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The next annual session will be held at Kerman Free Will Baptist Church, Second and "B" Streets, Kerman, California on Friday night before the third Sunday in May 1957. (May 17-18, 1957)

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Wade Jernigan
	P. O. Box 61, Kerman, California
Assistant Moderator	Rev. J. E. Bridges
	P. O. Box 305, Orange Cove, California
Clerk	Fern McAlister
	P. O. Box 84, Kerman, California
Assistant Clerk	Katherine Cochran
	1036 West Fountain Way, Fresno, California
Treasurer	Delmer Sharp
	P. O. Box 51, Kerman, California

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. J. E. Bridges	Five Years
	P. O. Box 305, Orange Cove, California
Rev. Clark Casteel	Four Years
	318 "K" St., Sanger, California
Rev. Cecil Thurman	Three Years
	2064 Tyler St., Fresno, California, Phone 8-2353
Rev. G. M. Condley	Two Years
	116 Springfield Ave., Reedley, California
Rev. Cecil Morris	One Year
	6261 E. Clarkson Ave., Selma, California

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY NIGHT

The Ninth Annual Session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptists opened by singing "Home Of The Soul" led by Bro. Denton Colvin, Sanger, accompanied by Barbara Sharp, Kerman.

Prayer by Rev. Clark Casteel, Sanger.

Rev. Lonnie McAlister, Kerman read Psalms I for the devotional reading.

"With The Millions We'll Sing" and "Zion's Hill" were sung by the Kerman Quartet.

Rev Wade Jernigan, Kerman lead a testimony service.

Rev. J. E. Bridges brought the message using I Cor.

2: 9-16 as the scripture reading and "The Natural Man" as his theme.

Dismissed by Rev. Cecil Morris, Calwa.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing "I'm Going That Way" led by Rev. I. B. Dunaway, North Fresno, accompanied by Georgia Reynolds, Kerman.

Rev. Delmer Scroggins, Parlier read Thess. 3 for the scripture reading.

Prayer by Rev. Orville Thurman, Wasco.

Welcome was given by Rev. Winston Lawless, Selma and the response by Rev. G. B. Ramsey, Parlier.

Letters were read, accepted and delegates seated from Sanger, Kerman, Clovis, Selma, Calwa, Parlier, Reedley, Orange Cove, North Fresno, and Hanford.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to sit in council.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint Divine Service Committee. Those appointed were Rev. Winston Lawless, Bro. Greg Hunsucker, Sis. Katherine Cochran, Bro. Fred Burton, Sis. Opal Hill, and Bro. John Hall.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator—Rev. Wade Jernigan, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, Calif.; Ass't Mod.—Rev. J. E. Bridges, P. O. Box 305, Orange Cove, Calif.; Clerk—Fern McAlister, P. O. Box 84, Kerman, Calif.; Ass't Clerk—Katherine Cochran, 1036 W. Fountain Way, Fresno, Calif.; Treasurer—Delmer Sharp, P. O. Box 51, Kerman, Calif.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint all committees.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Resolution	Sunday School
Rev. Cecil Morris, Calwa	Marion Oglesby, Reedley
Rev. Clark Casteel, Sanger	Pauline Nickells, Kerman
Rev. G. B. Ramsey, Parlier	Ova Goff, Sanger
Rev. D. J. Rowlett, Clovis	Allie Lou Guy, Clovis
Rev. Cecil Thurman, N. Fres.	Joe Smith, Hanford

Temperance

Obituary

Jolene Hunsucker, Reedley
Robert Furr, Selma
Homer Kline, N. Fresno

Delois Casteel, Sanger
Rev. I. B. Dunaway, N. Fres.
Elsie Kemp, Kerman

Finance

Theodora Thurman, N. Fres.
Rev. Winston Lawless, Selma
Rev. Delmer Scroggins,
Parlier
Rev. W. L. Livingston,
Hanford
Gragrie Hunsucker, Reedley

Divine Service Committee reported Rev. Jerry Dudley, Tulare would bring the eleven o'clock message and Rev. Orville Thurman, Wasco would bring the evening message.

