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Officers

Moderator,	Deacon O. T. Fast,	R3, Liberal, Mo.
Ass't Mod.,	Deacon G. C. Lewis,	R3, Liberal, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.,	Elder W. H. York,	Hannon, Mo.
Ass't Clerk,	Alta Dean Wade,	R2, Bronaugh, Mo.

Executive and Home Mission Board

Deacon T. M. Duncan.....	Moundville, Mo.
Deacon O. T. Fast.....	R3, Liberal, Mo.
Eld. W. H. York, Sec'y.....	Hannon, Mo.
Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Chair.....	R2, Weatherby, Mo.
Bro. J. W. Moul.....	R1, Archie, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist met in its twenty-fourth Annual Session, with Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, at Hannon, Missouri, on Thursday night, Aug. 25, 1932.

The Introductory message was very ably delivered by Elder O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo. Lesson was read from Psalm 27. Text, 1 Chron. 22:5.

After the sermon, the moderator, Bro. O. T. Fast, took charge and assigned the delegates to homes.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock by the clerk, Elder W. H. York. A quorum for transaction of business was declared present, and the moderator, Bro. O. T. Fast was called to the chair.

Sister Mary Fast read the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Letters from nine churches were read, received and delegates seated.

Corresponding letter from Indian Creek Association was read, received and messengers seated.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator Deacon O. T. Fast

Ass't Moderator Deacon G. C. Lewis

Clerk-Treas. Elder W. H. York

Ass't Clerk Sister Alta Dean Wade

Member Executive Board Deacon T. M. Duncan.

Motion carried to give Bro. Winford Davis and Bro. John Swaffar, and all other visitors, all the privileges of the floor except making and seconding motions and voting

Moderator appointed as a committee on pulpit, Brother L. C. Wade, Sister Hazel Bowman and Bro. Tom Lewis.

Committee on Committees—G. C. Lewis, O. T. Allred, G. E. Wade, M. A. Earl and Charles Shipley.

Motion carried to have 250 minutes printed.

Bro. B. F. Brown, our worthy Editor was granted an opportunity to speak in behalf of our publishing house.

Bro. Winford Davis was granted opportunity to speak to the conference.

Pulpit committee selected Sisters Roena Thomas and Edith Mayleld to preach at 11 o'clock.

Motion carried to partake of the Lod's Supper after the Friday night service.

Motion carried to adjourn for the preaching service.

Adjourning prayer by Rev. D. F. Garr.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Sisters Roena Thomas and Edith Mayfield brought splendid messages from Psalm 1.

Benediction by Sister Roena Thomas.

At the noon hour we all enjoyed a splendid dinner, provided by the sisters of the Hannon community, for which all were very grateful.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

We were called in session by singing. Prayer by Bro. Chas. Shipley. Scripture reading, St. John 14:1-16, by Bro. L. C. Wade.

Report of Clerk-Treasurer was read and received.

The Budget System was discussed and approved.

Report of Executive Board was read and approved.

Report of Committee on Committees read and adopted.

Ministerial reports were read and received from Elders T. C. Ferguson, T. L. York, W. W. Ireland, W. H. McGovern, W. H. York and Sister Roena Thomas.

Motion carried that Elder W. H. York preach the introductory sermon next year, Bro. O. T. Allred alternate

It was voted to hold the next session of the Association with Fair View church, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1933.

Brothers T. L. York and W. H. York were elected to act as corresponding messengers to Indian Creek Ass'n.

Bro. L. C. Wade was elected corresponding messenger to Union Association.

A short recess was taken to give the committees time to make out their reports.

After recess there was some discussion as to our field work, and it was decided to substitute the Gospel Team plan of evangelism, along with Home Mission work, among our churches for one year, instead of one field

evangelist as heretofore. Elder W. H. York was elected as captain and instructed to select and organize his own team for the work.

Report of Temperance committee read and adopted.

Report of Temperance committee read and adopted.

Report of Ministerial Standing Com. read and adopted.

Report of committee on Obituaries read and adopted.

Prayer for bereaved families was offered by Bro. Allred.

Pulpit committee announced that Elder John Swaffar of Purdy, Mo. and Rev. Clinton Timmonds, a Methodist minister of Mouett, Mo., occupy the stand at 8:00 o'clock.

