie McLain, Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Golden Gate Association meets at Hughson, California, May 21-23 1953.

Center Association meets at Calwa, Calif., May 14-16, 1953.

West Coast Association meets at Westminister Church, 22nd and Jackson Sts., New Westminister, Calif., June 3-5, 1953.

Southern Association meets at Porterville, Calif., May 7-9, 1953.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions Committee

1. Resolved, that no minister will be received into this association who cannot obtain a recommendation from the association from which he comes, and that said association be a member of the state or national association, and that he obtain a recommendation from the California State Ministers Conference before he is allowed to pastor a church in California.

We recommend that this resolution become a constitutional amendment.

2. Resolved, that the executive board members be paid four cents a mile from the state treasury for travel expense to and from board meetings retroactive to June, 1951.

3. Resolved, that the mission board members be paid four cents per mile from the state mission treasury for travel expense to and from board meetings retroactive to June, 1951.

4. Resolved, that the clerk and treasurer buy personized checks for this association and pay the state bills by check.

5. Resolved, that each pastor be a member of the church he pastors.

6. Resolved, that this body give the Tulare Church a standing vote of thanks for the fine meals and hospitality during this association.

7. Resolved, that all deacons coming from another denomination come under the hands of the presbytery of the Free Will Baptists.

8. Resolved, that the clerk of this association be empowered to purchase ribbons for the delegation of this body.

Signed: Committee

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The board met with four members present March 29, 1952, at Porterville. Motion carried that all expenses incurred in selling the tent be allowed and the remainder be paid into the state treasury at the state association in June, 1952.

A letter from Rev. Walter E. George in which he appealed his case to the state board was read. Motion carried that Golden Gate Association and Rev. Walter E. George be asked to meet with the state board April 29, 1952, at Porterville.

On April 29, 1952, the state board with two members present and three members of Golden State Association met and Rev. Walter George agreed to turn the case to the state board for arbitration. A meeting for this purpose was set for May 5, 1952, at Porterville.

On May 5, 1952, the state board with four members present met at Porterville and after prayer and consideration of the Rev. George case wrote an article of arbitration and sent a copy to the Golden Gate executive board and a copy to Rev. Walter E. George.

O. H. Doss, Chairman
F. A. McCage, Clerk

Finance Committee

We find that this association is in better financial condition than last year, so we recommend the associations pay the following amounts next year: Golden Gate, \$135.00; Center, \$120.00; Southern, \$110.00; West Coast, \$100.00; and that from each association be given to the host church.

Signed: Committee

Temperance Committee

We wish to report as follows: Our first consideration is that we be temperate in all things, that we search ourselves as to the position in which we stand as Christians, and that we give our most earnest thought to abstaining from anything which would unchristianize us in the eyes or minds of sinners. Therefore, let us recommend temperance in all things.

Signed: Committee

Obituary Committee

We report that there have been two deaths in Center Association, four in Southern Association, four in Golden Gate and two in West Coast Association, making a total of twelve.

Signed: Committee

Sunday School Committee

We recommend the exclusive use of Free Will Baptist literature and that all officers and teachers be members of a Free Will Baptist Church. We further recommend that pastors and teachers cooperate to create more interest in Sunday Schools.

Signed: Committee

Publications Committee

We recommend that 1,000 minutes of this session be

printed. We also recommend that we support all Free Will Baptist publications.

Signed: Committee

League Committee

We report that there are 26 leagues in this state with four district rallies. We ask that the state league rally minutes be printed in the state minutes, for which we send \$40.00.

League Board

In as much as the state league rally asked that the state league board meet and discuss plans for a state youth encampment. We recommend that each church member over league age pay three dollars and fifty cents annually for the purpose of purchasing property for centralizing the state association and youth encampment

Clerk, Arthur Billows

Auxiliary Committee

We recommend that each church strive to have an auxiliary. We ask that the Auxiliary Convention minutes be printed in the state minutes, for which we send \$30.00.