Motion carried to accept the recommendation sent from the first quarterly meeting. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 P. M.
Dismissed by Rev. D. J. Rowlett, Clovis.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing "I'll Make It My Home" and "Some Day" led by Rev. Delmer Scroggins, Parlier accompanied by Georgia Reynolds, Kerman.

Prayer by Rev. W. L. Livingston, Hanford.

Mixed quartet sang "Blessed Jesus Loves You Too" and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus".

Rev. Jerry Dudley, Tulare brought the message using Job 6:1 for his text.

Dismissed by Bro. John Hall, Kerman.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing "It's So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" led by Rev. Jerry Dudley accompanied by Georgia Reynolds.

Prayer by Bro. Gragrie Hunsucker, Reedley.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Church	Total Membership	Number Received	Number Dismissed	Number Baptised	Number Deceased	Paid Pastor	Building and Repairs	Value of Property	Paid Evangelist	Missions
Selma ✓	93	8	—	5	1	\$3,180.00	\$ 528.46	\$30,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 52.30
Kerman ✓	188	16	15	8	1	3,445.00	2,054.91	43,000.00	325.00	427.82
Orange Cove ✓	30	2	10	—	—	104.00	236.52	15,000.00	—	—
Reedley ✓	20	5	3	—	—	780.00	—	—	—	—
Clovis ✓	32	9	8	2	—	348.76	2,916.00	5,000.00	10.00	100.00
Hanford X	110	6	2	2	—	—	—	20,000.00	25.06	—
Sanger ✓	38	6	2	4	—	135.00	2,432.20	6,000.00	—	89.61
North Fresno ✓	59	40	15	10	—	2,782.00	901.59	4,000.00	55.00	136.95
Parlier ✓	34	11	5	1	1	414.54	271.09	7,500.00	88.51	105.72
Calwa X	75	6		5	—	—	—	35,000.00	—	—

Mixed quartet sang "He'll Understand And Say Well Done."

Scripture reading John 14: 5-12 was read by Rev. W. L. Livingston.

Report of Temperance Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of Sunday School Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of Obituary Committee was read and a moment of silent prayer was given followed by Prayer by Rev. Cecil Thurman.

Resolutions No. 1, 2, and 3 were read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of Finance Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to amend recommendation No. 2 to read \$100.00 instead of \$60.00 be paid to the host church.

Motion carried Article 8 be amended to read as is and add that the Executive Board be paid 6 cents per mile for expenses.

The next annual Association was placed at Kerman Church, Second and "B" Streets, Kerman, California May 17-18, 1957. Rev. Wade Jernigan, Kerman was elected to bring the introductory message and Rev. G. M. Condley, Reedley as the alternate.

The quarterly meetings were placed as follows:

First quarterly meeting was placed at Calwa Church, Calwa, Calif. August 17-18, 1956. Rev. Winston Lawless, Selma was elected to bring the introductory message and Rev. Clark Casteel, Santer as the alternate.

Second quarterly meeting was placed at Sanger Church, Sanger, Calif. on November 16-17, 1956. Rev. Cecil Thurman, North Fresno was elected to bring the introductory message and Rev. Delmer Scroggins as the alternate.

Third quarterly meeting was placed at the Parlier Church, Parlier, California on February 15-16, 1957. Rev. J. E. Bridges was elected to bring the introductory message and Rev. Cecil Morris, Calwa as the alternate.

Executive Board report was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Rev. Winston Lawless's resignation as an executive board member was read and accepted.

Executive Board members were elected as follows:

Rev. J. E. Bridges—Five years

Rev. Clark Casteel—Four years

Rev. Cecil Morris—One year

Treasurer's report was read and accepted by motion.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint delegates to the State Association. Those appointed were Anna Higgs, Myrtle Morris, Ova Goff, Luella Condley, Joe Smith, Robert Furr and Pauline Nickells.