Motion carried to adjourn till 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

Closing prayer by Elder B. F. Brown.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

This was a wonderful service throughout. After listening to the soul-stirring messages by Bro. Swaffar and Bro. Timmonds, from Mark 9:50, lesson, Col. 3:1-18, the Lord's Supper was served to a large crowd of Christian people from Liberal, Oskaloosa, Arcadia, Verdella, Bronaugh and Hannon, by the delegates from all the nine churches represented.

Benediction by Bro. Ed Coles.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together by singing. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Moul. Scripture reading, 90th Psalm, by Bro. G. C. Lewis.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll call—Delegates were present from eight churches, and there were 11 visitors, including five ministers.

Report of Business committee read, and discussed by Brothers T. L. York, O. T. Fast, G. C. Lewis, and adopted.

Report of Temperance was read, and in the discussion which followed, all seemed to think that we had taken Temperance too lightly: it should be, and is, vital to each one of us. Report adopted.

Report of committee on Investigation read and adopted.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by Bro. Garr, who used the 4th chapter of Ephesians, and Bro. Ireland, who used the 14th chapter of St. John. We all enjoyed the uplifting messages brought by these brethren.

A collection for associational expenses was taken and \$4.41 was received.

Benediction by Elder W. H. York.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session called to order by singing. Scripture lesson, 55th chapter of Isaiah, by Bro. G. C. Lewis. Prayer by Sister Roena Thomas and Sister Edith Mayfield.

A special song was sung by Sister Mary Fast, entitled, "I Am Laying My Treasures Up There."

Report of Comm. on Sunday schools read and adopted.

Bro. O. T. Allred was called to the stand to speak in behalf of Sunday school work.

A special song was rendered by Chandler, Hudson and party, entitled, "I'm In the Gloryland Way."

Many interesting talks were given by different brethren, advancing some very helpful suggestions.

Bro. Johnnie Swaffar was called on to speak in behalf of the young people's work. Bro. Swaffar and others made interesting talks. Helpful talks were also made on prayer meetings.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Elder T. L. York.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Preaching by Elders B. F. Brown and O. T. Allred. Lesson read, first chapter of St. John.

Church Reports, Taken From Letters

Verdella—State of religion good. Members added to the church, four; dismissed, three; removed by death, one; total membership, 69. Pastor W. H. York, called for another year. Paid pastor \$76.65; amount for evangelistic work \$35.00; value of church property \$1,000.00; amount for Home missions \$2.30; budget paid. Prayer meeting good; Sunday school very good; pupils fifty; officers six; teachers five. Minister Sister Edith Mayfield (licensed). Deacons: O. T. Fast, Liberal, Mo., E. H. Coles, W. E. Bowman and Earl Phillips, Iantha, Mo., R1. As God has called Sister Edith Mayfield into the ministry, and she being a faithful member of our church, at her request, the church recommends that this Association issue her a license to preach.

Miss Mary Fast, Clerk, R3, Liberal, Mo.

Hannon—The church is in a good spiritual condition, with preaching once a month, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. We have 73 resident and 36 non-resident members, total membership 109. We have an evergreen Sunday school with an average attendance of 85, also a weekly prayer meeting which is very spiritual and usually well attended.

Our pastor this year has been Bro. O. T. Allred who has served us as pastor for three years, and has been a faithful and diligent pastor during this time.

We have one ordained minister, Elder T. L. York, and one licentiate, Sister Roena Thomas.

Our deacons are G. C. Lewis, Liberal, Mo., Ross Thomas and C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo. and L. C. Wade, Bronaugh, Mo.

We send as delegates, Sister Emma Thomas, Brothers M. A. Earl, Roy Thornton, G. E. Wade and Carl Strong, with privilege of choosing their own alternates.

We paid our pastor \$15.00 per trip and paid about \$65.00 for evangelistic work this year. We send all our used literature to foreign fields, and literature to various institutions where good reading matter is needed and appreciated. We also do a lot of other home mission work.

Written by order of the church.

Frankie D. Wade, Clerk, R2, Bronaugh, Mo.

Fair View—State of religion good. Members added one; dismissed seven; total membership 63, of which 43 are resident members. Bro. O. T. Allred has been our pastor the past year. Paid pastor about \$103.00; for evangelistic work \$30.00; enclosed for minutes \$3.00. Sunday school good, interest good; young people meet each Sunday evening; prayer meeting Thursday evening. Ministers belonging to our church, Bro. W. H. York of Hannon, Mo. God has called our other, Bro. C. W. Mayfield, on to glory.

