

MINUTES OF THE

Central Texas

FREE WILL BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION

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Thirty-Seventh Annual Session, Held With

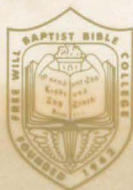
NORTH ZULCH CHURCH

NORTH ZULCH, TEXAS

October 16-17, 1942

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The Next Session To Be Held With The Edge Church,
Brazos County, Edge, Texas, On Friday And Saturday Before
The Third Sunday In October, 1943.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

Presented By

Rita McDuffie

OFFICERS

Rev. R. E. Connor ----- Moderator
Rev. Joe Fort ----- Assistant Moderator
J. W. LeFevre ----- Clerk

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. E. J. Vaughn ----- Term Expires 1943
Rev. Joe Fort ----- Term Expires 1944
Rev. R. E. Connor ----- Term Expires 1945

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-seventh Annual Session of the Central Texas Free Will Baptist Association convened with the North Zulch Church, North Zulch, Texas on Oct. 16-17, 1942.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Association was called together with congregational singing, led by Bro. Joe Fort, Bryan, Texas.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Mrs. Alice Conley, from Keith Church. Scripture reading, Psalms 24th chapter, prayer by Mrs. Lizzie Trant.

Business: Election of officers. Rev. R. E. Connor was elected Moderator. Rev. Joe Fort, Assistant Moderator.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following churches: Bright Light, Evergreen, Cross, Edge, Blue Lake, North Zulch, Willow Hole, Bryan, Keith, and Pine Grove.

Business adjourned for the Worship Hour. Singing by congregation. Sermon by Rev. R. E. Connor. Scripture, Mark 6: 15-20. Subject: The Great Commission. At the close of this inspiring message the assembly recessed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at the appointed time and engaged in devotional service led by the moderator.

An interesting lecture was made by Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams on Woman's Work. An earnest plea was made to the ladies of each church to maintain a well-organized and working auxiliary. She also urged that each individual and church raise all funds possible for our school in Nashville, Tenn.

Business was again taken up and temporary committees were appointed, as follows: Finance, Clyde Goen, T. O. Cloud, J. W. LeFevre.

Resolutions: Mrs. Willie Moon, Mrs. Chas. Moehlman, Mrs. Jim Vance.

Program: Mrs. Lizzie Trant, Mrs. Mary LeFevre.

Reports from the following ministers were read and adopted: Rev. H. M. and Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Rev. E. J. Vaughn, Rev. R. E. Connor. Rev. Joe Fort, just coming on the field, had no report.

In the absence of Mrs. T. W. Smith, who was on program, this time was devoted to Womens' Auxiliary Work. Interesting talks were made by Mrs. P. K. Trant, president of the District Women's Auxiliary, and several others.

Adjournment until evening service.

FRIDAY EVENING

Devotional and song service.

Sermon by Bro. Vaughn.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called in session by the moderator, with singing led by Bro. Fort.

Message: "What Is Happening In Our Churches," by Mrs. Effie R. Hibbetts of North Zulch.

This message was so valued by our association that we ask that it be published in our church paper.

A special song was rendered by Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Duncan, with Mrs. Fort at the piano.

The moderator appointed as temporary committee on resolutions Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. J. W. LeFevre, and Mrs. Chas. Moehlman.

Sermon by Rev. Joe Fort, Text, Gen.: 11-9. At the close of this wonderful message, the association adjourned for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions led by Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

Business: Moderator appointed on Finance Committee, L. M. Adams, C. T. Rogers, J. W. LeFevre.

Report of committee on resolutions was read and adopted. Report of Social Justice committee was read and adopted. In the absence of the committee on Home Missions a verbal report was made by Bro. Fort and Bro. Connor.

The following directors were appointed for the year 1942-1943: Social Justice, Mrs. Effie Hibbetts; Sunday School, Clyde Goen; Literature, Mrs. Willie Moon. A verbal report on Superannuation was made by Rev. Fort. After this report there was a discussion of the distribution of the Superannuation funds. T. A. Cloud, L. M. Adams, C. F. Goen were appointed as a board for this association.