Motion carried to adjourn until the evening service.

Dismissed by Rev. Winston Lawless.

Friday Night Services

Opened by singing "The Old Ship Of Zion" and "He Bore It All" led by Rev. Delmer Scroggins, Parlier, accompanied by June Rolen, Kerman.

Executive Board report was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution No. 4 was read and accepted. (See Reports)

Motion carried to adjourn business.

Devotional service was led by Bro. Gragrie Hunsucker.

Selma Quartet sang "Way Down In My Soul."

Rev. Orville Thurman, Wasco brought the message using Gen. 4:8 as his text and "Crimes Leading To Juvenile Delinquency" as his subject.

Dismissed by Rev. I. B. Dunaway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution Committee

Tabled from first quarterly meeting August 18-19, 1955.

We recommend that the quarterly meetings meet on Friday night and Saturday.

Temperance Committee

We recommend that our people avoid all appearance of evil, practice and teach temperance in all things, and concentrate our teaching of temperance to our young people. This being observed and enforced as far as possible.

Sunday School Committee

We recommend that each church have a teacher training course once a year.

Obituary Committee

We report that God in His infinite wisdom has called Rev. Lester Davis of Calwa, Bro. B. L. Lawless of Selma, Sister Carrie Wheller of Parlier, and George McLain, Jr. of Kerman from our midst.

Resolution Committee

1. Be it resolved that Resolution No. 4 of 1955 be changed to read, "The Churches send reports of tithes of ordained deacons and ministers and licensed ministers that are in their churches."

2. Be it resolved that the clerk and assistant clerk have the annual minutes printed and distributed before the frist quarterly meeting.

3. Be it resolved that \$80.00 be made available to be used in helping pay expenses of Youth Camp at Hume Lake beginning June 18, 1956.

4. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given Selma Church for their hospitality.

Finance Committee

1. We recommend that each church pay 30 cents per member quarterly into the association.

2. We recommend that \$60.00 be paid to the host church for the quarterly meetings and \$160.00 for the annual association.

Amendment— We recommend that \$100.00 be given to host church rather than \$60.00.

3. We recommend that 300 minutes be printed.

4. We recommend that \$115.00 be sent to the Calif. State Association.

5. We recommend that the Moderator be paid \$10.00 and the Clerk be paid \$25.00 annually.

6. We recommend that .06 cents per mile be paid executive board members for expense.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

On June 11, 1955 the executive board met at Orange Cove for the purpose of electing officers. Those elected were Chairman, Rev. Winston Lawless and Clerk, Rev. Cecil Thurman.

On August 19, 1955 the executive board met at Calwa, California for the purpose of examining Carl Young for ordination to preach the gospel. After examining him and finding him sound in doctrine, the board recommended him for ordination. Gragrie Hunsucker was also examined and found sound in doctrine and recommended for ordination as a deacon.

On November 18, 1955 the executive board met at Parlier with three members present. Rev. Wade Jernigan and Rev. Clark Casteel were appointed to serve in the absence of Rev. Sam Winters and Rev. Winston Lawless to go to Hanford as advisory members.

On November 25, 1955 the executive board met with the Hanford Church in conference. The church filed charges against Bill Mize for non christian conduct. With sufficient evidence of this charge the Church asked the advise of the board. The board asked the Church to comply with Matt. 18:15-17. The Church reported this had already been done. Motion carried in church conference to exclude Bill Mize and ask the Executive Board to request his credentials.

On November 18, 1955 Lee Shores and Edward Shores were examined and found sound in doctrine and recommended for ordination as deacons. Ovalon Lee was also examined and recommended for license to preach.

On December 10, 1955 the Executive Board met at Parlier and examined and recommended E. J. Radar for ordination as a deacon.