We send as delegates to sit with you, Sisters Gracie Mayfield and Margie Shipley and Bro. Dewey Brown.

We cordially invite the Association to meet with our church next year.

Geneva Lamb, Clerk, Chetopa, Kans., R2.

P. S. Since the adoption of this letter another of our members, Sister Ella Brown, has passed away.

Eldorado Springs—State of religion good. But we haven't had any services for about six weeks on account of sickness, neither have we had a revival this year. We have neither received nor dismissed any members, but one, Bro. Wm. Locke, was removed by death; total membership about 20. We have no pastor, but Bro. W. W. Ireland has been preaching for us part time. We have no Sunday school; condition of prayer meeting is good. Amount enclosed for minutes \$2.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: W. H. McGovern, Eldorado Springs, Mo. and P. B. Barker, Kingsville, Mo.

We invite the Association to Eldorado Springs for next year.

Mary M. Snidow, Clerk, Eldorado Springs, Mo.

Sylvandale—State of religion good. Members added 2; total membership 29. Paid pastor \$6.00; am't for minutes \$2.00. Sunday school evergreen; pupils 50; officers 7; teachers 3.

Deacons: T. M. Duncan, Moundville, Mo., R1; C. L. Senter, Moundville, Mo., R1.

Ministers: T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby, Mo., R2; W. W. Ireland, Eldorado Springs, Mo.

Delegates: Bro. and Sister Frank Eaton, Bro. Ira Duncan, and Sister Louella Duncan.

Mrs. Amelia Duncan, Clerk, Moundville, Mo., R1.

Hickory Grove—State of religion good. Members added 2; deceased 1; total membership 106. Bro. E. T. House has been our pastor the past year; we have no pastor now. Paid pastor \$188.60; for incidentals \$16.40; Value of church property \$1,000.00. Sunday school evergreen; pupils 40; officers 5; teachers 5.

Delegates: Brothers J. W. Moul, Lloyd Warren, Ed Harper, and Sister Alma Hammond.

Deacons: W. S. Mosby, Archie, Mo., R1, Ausa Cockrell, Lile, Mo., Frank Evans, Archie, Mo.

The church requests the next session of the Ass'n.

Lee Hammond, Clerk, Archie, Mo.

Neola—State of religion fair. No members added or dismissed; one removed by death; resident members 37; non-resident 20; total membership 57. Pastor the past year W. H. York. Paid pastor about \$30.00. Sunday school evergreen.

Delegates: Sisters Jewell Mayberry and Nannie Martin.
Deacons: Clifford Hampton, Mrs. Maggie Mayberry;
Mrs. Audra Dill and Mark Baugh, God having called
home our beloved deacon, G. B. Manis, one of our main-
stay members.

Ministers: J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo.

Done by order of the church, July 24, 1932.

Jewell Mayberry, Clerk, Greenfield, Mo.

Independence—State of religion fair. Dismissed by
letter one; total membership 86. Pastor the past year
W. H. York. Paid pastor \$40.00; amount for minutes
\$2.20. Sunday school good; officers 4; teachers 5.

Delegates: Brothers A. L. Wiley and Lloyd Long and
Sisters Mamie Lewis and Mary Wiley.

A. B. Whistance, Clerk, Stockton, Mo., R4.

Wagoner—State of religion fair. Members added 3;
dismissed by letter 2; present membership 90, including
several non-residents. Minute money enclosed \$3.08.

Delegates, with power to substitute: Bro. Will Ander-
son, Sister Ollie Bean and Sister Theo Miller.

Deacons: W. L. Douglas, Stockton, Mo., R6, W. H.
Potts, Stockton, Mo., R6, Joe Stephens, Stockton, Mo., R4

Done by order of the church, August 15, 1932.

Tessie Cross, Clerk, Stockton, Mo., R6.

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

Ministers

Name	Church	Postoffice
W. H. McGovern	ElDorado Springs	ElDorado Sp, Mo.
W. H. York	Fairview	Hannon, Mo.
Thos. L. York	Hannon	La Fontaine, Ks.
W. W. Ireland	Sylvandale	ElDorado Springs, Mo.