In the absence of Mrs. P. K. Trant, a verbal report was given by Mrs. Chas. Moehlman on District Woman's Auxiliary.

Special song, "No Tears In Heaven" arranged by Mrs. Ruel Connor.

Program Committee appointed: Miss Mozelle Moody, Mrs. Jim Vance, W. K. O'Brien.

Members of Ordaining Council elected: Rev. R. E. Connor, Rev. Joe Fort.

Delegates to the State Association when convened at Buffalo Springs, October 27-30, 1942: L. M. Adams, G. F. Goen, Mrs. Lizzie Trant.

The Association voted to have 200 copies of minutes of this meeting printed.

A rising vote of thanks to North Zulch and vicinity for their generous hospitality in entertaining the association.

A motion was made and duly carried that the session adjourn to meet with the Edge Church, Brazos County, Edge, Texas, on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1943.

R. E. Connor, Moderator

J. W. LeFevre, Clerk

STATISTICAL REPORT

From Pine Prairie Church to the Central Texas Association when convened with North Zulch Church, October 16-17, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethern with Christian Greeting, W. B. Humphrey, P. J. Wood, E. H. Hudspeth. State of religion, very good. We observe Communion. Members received, none. Number of resident members 60; non-resident, 45; Prayer Meeting none; Choir Practice, very good; Sunday School, very good. Attendance average, 30; number enrolled 60; officers, 3; teachers, 4; deaths, 1, Bro. B. A. Rhodes. Paid Pastor, \$107.59; Evangelistic, \$11.85; Home Missions, \$6.86; quarterly meeting, \$4.50; value of Church Property, \$1,000.00; Pastor's name, E. J. Vaughn, Bryan, Texas. Name of Ministers, Earle Wyche, Huntsville, Texas.

We send \$3.00 to the Association.

Done by order of conference, Sept. 20, 1942.

E. J. Vaughn, Moderator

W. B. Humphrey, Clerk.

From the North Zulch Church to the Central Texas Association when convened with North Zulch Church, October 16-17, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethern and sisters with Christian Greetings; Mrs. Frank Jenkins, Mrs. L. M. Adams, Mrs. Luther Ferrel.

Spiritual standing, fair; we observe Communion quarterly; members received this year, 1; number dismissed, 4; number died, 1; resident members, 55; non-resident members, 50; total, 105; Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, fair; Choir Practice, none; condition of Sunday School, fair; average number of pupils, 30; officers and teachers, 8; we have Women's Auxiliary; members, 6; we have Free Will Baptist League; members, 15; amount paid Pastor, first quarter, \$100.02; second quarter, \$112.70; third quarter, \$100.02; fourth quarter, \$100.02; total, \$412.76; amount paid for Evangelistic work, \$50.00; for incidentals, \$98.75; Foreign Missions, \$5.00; Home Missions, \$9.30; building and repairs, \$900.00; value of Church property, \$2,000.00; Pastor's name, R. E. Connor, North Zulch. Names of Ministers, Astin Pegues, J. H. Dowell, R. E. Connor. We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of conference, Sept. 27, 1942.

R. E. Connor, Moderator.

Mrs. Effie R. Hibbetts, Clerk.

From Cross Church to the Central Texas Association, when convened with North Zulch Church, October 16-17, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethern and sisters, with Christian Greetings: Miss Robbie Mae Denman, Mrs. Della Nevill, Miss Hattie Lou McDuffie, Mrs. Irene Prichett, Mrs. Ray Burney.

Spiritual standing, fair; Number members received this year, 2; number baptized, 1; number dismissed, 3; condition of Sunday School, fair; average number pupils, 25; officers, 2; teachers, 4; we have Free Will Baptist League, number members, 20; amount paid Pastor this year, \$146.10; amount paid for Evangelistic work, \$20.00; for incidentals, \$4.60; for Christian Education, \$10.00; for building and repairs, \$4.60; for Orphans' Home, \$15.00; value of property, \$1,000.00.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

We invite the next session of the Association.