Clerk and Treasurer's Report, 1951-1952

Total receipts: Center Association \$105.00, West Coast \$105.00, Golden Gate Association \$111.00, Southern Association \$81.00, Auxiliary Convention \$25.00, State League Rally \$32.00, one By-law \$.25. Grand total \$459.25

Disbursements: Moderator \$15.00, Clerk \$25.00, Modesto Church \$140.00, National Association \$30.00, A-1 Printers for printing 1,000 minutes \$149.84, brief case from Kopman's Luggage \$15.47, postage, paper, money order \$.51.

Grand total \$375.82

Balance in treasury \$83.43 as of June 5, 1952.

Winnie McLain - Clerk and Treasurer

Mission Board's Report

Total receipts for the year ending June 1, 1952 - \$905.82.

Disbursements as follows: National Missions \$271.73, postage and stationery \$5.45, Rev. J. L. Waltham \$50.00, Rev. George McLain \$50.00, check turned down from North Ridge Church \$25.00, making total disbursements \$402.18. Balance in treasury \$503.64.

Winton Lawless, Treasurer

The board met at Modesto November 4, 1951, with all members present. As no money was coming in under the present set up, a motion carried that a voluntary offering from each church each month be given with each church being notified of such plan.

At a board meeting in March, 1952, motion carried that Rev. George McLain be paid \$50.00 for his work at Corcoran

and Rev. J. L. Waltman be paid \$50.00 for his work at Bell Gardens.

We recommend that the following quota be adopted for the coming year: Golden Gate Association \$1,379.00, Center Association \$873.00,, Southern Association \$641.00, and West Coast \$535.00 This quota is based on \$1.50 per member per year, therefore each church may check its record for its individual quota.

Signed: Mission Board

LETTERS FROM ASSOCIATIONS

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Tulare Church at Tulare, Calif., June 11-13, 1952.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sister Lena Zachary, Joan Wells, Wilma Hallman, Eva Bonner, Sister Anna Mae Sparks, Daisy Stacks, and Francis Campbell. Alternates: Bro. Tony Peters, Sister Ada Collins, Bernice Cheetwood, Loretta Piland and Bernice Piland, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion good, number of churches 7, number of ministers 15, total membership 357, number of leagues 5, paid pastors \$4,903.95, paid evangelists \$723.70, paid home missions \$121.57, value of church property \$42,896.00, number deceased 2, number of churches disbanded 2, number of new churches 4, paid orphanage \$134.94.

Done by order of the West Coast Association of Free Will Baptists assembled in conference this 29-31 of May, 1952,

We send \$100.00 for expenses.

Moderator, H. E. Dixon

Clerk, Inez Thurman

4513 Mesa Drive, Bakersfield

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Tulare Church at Tulare, Calif., June 11-13, 1952.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren E. O. Lawless, Ann Brown, Minnie Ewing, Fred Brazil, Trudie Tilden, Pauline Nichols, George Pettyjohn. Alternates: David Lewis, Mabel Pettyjohn, Audrey Denton, Wanda Nelson, Sybil Campbell, Rosa Kibbans, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion good, number of churches 9, baptized 33, dismissed 54, died 4, total membership 427, condition of prayer meeting good, condition of Sunday School good, league membership 105, number received 128, paid pastors \$5,110.21, paid evangelists \$1,007.62, home missions \$437.13, value of property \$45,000.00, building and repairs \$6,363.24, enclosed for minutes and expenses \$100.00.

The Executive Board of the Southern Association organized a church in Corcoran in May with ten members. Rev. Norman

Cathy was called for pastor.

We have 17 ordained and 2 licensed ministers and 14 deacons.