Licensed Ministers

Name	Church	Postoffice
Roena Thomas	Hannon	Hannon, Mo.
Edith Mayfield	Verdella	Liberal, Mo.

Visiting Ministers

O. T. Allred and Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri,
John Swaffar and B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo., all members

of Macedonia church in Indian Creek Association; D. F. Garr, a Missionary Baptist minister of Liberal, Mo., and Clinton Timmons, a Methodist minister of Monett, Mo.

Ordained Deacons

Name	Church	Postoffice
Charles Shipley	Fairview	Chetopa, Kans.
G. C. Lewis	Hannon	Liberal, Mo.
Ross Thomas	Hannon	Hannon, Mo.
C. W. Ricketss	Hannon	Hannon, Mo.
L. C. Wade	Hannon	Bronaugh, Mo.
T. M. Duncan	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.
O. T. Fast	Verdella	Liberal, Mo.
E. H. Coles	Verdella	Iantha, Mo.

Delegates

Name	Church	Postoffice
A. L. Wiley	Independence	Stockton, Mo.
Lloyd Long	Independence	Stockton, Mo.
Mamie Lewis	Independence	Stockton, Mo.
Mary Wiley	Independence	Stockton, Mo.
J. W. Moul	Hickory Grove	Archie, Mo.
Lloyd Warren	Hickory Grove	Archie, Mo.
Ed Harper	Hickory Grove	Archie, Mo.
Alma Hammond	Hickory Grove	Archie, Mo.
Gracie Mayfield	Fairview	Chetopa, Kans.
Marjorie Shipley	Fairview	Chetopa, Kans.
Dewey Brown	Fairview	Chetopa, Kans.
Emma Thomas	Hannon	Liberal, Mo.
M. A. Earl	Hannon	Arcadia, Kans.
Roy Thornton	Hannon	Arcadia, Kans.
G. E. Wade	Hannon	Liberal, Mo.
Carl Strong	Hannon	Hannon, Mo.
R. C. Talbott	Hannon	Hannon, Mo.
Frankie D. Wade	Hannon	Bronaugh, Mo.
Frank Eaton	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.
Mrs. Frank Eaton	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.
Amelia Duncan	Sylvandale	Moundville, Mo.
Hazel Bowman	Verdella	Iantha, Mo.
Lena Stacy	Verdella	Iantha, Mo.
Mary L. Fast	Verdella	Liberal, Mo.
Will Auderson	Wagoner	Stockton, Mo.
Ollie Bean	Wagoner	Stockton, Mo.
Nannie Martin	Neola	Greenfield, Mo.

Visitors

Sisters Nellie Fast, Dolly Lewis, Carrie Lewis, Tom Lewis and Bro. Morris Young, members of the Association, and Bro. and Sister Ed Beeler, Purdy, Mo., members of Macedonia church in Indian Creek Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Committee on Committees:

Temperance—M. A. Earl, Gracie Mayfield, Dolly Lewis.

Obituary—Marjorie Shipley, Nellie Fast, Tom Duncan.

Publication and Education—Mary Fast, B. F. Brown and R. C. Talbott.

Ministerial Standing—L. C. Wade, Chas Shipley, T. Lewis

Investigation—O. T. Allred, B. F. Brown, W. H. York.

Business—B. F. Brown, T. L. York, G. E. Wade.

Resolutions—Hazel Bowman, Nannie Martin, Emma Thomas.

Sunday School—Roy Thornton, Edith Mayfield, Amelia Duncan.

Committee on Committees	{	O. T. Allred,
		Chas Shipley,
		G. E. Wade,
		G. C. Lewis,
		M. A. Earl.

Business—We, your Committee on Business, submit the following:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of ministers of this Association to preach one or more sermons each year, to each church pastored, on Temperance, the Ordinances, and the Cardinal Doctrines of the Free Will Baptist church, but it shall be considered unbecoming any minister to abuse, or try to tear down the doctrines of other denominations.

Resolved, That this body favor and encourage the formation of a Ministers' Conference, which shall be composed of ministers of this Association, together with ministers of other associations, even to include all the ministers belonging to the Missouri State Association, that our ministry may be strengthened and encouraged, and that there be more unity of effort.

Committee	{	B. F. Brown,
		T. L. York,
		G. E. Wade.