On February 24, 1956 four members of the Executive Board visited Bill Mize's home at 3386 W. Belmont Ave., Fresno. Mrs. Mize reported that the credentials had been lost for some time.

On February 25, 1956 the Executive Board voted to annul the credentials of Bill Mize and publish same in

"Contact" of Nashville, Tennessee and in "California Free Will Baptist."

On February 25, 1956 the Executive Board met with Delbert Spain. He promised to return to Sanger Church and make apologies. He did same on March 2nd at church conference.

MINISTERS ROLL

- ✓ Rev. J. E. Bridges, P. O. Box 305, Orange Cove, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. G. M. Condley, 116 Springfield Ave., Reedley, Calif.
- Rev. Clark Casteel, 318 "K" Street, Sanger, Calif.
- Rev. Jerry Dudley, 740 N. "F" Street, Tulare, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. Riley Hollins, 3164 S. Fruit, Fresno, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. Wade Jernigan, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. Winston Lawless, 10681 Highland Ave., Selma, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. W. L. Livingston, 1033 W. 7th Street, Hanford, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. Lonnie McAlister, P. O. Box 84, Kerman, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. Cecil Morris, 6261 E. Clarkson, Selma, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. Cecil Porter, 41 Elizabeth Ave., Reedley, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. G. B. Ramsey, 1404 Tucker Street, Selma, Calif.
- ✓ Verlin Ramsey, 504 S. Dearing, Fresno, Calif.
- ✓ Rev. D. J. Rowlett, 508 Third Street, Clovis, Calif.
- Rev. O. D. Scroggins, P. O. Box 411, Parlier, Calif.
- Rev. Cecil Thurman, 2064 Tyler Ave., Fresno, Calif.
- Rev. Orville Thurman, 4513 Mesa Drive, Bakersfield, Calif.

DEACON ROLL

- J. W. Hall, P. O. Box 355, Kerman, Calif.
- Gragrie Hunsucker, Route 3, Box 192, Dinuba, Calif.
- Otis Keoster, 705 "E" Street, Hanford, Calif.
- Earl McCullar, 2625 Cleveland St., Selma, Calif.
- Joy McLain, 4674 El Monte Way, Fresno, Calif.
- Marion Oglesby, 41 Elizabeth, Reedley, Calif.
- C. A. Scroggins, P. O. Box 411, Parlier, Calif.

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 among us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational governmental government.

Article I

This organization shall be known as the Center Association of Free Will Baptists of the state of California

Article II

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

Article III

This Center Association shall consist of three delegates duly appointed or elected by the church they represent and all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers, their wives, all ordained Free Will Baptist deacons and their wives, and church clerks.

Article IV

The Center 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 churches composing this organization, or act upon an appeal that may be made by any member of a member church who feels he has been unjustly charged. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the person or body making such appeal.

Article V

Officers—The officers of this Center Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the opening of each setting of the annual association.

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

Article VI

This Executive Board shall be composed of five members. Each member shall be an ordained minister in good standing in the Center 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 VII

The center Association shall hold its meeting annually the dated and place to be decided upon at each previous setting of said Association.

Article VIII

Should necessity arise which calls for and requires immediate action, the Executive Board of this Association 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. Expenses of 6 cents per mile will be paid executive board members while attending to business.

Article IX

The Executive Board of this Center Association shall not license nor ordain any deacon or minister who does not believe and practice titheing, their titheing being a part of the record to be submitted to the board at the time of presentation for examination for credentials.

Article X

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Center 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.

Amendment No.1

This Association shall refrain from ordaining anyone to the Ministry who is not actively engaged in a work that necessitates ordination.

BY LAWS

1. The Moderator or Assisant Moderator or in thier 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. Representation from a majority of the member churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such a quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seat as advisory members.

5. Those who shall 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 permission of the Moderator.

9. The Moderator shall not allow disussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the Moderator may be over-ruled by a two-third majority of members voting.

11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

12. At each Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

13. The Center Association shall have power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.

NOTES

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Center Association Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Selma Free Will Baptist Church on May 17, 1956.