Moderator, F. A. McCage

Clerk, Winnie McQuire

1007 McCurdy Drive, Bakersfield

CENTER ASSOCIATION

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Tulare Church at Tulare, Calif., June 11-13, 1952.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Homer Kline, Agnes Kerr, Luther Knight, G. H. Guinn, June Rolen, Alva Holt, Mrs. Bramblett. Alternates: Mrs. Parker, Elva Scantlin, Loreva Martin, Mary Morris, Clara Humphrey, Georgia Renolds, Marion Oglesby, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion good, members received this year 101, number dismissed by letter 28, number deceased 2, resident members 467, non-resident members 115, total membership 582, number of prayer meetings 7, number of Sunday Schools 7, average number of pupils 420, number of officers 29, number of leagues 5, number auxiliaries 4, amount paid pastors \$10,340.00, amount for evangelistic work \$920.34, amount for building and

Done by order of Center Association assembled in conference this 16th day of May, 1952.

The Kerman Church asks for the next State Association.

We send \$100.00 as feeding and expense money.

Moderator, O. H. Doss

Clerk, Gladys Massengale

P. O. Box 362, Fowler, Calif.

GOLDEN GATE ASSOCIATION

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Tulare Church at Tulare, Calif., June 11-13, 1952.

We send as our delegates: Jack Blair, John Adams, Ella Mae Foster, Hazel Adkins, Doris Fairchild, Billie Muse, David Miller, Ester Logan, E. A. Wood, Bob May, Ila Huddleston, Mattie Moore, T. W. Webb, whom we pray you will seat to aid you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion good, number of churches 13, deceased 4, membership 919, all have active prayer meetings and Sunday Schools with an average attendance record of 869, leagues 13, auxiliaries 3, value of church property \$152,608.36, evangelistic work \$1,866.42, building and repairs \$18,644.28, missions \$1,348.42, paid pastor \$17,695.24, ordained ministers 36, licensed ministers 11, deacons 37.

We send \$100.00 as minute and expense money.

Clerk, Mae Graham

Moderator, Ralph Hampton

143 Eighth St., Turlock, Calif.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATIONS

	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	13	7	9	7	36
Ministers	36	21	17	15	89
Members	919	582	427	357	2285
No. of Sunday Schools	13	7	9	7	36
No. of Leagues	13	5		5	23
No. of Auxiliaries	3	4			7
Paid Pastors	\$17,695.24	10,340.61	5,110.21	4,903.95	\$38,050.01
Paid Evangelists	1,866.42	920.34	1,007.62	723.70	\$4,518.08
Paid Home Missions	1,348.42		437.13	121.57	
Paid Foreign Missions				13.44	
Value of Church Property	152,608.36	39,500.00	4,500.00	42,896.00	\$239,504.36

MINISTERS' ROLL

Joe Mooneyham, 535 West Second St., Tulare, Calif.
Randall Fry, Route 2, Box 326, Tulare, Calif.
Lester Davis, P. O. Box 65, Selma, Calif.
Dean Moore, 1718 Lincoln Ave., Richmond 5, Calif.
W. V. Wood, Shawnee, Oklahoma
Wiley Gregory, Santa Paula, Calif.
L. V. Wood, 1831 Harrison St., Concord, Calif.
E. N. Owens, Lindsay, California
Jerry Dudley, 2740 Center Street, Bakersfield, Calif.
Finney Berry, 2641 S. Sierra, Fresno, Calif.
L. A. Lawson, Landers and C Sts., Turlock, Calif.
R. C. Hampton, 1208 Eugene Ave., Modesto, Calif.
Winston Lawless, Route 3, Box 38, Selma, Calif.
L. K. Wood
H. E. Dixon, 8091 22nd Street, Westminster, Calif.
Herman Hupp, P. O. Box 65, Selma, Calif.
John Montgomery, P. O. Box 266, Hughson, Calif.
Cecil Thurman, Arvin, California
Lloyd Reddick, Taft, California
D. J. Rowlett, P. O. Box 12, Farmersville, Calif.
R. L. Fullilove, 125 Syracuse, Turlock, Calif.
Fred Marler, 231 Ashland, Lindsay, Calif.
W. A. Huddleston, P. O. Box 553, Kerman, Calif.
Eual Gorman, 6029 Fry St., Bell Gardens, Calif.
C. E. Wilkinson, 2803 Wright St., Selma, Calif.
F. A. McCage, 251 Sierra View, Porterville, Calif.
Orbin H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, Calif.
Arthur Billows, P. O. Box 461, Earlimart, Calif.
Lester Kyle, 317 Wonkesha, Porterville, Calif.
Walter Brown, 1103 Grace Street, Bakersfield, Calif.
J. R. Evans, Orange Cove, California
E. M. McCulley, Tulare, California
Lloyd Talley, P. O. Box 171, Orange Cove, Calif.
J. E. Bridges, Orange Cove, California
Aaron Lewis, Box 253, Lindsay, Calif.
Austin R. Deaton, 2113 E. Calif. Ave., Bakersfield, Calif.
Geo. W. McLain, P. O. Box 138, Kerman, Calif.
J. W. Handy, Houston, Texas
E. M. Gray, Selma, California
N. H. Cathey, Corcoran, California
Lonnie McAlister, P. O. Box 84, Kerman, Calif.
Guy H. McGuire, 1007 McCurdy Drive, Bakersfield, Calif.
Andrew H. Winters, 2538 Calwa, Fresno, Calif.
Jack Hupp, P. O. Box 357, Selma, Calif.
P. E. Lambert, 441 North 10th Ave., Hanford, Calif.