Ministerial Standing—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, find the following ministers in good standing and entitled to Annual Certificates of Standing:

W. H. York, T. L. York, W. W. Ireland, W. H. McGovern, Roena Thomas and Edith Mayfield.

We also have with us at this time the following visiting ministers: O. T. Allred, John Swaffar, Winford Davis, B. F. Brown, Clinton Timmonds, D. F. Garr.

Committee { L. C. Wade,
Chas Shipley,
Tom Lewis.

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, heartily endorse the Eighteenth Amendment and stand for its rigid enforcement.

We also wish to discourage the use of cigarettes and tobacco in every form among our membership, especially ministers, according to our ordaining constitution.

We are also opposed to any modification of the Volstead Act, and we pledge our support to officers upholding this act.

Committee { M. A. Earl,
Gracie Mayfield,
Dolly Lewis.

Obituary—We, your Committee on Obituary, wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families of our Association for the loss of their loved ones within the last year, but our loss is heaven's gain. God gave, He took, He will restore, He doeth all things well; so let us resolve to lend a helping hand to the bereaved at any and all times.

Names of deceased are as follows:

Hannon—Miss Ellen Dickey, age 19 years.

Verdella—Mrs. John Geer, Andrew Phillips, age 12.

Fairview—Eld. C. W. Mayfield, Mrs. Ella Brown.

Hickory Grove—Mrs. Tom Richardson.

ElDorado Springs—William Locke.

Neola—Deacon G. B. Manis, Sister Ethel King.

Committee { Margie Shipley,
Mrs. Nellie Fast,
T. M. Duncan.

Investigation—We decided, according to the rulings of the Association, That the ordination of Sister Roena Thomas be left in the hands of the Executive Board to ordain her at the end of one year from date of her license.

According to the request of the Verdella church, we have examined Sister Edith Mayfield for license to preach the Gospel, and find her in perfect accord with the doctrine and giving proof of her genuine call to the ministry. We therefore recommend that a license be issued to her for one year.

Committee	{	Eld. O. T. Allred,
		Eld. B. F. Brown,
		Eld. W. H. York.

Sunday School—We, your Committee on Sunday school, recommend that, as far as practical, our Sunday schools use our denominational literature, published at Ayden, North Carolina.

We find in the report of the various churches that there is good attendance in all Sunday schools; and we further urge our people to attend Sunday school as much as possible and ask some one else to go along.

We recommend, That as soon as possible in the future, that our Sunday schools organize conventions, and as far as practical to urge all our Sunday schools to adopt a method of training for teachers.

Committee	{	J. R. Thornton,
		Edith Mayfield,
		Amelia Duncan.

Publication and Education—We, your Committee on Publication and Education, recommend that all Free Will Baptist take the Free Will Baptist Gem, which is our home paper, being printed at Purdy, Missouri, and the Free Will Baptist, published at Ayden, N. C.

Inasmuch as it has been manifested by many of our Sunday schools that literature with spiritual comments is a crying need; we therefore recommend that steps be taken to provide for printing our own literature.

Therefore we recommend the use of our denominational literature published at Ayden, N. C. until the above can be obtained.

We further endorse an educated, clean, and spiritual ministry, and urge that all our preachers avail themselves

of every opportunity for study, that they may be better qualified for more efficient ministry, thereby being a greater power to win souls for the Master.

Committee } Mary L. Fast,
 } B. F. Brown,
 } R. C. Talbott.

Treasurer's Report—This year I succeeded by the help of Bro. Brown, our faithful editor, to get our minutes printed in about 30 days after the Association and handed out to the churches in about 30 days after I received them. There was 25.00 paid in for minute work, and as the budget system was adopted by the Association, the one dollar paid by each church to the State fund was voted to the clerk for his hire, it left a balance of \$17.00 in the minute fund. It cost \$21.50 for printing the minutes, which left \$3.50 for clerk hire.

Balance on hand last Association.....	\$1.02	
Receipts for the year 1932.....	25.00	
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Total receipts		\$26.02
Paid for printing minutes.....	\$21.50	
Paid for clerk hire	3.50	
Paid for postage, etc.65	
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Total amount paid out		\$25.65
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Balance on hand37
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W. H. York, Treasurer.		

Report of Executive Board—The Executive Board held a special meeting for the examination of Sister Roena Thomas for license to preach the Gospel, whereupon by examination we found her worthy and granted her a license to preach the Gospel for one year.