Opened with singing "Saviour Like A Shepard Lead Us." led by Georgia Reynolds, Kerman accompanied by Iris Talley, Sanger. Devotional John 19:15-17 was read by Teddie Thurman, North Fresno. Prayer by Rev. Orville Thurman, Wasco.

Welcome was given by Alyene Lawless, Selma and response was given by Zella Ramsey, Kerman.

Various auxiliaries were recognized by President. Petitionary letter from Sanger Auxiliary was read and acceptd.

Minutes were read and accepted.

The President appointed the following committees:

Resolution	Finance	Registration
Zella Ramsey	Teddie Thurman	Verne McCuller
Elva Parker	Virginia Hupp	Georgia Renolds
Alyene Lawless	Lois Miller	
Iris Talley	DeLoise Casteel	

The congregation sang "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Prayer by Gladys Stevens, Kerman. Katie Cochran gave a special feature "The Cross Was His Own." Dismissed for intermission by prayer.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Opened with singing "Ready." Prayer by Rev. Orville Thurman. Alyene Lawless and Verne McCullar sang "A Trail of New Dreams." Sanger Mixed Quartet sang "Gethsemane." Mixed quartet sang "You Never Mentioned Him To Me." Fern McAlister and Georgia Reynolds sang "The Cross Was His Own."

Rev. Wade Jernigan brought the message "The Cross Was His Own" using John 19:17 as his text.

Benediction by Wanda Miller, Kerman.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with singing "Tis The Old Time Religion."
Prayer by Rev. Cecil Thurman, North Fresno.

Fern McAlister and Georgia Reynolds sang "Whiter Than Snow."

Play "I Love To Tell The Story" was given by the Selma Auxiliary.

An oral report was given by the Secretary concerning the banner that was ordered.

Alyene Lawless gave an oral report on the skirt and blouse committee.

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

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Motion carried to buy a brief case for the secretary books and the cost not to exceed \$25.00.

Resolution No. 2 and 3 were read and accepted. (See reports.)

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Florene Sharp, P. O. Box 51, Kerman, Calif.

Enlistment Chairman—Virginia Hupp, Selma, Calif.

Youth Chairman—Georgia Reynolds, Kerman, Calif.

Study Course Chairman—

Katie Cochran, North Fresno, Calif.

Program and Publicity Chairman—

Teddie Thurman, North Fresno, Calif.

Personal Service Chairman—

Alyene Lawless, 10681 Highland Avenue, Selma, Calif.

Corresponding Secretary—Wanda Miller, Kerman Calif.

Secretary-Treasurer—DeLoise Casteel, Sanger, Calif.

Ass't Sec.-Treas.—

Zella Ramsey, 349 S. Shasta Avenue, Kerman, Calif.

Officers reports were given.

Rev. Winston Lawless was elected to bring the message at the next convention. Rev. James Franklin was elected as alternate.

Officers were installed by Rev. Winston Lawless.

Services closed by congregation singing and an old fashioned handshake.

Benediction by Lois Miller, Kerman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

2. We recommend that \$15.00 be paid for printing of minutes with the District Association.

3. We recommend that \$10.00 be sent to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention as our part on California's quota for visual aid equipment for India.

Resolution Committee

2. Be it resolved that host church be responsible for a play or a special feature at each convention.

3. Be it resolved that Selma Church be given a standing vote of thanks.

LEAGUE RALLY MINUTES

The Center Association Free Will Baptist League Rally opened by singing "Where He Leads I'll Follow" led by Archie Reynolds, Kerman, accompanied by Linda Stevens, Kerman.

Scripture reading, Romans 5:1.8, was read by Barbara Sharp, Kerman.

Prayer by Delmer Sharp, Kerman.

Welcome was given by Betty Wells, Selma and the response was given by Linda Stevens, Kerman.

Letters from Selma and Kerman were read and accepted.