Done by order of Conference, October 14, 1942.

T. W. Smith, Moderator.

From the Edge Church to the Central Texas Association when convened with the North Zulch Church, October 16-17, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethern and sisters, with Christian Greetings; Charles Payne, Emmitt Holand, Marjorie Davidson.

Spiritual standing, fair; number members received this year, none; number dismissed, none; number died, 1; resident members, 19; no-resident, 20; total 39; condition of Sunday School, fair; average number pupils, 30; officers, 2; teachers, 4; amount paid Pastor, first

quarter, \$5.00; second quarter, \$13.00; third quarter, \$11.00 fourth quarter, \$20.00; total, \$49.00; amount paid for Evangelistic work, \$18.00; for Foreign Missions, \$3.70; for Christian Education, \$2.00; value of Church Property, \$800.00. Pastor's name, R. E. Connor, North Zulch. Other reports, Unified Program, \$4.96.

We send \$4.65 to the Association.

We invite the next session of the Association.

Done by order of Conference, October 4, 1942.

R. E. Connor, Moderator.

Marjorie Davidson, Clerk.

From Willow Hole Church to the Central Texas Association, when it convened with North Zulch Church, October 16-17, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethern and sisters, with Christian Greeting.

Mrs. Katie Rogers, Mrs. J. E. Taylor. Spiritual Standing, fair; number members received this year, none; number dismissed, none; number died, 1; resident members, 10; non-resident, 15; total, 25; amount paid Pastor, \$93.00; for incidentals, \$3.00; value of Church property, \$1,000.00. Pastor's name, R. E. Connor, North Zulch.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of Conference.

R. E. Connor, Moderator.

Mrs. Eula Ray Word, Clerk.

From Bryan Church to the Central Texas Association, when convened with North Zulch Church, October 16-17, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethern and sisters with Christian Greeting; Mrs. Chas. Moehlman, Mrs. T. A. Cloud, Mrs. Charlie Holmes, Mrs. Bill Spadachine, Mrs. J. L. Vance.

Spiritual Standing, fair; we observe Communion quarterly; members baptized, 3; number received by letter, 4; resident members, 188; non-resident members, 39; condition of Prayer Meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, fair; membership, 101; officers, 10; teachers, 13; we have Woman's Auxiliary; members, 20; we have Free Will Baptist League; members, 30; amount paid Pastor, \$1500.00; amount paid for Evangelistic Work, \$85.00; for incidentals, \$1,032.00; for Unified Program, \$179.39; value of Church Property, \$20,000.00. Pastor's name, J. O. Fort, Bryan, Texas.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of Conference.

Mildred Cloud, Clerk.

From the Blue Lake Church to the Central Texas Association, when convened with the North Zulch Church, October 16-17, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethern and sisters, with Christian Greeting; Miss Ozelle Moody, W. K. O'Brien. Spiritual Standing, good; resident members, 30; non-resident members, 12; total, 42; amount paid Pastor, \$100.00; amount paid Unified Program \$275.00; Home Missions, \$27.10; value of Church Property, \$1,000.00; Pastor's name, Joe Fort, Bryan, Texas.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of Conference, October 11, 1942.

Rev. Joe Fort, Moderator.

Mrs. John Moody, Clerk.

To the Central Texas Association, when convened with North Zulch Church, October 16-17, 1942.

Greetings in the name of our Lord. We as a church are scattered, but not disbanded. We have no pastor at present, but have done a few things in a financial way.

Given to Christian Education, \$30.00; for Foreign Missions, \$10.00; Home Missions, \$16.00; Jehoida Chest Fund, \$9.00; total, \$65.

We send to the Association, \$2.00.

Mrs. Ruby Parker, Clerk.