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The fourth session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Tulare Church, June 11, 1952, at 10:00 a.m.

Opened with singing "Glory to His Name" led by Mrs. Fern Ray, Porterville.

Prayer by Mrs. Ora Hupp, Calwa.

Scripture lesson John 12:23-26 was read by Mrs. Bertha Evans, Orange Cove

Welcome was given by Mrs. Mae, Mooneyham, Tulare and response by Mrs. Winna McQuire, Bakersfield

Ministers and all visitors were welcomed.

Petitionary letter from Bell Gardens was read and they were accepted as members.

Motion carried that the president appoint the committees. They were appointed as follows:

Registration - Georgia Reynolds, Ruth Walker and Beatrice Petit.

Resolution - Goldie Priest, Bertha Lawson, Oma Thomason, Virginia Hupp, Vada Roberts Florence Sharp, Allyne Lawless, Winnia McGuire, and Daisy Stacks.

Finance - June Rolen, Ella Mae Foster, Jo Hupp, Fern Ray and Wanda Nelson.

Obituary - Marjorie Winters, Patti McLain, Lou Emma Groves, Minnie Ewing, Lydia Winn, Sophia Gorman Goldie Priest, Clara Humphrey, Ruth Walker.

The president, Mrs. Cleo Doss, brought a message on "Moving Forward" using the scripture Exodus 14:15.

Convention was dismissed for a short recess by Mrs Zella Ramsey.

After the recess several songs were sung, followed by prayer by Rev. Wiley Gregory, Santa Paula.

Mrs. Patti McLain sang "Jesus Is All The World To Me" and Mrs. Marjorie Winters and Miss Jacqueline Hupp sang "It Is An Unfriendly World."

Rev. Arthur Billows brought the message on "The Hour Is Come That The Son Should Be Glorified." Scripture, Luke 10: 38-42.

Benediction by Mrs. Pearl Davis.

Afternoon Session

Opened by singing "More About Jesus" led by Mrs Fern Ray.

Prayer by Mrs. Minnie Ewing.

Mrs. Fern Ray sang "Why Should He Love Me So."

Petitionary letter from Calwa auxiliary was read and they were accepted as members.

Mrs. Goldie Priest, First Vice-president gave her report.

Mrs. Fern Ray, Second Vice-president, gave her report and read the rules of the declamation contest. Louise Hatcher, Kerman, gave her declamation on stewardship. She was the only contestant.

Mrs Ila Huddleston, Third Vice-president; Mrs. Ella Mae Foster, Fourth Vice-president; Mrs. Zella Ramsey, Fifth Vice-president; and Mrs. June Rolen, Field Worker, gave their reports. All the vice-presidents' reports were accepted.