Motion carried that a Sponsor Pro-tem be elected for this rally. Delmer Sharp was elected.

A petitionary letter from Clovis was read and accepted.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Officers were elected as follows:

President	J. B. Lawless
	10681 South Highland, Selma, Phone 1408
Vice President	Lonnie McAlister
	P. O. Box 84, Kerman, Phone 9684
Recording-Secretary	Barbara Sharp
	P. O. Box 51, Kerman, Phone 5239
Corresponding Secretary	Teddy Wilbanks
	5295 East Rialto, Fresno, Phone 5-9096
Treasurer	David Rylee
	P. O. Box 114, Burrell, Calif.

Chorister Marjorie McCullar
 2625 Cleveland, Selma, Phone 612-R
 Pianist Teddy Wilbanks
 5295 East Rialto, Fresno, Phone 5-9096
 Assistant Pianist Linda Stevens
 P. O. Box 66, Kerman, Phone 9-009
 Evangelist Lonnie McAllister
 P. O. Box 84, Kerman, Phone 9-684
 Reporter Betty Wells
 2157 Ella St., Selma, Phone 1120
 Sponsor Delmer Sharp
 P. O. Box 51, Kerman, Phone 5-239

A petitionary letter from the North Fresno Senior League was read and accepted.

A petitionary letter from the North Fresno Junior League was read accepted.

Motion carried President have power to appoint committees. They were appointed as follows:

Resolution	Finance	Registration
Betty Wilbanks	J. B. Lawless	Ruth Hatcher
Donna Panie	Bill Rylee	Pauline Taylor
Betty Wells	Donald Taylor	Loraine Radar
Velma Copeland	Wayne Burton	

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 P. M.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Opened by singing "Be a Light". Prayer by J. B. Lawless.

Kerman Trio sang "Keys To The Kingdom" and "Have You Heard". Pat McLain sang "Saviour Lead Me Lest I Stray".

Rev. Lonnie McAlister brought the message using I John 2:12 as his text.

Dismissed by Joy McLain, North Fresno.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opend by singing "I Would Not Miss It Would You" led by Marjorie McCullar accompanied by Linda Stevens, Prayer by Joy Freeman, Orange Cove.

Jacquelyn Hupp sang "He" accompanied by Teddy Wilbanks.

Orange Cove duet sang "The Old Rugged Cross".

A recommendation from Kerman was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution No. 2 was read and accepted. (See Reports)

Motion carried that all pastors of active leagues be

League Board with Rev. Winston Lawless as Chairman.
Rev. Winston Lawless gave an oral report of Youth Camp.

An offering of \$18.87 was taken for Carl Young, a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Pat McLain was elected as Sword Drill Leader.

Rev. Cecil Thurman, North Fresno was elected to bring the message at the next rally and Rev. D. J. Rowlett was elected as alternate.

Motion carried that President appoint sword drill judges. Those appointed were E. J. Radar, Willie Taylor, and Opal Wilbanks.

Virginia Lawless was the winner in the Junior Drill and Linda Stevens was the winner in the Intermediate Drill.

Recommendation from League Board was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

A standing vote of thanks was given to the old officers. Installation of new officers was given by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Attendance Banner was won by Kerman Leagues.

A standing vote of thanks was given Host Church.

Dismissed by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

League Board

We recommend that the rallies be placed at the following churches: First— North Fresno, July 15, 1956; Second— Clovis, October 21, 1956; Third— Selma, January 20, 1957; Fourth— Kerman, April 21, 1957.

Resolution Committee

2. Be it resolved that this League Rally ask the State League Convention to refund our State Youth Encampment money.

Kerman Recommendation

We the Free Will Baptist League of Kerman would like to recommend to the District League Convention "That we refrain from sending the usual amount of State Encampment money. That we retain said monies in the Center Association League Treasury to be used for the Center Association Youth Encampment."

Jerrel McAlister, President
Barbara Sharp, Rec.-Sec.