From the Bright Light Church to the Central Texas Association when convened with North Zulch Church October 16-17, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethern and sisters with Christian Greeting: Mrs. Frank Fuschak, Mrs. W. C. Cole, Miss Icy Goen.

Spiritual Standing, good; number members received this year, 1; number baptized, 1; number dismissed, 2; resident members, 62; non-resident members, 18; total, 80; condition of Sunday School, fair; average number of pupils, 15; officers, 2; teachers, 2; amount paid Pastor, \$168.00; for Evangelistic Work, \$25.40; for incidentals, \$2.80; Foreign Missions, \$28.75; for Education, \$222.13; for building and repairs, \$5.00; budget fund, \$5.00; value of Church Property, \$1,000.00; Pastor's name, Ruel Connor, North Zulch, Texas. Amount paid for Unified Program, \$24.14.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of Conference, October 4, 1942.

Rev. Ruel Connor, Moderator.

Mrs. O. L. Moore, Clerk.

From the Evergreen Church to the Central Texas Association when convened with the North Zulch Church October 16-17, 1942.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethern and sisters with Christian Greeting: Mrs. Willie Moon, Mrs. Lizzie Trant, Weynion Smith.

Condition of Sunday School, good; number enrolled, 37; average attendance, 20; officers, 5; teachers, 4; we have Woman's Missionary Society; members, 6; condition of Prayer Meeting, good; we observe Communion quarterly; amount paid Unified Program, \$10.00; for building and repairs, \$15.39; for Orphanage, \$5.00; charity, \$22.51; Evangelistic Work, \$48.57; Christian Education, \$119.41; value of Church Property, \$1,000 00; amount paid Pastor, 1st quarter, \$59.75; 2nd quarter, \$47.75; 3rd quarter, \$51.50; 4th quarter, \$41.00; total, \$200.00.

We send \$5.00 to the Association.

Done by order of Conference September 20, 1942.

Rev. R. E. Connor, Moderator.

Mrs. Tatum Trant, Clerk.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We as a Committee on Resolutions recommend the following:

First; Be it resolved that all churches adopt and continue the Bank System of supporting the Unified Program.

Second: That all our churches that do not have Prayer Service and F. W. B. League and Woman's Missionary Societies put forth special effort to add all these phases of work to their Church Program.

Third: We recommend in answer to Bro. Vaughn's suggestion about changing date of the Association, that much prayer and thought be put on this suggestion until our next meeting at which time vote can be taken.

Mrs. Chas. Moehlman, Chairman

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

As we all know, strong drink is raging, and it demoralizes and breaks up homes, sheds blood, causes women and children to go hungry and half-clad, sends people to prison and to the grave, and the soul to Hell.

The Bible tells us that whosoever is overcome by it is not wise, therefore, be it resolved that church members take a more firm stand against drink.

That we, as Free Will Baptists, as much as possible, do not patronize men who sell whiskey and beer, that we lift our voices

against the use of strong drink, and let the church member who says there is no harm in a dram, repent of this wrong.

Help us teach our young people to live soberly and Godly.

E. J. Vaughn, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday School, realizing the importance of Sunday School as a training for the young, respectively ask that an effort be made to organize and maintain a school in every church, using Free Will Baptist Literature exclusively.

That in order to be fully identified with the National Association, adopt the Six Point System as recommended at our National Association, and that a report of Sunday Schools within the bounds of the district be furnished at each annual session of Association.

Committee.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF CHURCHES

I believe the churches are in a good spiritual condition, but not as good as should be. It seems that the young people have more spirituality than they had 10 or 20 years ago. They seem to see the need of living nearer to Christ than ever.

Committee.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S AUXILIARY WORK

There has been thirty-two subscriptions for our Church Papers, six Bibles given, twenty ladies studying program books.

Mrs. Moehlman, Chairman

REPORT ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

To the Central Texas Association while in session at North Zulch, October 17, 1942.

As a director of Social Justice, I think we as Christian people should abstain from the very appearance of evil.