Mrs. June Rolen explained the Standard of Achievement.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A letter from the Arvin Auxiliary stating that they had disbanded and asking to be dismissed from the convention was read.

Motion carried that the convention write a letter to Arvin Church expressing our regret that they disbanded and offer further assistance when needed.

Resolutions 1-7 were read and accepted. (See reports.)

Motion carried that the first meeting be held at Calwa, October 18, 1952, and the second meeting be held at Richmond, February 16, 1953.

Report of finance committee was read and accepted. (See reports.)

Report of obituary committee was read and accepted, followed with prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage. (See reports.)

Report of registration committee was read and accepted. (See reports.)

Officers were elected as follows:

President, Goldie Priest, 836 Ventura St. Richmond, Calif.

First Vice-pres., Cleo Doss, P. O. Box, 61, Kerman, Calif.

Second Vice-pres., Fern Ray, Porterville, Calif.

Third Vicepres., Jo Hupp, P.O. Box 65 Selma, Calif.

Fourth Vice-pres., Ella Mae Foster, Route. 1, Box 84, Hughson, California.

Fifth Vice-pres., June Rolen, P.O. Box 138, Kerman, Calif.

Sec'y-Treas., Winnie McLain, P.O. Box 138, Kerman, Calif.

(Zella Ramsey was elected third vice-president but resigned. Jo Hupp was elected.)

Delegates to the National Convention at Shawnee, Okla., were elected as follows: Daisy Stacks, Pearl Davis, Vada Roberts,, June Rolen, Jo Hupp, Bertha Lawson, Cleo Doss, Winnia McGuire, Allyne Lawless, and Patti McLain.

An offering of \$22.18 was given to the host church for the bounteous lunch.

Prayer by Rev. L. A. Lawson.

Rev. L. L. Davis had charge of the installation of the new officers.

After a handshake the convention was dismissed by Mrs Jenell Billows.

Winnie McLain, Secretary
Cleo Doss, President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved, that the first and second meetings be held on Saturday.

2. Be it resolved, that an offering be taken to help host church with the expense of the convention.

3. Be it resolved, that the convention meet ever four months as follows: Saturday, October 18, 1952, and Saturday, February 16, 1953, and Wednesday, June 17, 1953.

4. Be it resolved, that each auxiliary pay ten cents per member to each session except the annual session and the annual session pay twenty cents per member.

5. Be it resolved, that each local officer make only a four months' report ten days preceding the convention to each state officer, never an annual report. Each state officer will total these reports for the annual report.

6 Be it resolved, that the convention give the Tulare Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

7. Be it resolved, that the office of field worker be discontinued and the duties of field worker be done by the first vice-president.

Signed: Committee

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We report that there are 10 ministers, 1 deacon, 41 auxiliary members and 8 visitors, making a total of 59 present.

Signed: Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend that the convention pay thirty dollars for printing of minutes. We also recommend that the convention pay seventy-five dollars on the expense of the declamation contestant to the national convention. We further recommend that each auxiliary send five dollars to the annual session.

Signed: Committee

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report that God in His goodness has called one, Mrs. Josie Mauldin, Porterville, from our midst.

Signed: Committee

Minutes of State League Rally

The third annual session of the California State League Rally of Free Will Baptists met with the Porterville Church, Porterville, California, May 31 to June 1, 1952.

Saturday Morning

Services opened by singing "Oh How I Love Jesus" led by Mary Moore, Richmond, pianist Mary Sue Lindsey, Kerman. Prayer by Clinton Wood, Richmond.

Devotional John 14: 1-6 was read by Randall Fry, Tulare.

Welcome address was given by Jerry Dudley, Porterville, and response by Jo Hupp, Calwa.

President's message was given by Bud Jenkins, Richmond.

Letters from Center, Southern, Golden Gate Rallies were read and accepted.