As we all know, the evils of strong drinks are turned loose on us as never before. It is ruining the lives and moale of our young people, destroying homes, women and children going hungry and half-clothed, and causing a spiritual declension among our church people. How can our boys make good soldiers when they are intoxicated? Surely this is a challenge to each Christian. We should take our stand against liquor traffic by vote, by voice, or in any way we possibly can. We should be very much in prayer that God will help us to remove this evil from our land.

Prayerfully and sincerely,

Mrs. R. E. Connor.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

For several years we Free Will Baptists have been praying and working for a Bible School in which our ministers and leaders may go and get training for their particular work. We now have the school, and are proud of the fact that churches from the Central Texas Association had a part in paying for this property. We cannot say our task is finished, for now we have even a greater one to face. Our school was opened on September 15, 1942 with insufficient funds to purchase needed equipment. This equipment was bought and a great deal has been done in meeting payments on it. A portion of this debt was paid by our Ladies Auxiliary Organizations over the states. The Ladies Auxiliaries of the Central Texas Association agreed to furnish one bedroom. It takes approximately \$105 to furnish one of these and \$93 of this amount has already been sent to Rev. Davidson.

Very little is known about the Free Will Baptist Denomination in this part of the state because we are a small organization. Much can be done to spread our work if we keep our school going. Let us not forget that it takes money to keep a school in operation. I would like to urge that each church in the Central Texas Association do your part to promote the work of the Free Will Baptist School by sending in regular monthly payments.

Words cannot express how grateful we are to Rev. J. R. Davidson for his untiring efforts and interest created in Christian Education work in the Central Texas Association.

Contributions Made Toward Christian Education:

Bryan -----		North Zulch -----	
Bright Light -----	\$222.13	Piedmont -----	\$83.00
Cross -----	\$7.00	Pine Prairie -----	
Edge -----	\$3.78	Plainview -----	
Keith -----	\$119.41	Pine Grove -----	\$30.00
Kurten -----		Total -----	\$465.32

Contributions From Ladies Auxiliary Organizations

Bryan -----	\$50.00	Kurten -----	\$10.00
Cross -----	\$2.00	Piedmont -----	\$20.00
Edge -----	\$3.00	Pine Prairie -----	\$1.00
Keith -----	\$7.00	Total -----	\$93.00

Individual Contributions

John Moody, Piedmont \$200.00 C. F. Goen, Bright Light 100.00

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF TEXAS FOREIGN MISSIONS

1941

October 6, sent all money on hand to I. J. Blackwelder -- \$19.47
 November 2, Bright Light S. S. Collection ----- \$1.33

November 2, Keith Church by Rev. Connor -----	\$1.67
December 7, Bright Light S. S. -----	\$1.03

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February 1, Bright Light S. S. -----	\$2.25
February 24, C. F. Goen and Family -----	\$12.00
February 25 Sent All Money to I. J. Blackwelder -----	\$18.28
March 28, Special Collection at Quarterly Meeting -----	\$8.00
March 1, Bright Light S. S. -----	\$1.00
April 7, Bright Light S. S. -----	\$1.40
May 2, North Zulch Church by Rev. Ruel Connor -----	\$5.00
May 2, Bright Light S. S. -----	\$2.08
June 7, Bright Light S. S. -----	\$6.62
July 10, Woman's Auxiliary, by Miss Velma Moody -----	\$3.00
August 1, Bright Light S. S. -----	\$1.74
Aug. 17, Sent All Money On Hand To Rev. Winford Davis, National Secretary, -----	\$22.84
Sept. 6, Bright Light S. S. -----	\$2.65
Sept. 11, Edge Church S. S. by Rev. Ruel Connor, money order -----	\$3 70
Oct. 4, Keith by Mrs. Ruel Connor -----	\$1.39
Oct. 4, Bright Light S. S. -----	\$2.65
Money on hand -----	\$10.39

Total money collected—\$18.28—\$22.84—\$10.39. Grand Total of all \$51.51.