Petitionary letter from West Coast Rally was read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Motion carried that president and vice-president appoint committees. They were appointed as follows:

Resolution

Jimmy Thurman
Elvas Priest
Lonnie McAlister
Jerry Dudley
Orval Ray

Finance

Lonnie Rolen
Lowell Moore
Clinton Wood
Delores Reddick
Margie Spurlock

Eleven O'clock Service

Service opened by singing "I Love To Tell The Story."

Prayer by Jimmy Thurman, Arvin.

Solo "Cleanse Me" by Ferne Ray, Porterville.

Prayer by Grady Henley, Napa.

Duet "Let Me Lose Myself and Find it Lord in Thee" by Randall and Betty Fry.

Rev. Joe Mooneyman brought the message using 1 Cor. 15:12 as his text.

Dismissed by Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Opened with singing "Stand Up For Jesus".

Prayer by Finney Berry, Calwa

The next rally will convene with Richmond Church, Richmond, June 6-7, 1953. Rev. F. A. McCage was elected to bring the introductory message and Rev. Winston Lawless as alternate.

Resolutions 1 and 2 were accepted. (See reports.)

Motion carried that League Board meet with State Association to discuss plans for Youth Encampment.

Finance committee report was read and accepted. (See reports.)

Dismissed by Rev. H. N. Easterwood, Chowchilla.

State officers met with local officers in conference.

Saturday Evening

Services opened by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers".

Prayer by Ella Mae Ewing, Bakersfield.

After several special numbers the Intermediate Sword Drill was led Johnnie Jenkins, Porterville. Coy Priest from Richmond was given a Schaffer pen as first prize winner. Curtis Riah, Chowchilla, was given a year's subscription to Youth Banner as second place winner.

After two special numbers, Elvas Priest, Richmond, brought the message using for his subject "Up—Sanctify Yourselves".

Quartet sang "Judgment is Coming".

Dismissed by Ralph Groves, Hughson.

Sunday Morning

Services opened with singing "Tell Me the Old, Old Story".

Prayer by Rev. Wiley Gregory, Santa Paula.

Devotional by Closter Barlow, Turlock.

Officers were elected as follows:

Sponsor - Rev. O. H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, Calif.

President - Bud Jenkins, 836 Ventura Ave., Richmond, Calif.

Vice-president - Arlie Miller, P. O. Box 365, Kerman, Calif.

Recording Sec'y - June Rolen, P. O. Box 138, Kerman, Calif.

Corresponding Sec'y - Johnnie Jenkins, 836 Ventura Ave., Richmond, Calif.

Treasurer - Lowell Moore, Tulare, Calif.

Chorister - Ferne Ray, 251 Sierra View, Porterville, Calif.

Pianist - Faye Parker, Turlock, Calif.

League Board: Lester Davis, Arthur Billows, Dean Moore, Neal Watts, Delmer Sharp.

Installation of officers was given by Rev. Ralph Hampton, Modesto. Prayer of consecration by Rev. F. A. McCage, Porterville.

Motion carried that letters "1950" be placed on banner.

"Dare to be a Daniel" witnessing was led by Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond.

Kerman Quartet sang "Old Daniel Prayed". Porterville Harmonettes sang "For Me".

Rev. Arthur Billows, Earlimart, brought the message using II. Chronicles 1:10 as his scripture and "The Choice—Solomon's Choice" as his theme.
Dismissed by J. M. Rolen, Kerman.

Sunday Afternoon

Opened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing".
Prayer by Carl Young, Selma.

Modesto League, representing Golden Gate Association, presented "The Lost Church". Taft League, representing West Coast Association, presented "Poor As Church Mice". Kerman, Center Association, presented "God Is In His Heaven", and Earlimart, representing Southern Association, presented "King of Saints".

Program Banner was won by Kerman League.
Minutes were read and accepted.

Solo "I Would Be True" by Mary Sue Lindsey, Kerman.
Benediction by Orval Ray, Porterville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions Committee

1. Be it resolved, that we discuss plans and means for state youth encampment.
2. Be it resolved, that each associational rally represent with one state sword drill contestant.
3. Be it resolved, that a standing vote of thanks be given the Porterville Church for their hospitality.

Finance Committee

1. We recommend that each association send \$100.00 to the state rally, \$75.00 for rally expenses and \$25.00 for host church.
2. We recommend that each individual leaguer pay \$1.00 every six months to establish a fund for a youth camp.
3. We recommend that \$40.00 be given to State Association for printing of minutes.
4. We recommend that \$75.00 be given to Intermediate Sword Drill winner for expense to National League Convention.

Signed: Committee
Bud Jenkins, President
June Rolen, Secretary

BY-LAWS OF HOME MISSION BOARD

1. The board shall be composed of five members including a secretary, treasurer and their tenure of office shall be one to five years.
2. All moneys for missions shall be sent through this board.
3. Requests for financial aid shall be made in writing to the board and after investigation money shall be granted in such cases as merits support. There must be an opportunity to establish a church to merit such aid.
4. Not less than three members of this board can make a decision.
5. This board shall appoint a representative in each subordinate association to raise funds for missions.
6. The treasurer shall give an official receipt for funds received.
7. The treasurer shall give a financial report at each regular session of the association.
8. These By-laws may be amended at any regular session of the state association by a majority vote of members present.
9. All moneys shall be distributed as follows: 15 per cent. paid to Foreign Missions, 15 per cent to National Home Missions, and 70 per cent will remain in the state treasury to be used for home missions in California.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading rules of order.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Report of committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

BY-LAWS

1. The Moderator or assistant Moderator or in their absence the oldest minister (in the work) present shall call the Association into conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.
3. Fourteen members from two or more associations shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of members voting.
11. No question from any association shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own Association.
12. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.
13. The State Association shall have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble: From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better denominational government.

Article 1

This organization shall be known as the State Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of California.

Article 2

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of our churches and associated bodies of this state and to devise and execute measures of expanding our work in the cause of Christ in broader fields.

Article 3

This state association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the subordinate association they represent and all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers, their wives, all ordained Free Will Baptist deacons and their wives.

Article 4

Representation to the state association is to be by subordinate associations. Each subordinate association shall be entitled to seven delegates to be selected from the laity.

Article 5

The state association shall have the right to settle any and all questions of discipline, doctrine or practice, that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing this organization or act upon an appeal that may be made by any church or individual which is a component part of this body. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies making such appeal from the lower to the next higher body.

Article 6

Officers. The officers of this state association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk and treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the opening of each setting of the state association.

Section 2. Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided for and shall hold office until work is completed or their successors are appointed.

Article 7

The executive board shall be composed of five members. Each member shall be an ordained minister in good standing in the state association and their terms of tenure shall be as follows:

- (1) one for one year
- (1) one for two years
- (1) one for three years
- (1) one for four years
- (1) one for five years

Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Article 8

The state association shall hold its meetings annually. The date and place to be decided upon at each previous meeting of said state association.

Article 9

Should necessity arise which calls and requires immediate action, the State Executive Board shall convene upon call of its chairman and shall take whatever action it deems necessary in the best interest of the cause of Christ. The action however shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

Article 10

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the state association by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting. All proposed alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

Article 11

No minister will be received into this association who cannot obtain a recommendation from the association from which he comes, and that said association be a member of the state or national association, and that he obtain a recommendation from the California State Minister's Conference before he is allowed to pastor a church in California.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God, in this solemn covenant. We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations to reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the churches and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the conversion of the world.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE** — The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God and are an infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD** — There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. **CHRIST** — Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT** — The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit, all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD** — God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN** — Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His Posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST** — The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION** — The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the domination of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. ELECTION — God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF WILL — The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. SALVATION FREE — God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the Water of Life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE — All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES — Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. TITHINGG — God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt.. 23:33) and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2.)

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH — The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION — The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."