C. F. Goen, Secy. of Foreign Missions for Texas.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We have collected \$51.51 since the last Associational report for Foreign Missions. No doubt there has been quite a bit of money collected for Foreign Missions through our Unified Program. Let us not let up on our Foreign Mission support as we have the missionaries in our denomination ready for service when the opportunity avails itself. Also there are millions of persons who have never heard, or had an opportunity of hearing the Gospel and the Good Tidings of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave his life for the whole world.

Let each and every one of us be much in prayer for our Foreign Mission Program and give it our whole hearted support.

C. F. Goen.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount Received From Churches ----- \$54.09

For Superannuation, By E. Holland -----	\$54.00
Balance On Hand From October, 1940 -----	\$3.72
Total -----	\$59.72

EXPENSES

Printing Of Minutes -----	\$22.50
To State Association -----	\$10.00
For Clerical Work -----	\$10.00
Printing Of Programs -----	\$3.00
Superannuation, Sent To E. E. Davidson -----	\$2.00
Postage -----	\$1.00
Balance On Hand -----	\$11.22

J. W. LeFevre, Clerk.

MINISTERS' REPORT

Report of Rev. R. E. Connor of the work ending September, 1942, to the Central Texas Association.

I have driven around 10,000 miles and pastored five churches, North Zulch, Keith, Bright Light, Edge and Willow Hole. Number baptized, 4; conversions, 8; meetings held, 5; marriages solemnized, 5; funerals conducted, 6; sermons preached, 190; amount received from churches, \$800.00; collected for Evangelistic Work, \$110.00; for Missions, \$15.00; for Unified Program, \$20.00; Orphanage, \$7.00.

Report of Rev. E. J. Vaughn of the work ending September, 1942, to the Central Texas Association.

I have pastored one church during the past year, have preached 85 sermons, held one revival meeting, 8 conversions; traveled 1500 miles, solemnized 3 marriages, conducted 6 funerals, have received \$185.00

Report of H. M. and Mrs. Lizzie McAdams for the work ending September, 1942, to the Central Texas Association.

Greetings in the name of Our Master.

We are happy to be with you in person this year, as it has been several years since we enjoyed a good association and fellowship together. Our work has been very encouraging throughout the States and you can judge by our report and see how our work is growing.

Number of churches visited, 163; number of sermons preached, 252; number of conversions, 136; number of lectures on Missions, 156; number of penny banks placed, 925; number of Johiada Chests, 90; number of Auxiliaries organized, 33; number of Districts of States, 4; number letters written, 274; number of cards, 506; number subscriptions to Church Papers, 35; number of year books placed, 271; number of manuals placed, 348; salary received, \$650.00.

Name of Church	Pastor's Name	Clerk's Name	Clerk's Address	No. Members Received	No. Members Died	Total No. Members	Amt. Paid Pastor	Sunday School	Prayer Meeting	League	Ladies Auxiliary	Value or Church Property
North Zulch	Joe Fort	Mrs. Effie Hibbetts	North Zulch	1	1	105	\$412.00	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$2,000
Bryan	E. J. Vaughn	Mildred Clond	Bryan	1	0	227	1500.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20,000
Pine Prairie	T. W. Smith	W. B. Humphrey	Huntsville	0	0	105	107.59	Yes	No	No	No	1,000
Cross		Miss Robbie Denman	Iola	2	0		146.60	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	1,000
Edge		Marjorie Davidson	Edge	0	1	39	47.00	Yes	No	No	No	800
Willow Hole		Mrs. Eula Raymond	North Zulch	0	1	25	93.00	No	No	No	No	1,000
Blue Lake	Joe Fort	Mrs. John Moody	Anderson	0	0	42	100.00	No	No	No	No	1,000
Bright Light		Mrs. O. L. Moore	Bryan R.F.D.	0	0	80	168.00	Yes	No	No	No	1,900
Evergreen	T. W. Smith	Mrs. Tatum Trant	Iola, R.F.D.	0	0	0	200.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	1,000

METEOR, MADISONVILLE