We have had no other business to come before the board the past year. We would appreciate any business any church may have to send in during the coming year.

T. C. Ferguson, Chairman,
W. H. York, Clerk.

Resolutions—We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following: Resolved, That we, the members of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, in conference assembled

at Hannon church, hereby express our sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for the unity and brotherly love at this meeting of our Association; and the gratitude of our hearts goes out to the people of the Hannon church and the surrounding neighborhood for the kindness and hospitality shown us during this session of our Association; and we pray God's blessings upon these good people until we meet again.

We also express our hearty appreciation to our moderator and clerk and pray God's blessings upon them.

Committee	Nannie Martin,
	Emma Thomas,
	Hazel Bowman.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Eld. T. C. Ferguson—I wish to send this letter of greeting. I hope and pray that you will have the best Association you have ever had, and that peace and harmony will prevail, and that God will wonderfully bless your deliberations. I am very sorry that I cannot be with you at this time on account of distance and lack of finance

I have not been in active evangelistic work since early last spring. I have been doing carpenter work and farming, after having spent over 35 years in active Christian work, mostly evangelistic work. I had to give it up on the account of the lack of finance on the field, and some other hindering causes. I preach some on Sundays and I am planning to do some evangelistic work this coming fall and winter. Since our Association last August I have been in some fine revival meetings, two of them were great revivals. One was held with the Best Chapel church in northwest Missouri and the other was held with our church in the city of St. Louis. Up to the time I quit revival work last spring I witnessed about 100 people professing faith in Christ, and about the same number were baptized and joined the churches in our Association. At our Sylvandale church I held a few nights' meeting in which two people, both adults, professed faith in Christ and I baptized them, and took them into the church.

I am enclosing one dollar for Association expenses.

Yours for Christ and the church,
Elder T. C. Ferghson, Weatherby, Mo., R2.

Eld. W. H. McGovern—Sermons preached 2; funerals conducted 3; sick calls made 15; miles traveled 3,000.

Elder W. W. Ireland—Sermons preached 40; professions witnessed 1; sick calls made 10; miles traveled 400; money received \$8.00.

Elder Thos. L. York—Sermons preached 15; helped license one minister; made several sick calls; traveled 1,000 miles; received \$10.00.

Elder W. H. York—For the past year I have pastored four churches: Verdella, Neola and Independence in our home Association, and Pleasant Hill, over in Union Association; have traveled about 11,000 miles; received about \$315.00; held one revival at Pleasant Hill, and received \$53.00; had 9 converts; baptized 15; preached at our Wagoner church several times and opened the doors of the church by which they received three new members, and I baptized four. I preached seven funerals; officiated one marriage; in all things I have done the best I could to uphold the denominational interests and extend the cause of Christ.

I beg to remain your humble servant,

Roena G. Thomas—Having been licensed to preach the Gospel on Oct. 20, 1931, I will give a report of my work for the Lord for the last ten months.

Since December I have been preaching regularly for our Sylvandale church. Had to miss two appointments on account of bad weather and bad roads during the winter months. This church is alive and full of the Spirit, though they have but few members left to carry on the work, on account of deaths and some moving away. We appreciate very much the co-operation of the Missionary Baptist brethren in this work.

Besides this I have been permitted to preach several times at the different churches near my home. Since March 27th I have had a regular day with our Bluff church. We find them alive spiritually and interest is growing. Attendance there has been unusually good and they have a live Sunday school which runs from 70 to 80 every Sunday.

Since May 1st I have had a regular day at McKill Chapel. There is no organization at this place, but a nice building which belongs to the community. I feel that there might be a chance to organize a church here some time in the future, as there are several Free Wills in the neighborhood. We hope to hold a meeting here soon.

In all, during the ten months, I have preached 52 sermons, and traveled something over 700 miles in going to and from the different places in the work for God. Have received several dollars in money. God has wonderfully blessed my soul as I have labored for Him. The results of my work, in a way, have been a disappointment to me, as no one has been converted in any of the services I have held, but God says, "Our labor in the Lord is not in vain," and, "His word shall not return unto Him void." I find consolation in this, and feeling that I have done my best, I am leaving results with Him.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed of such consistent, well regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall, from time to time, unite with the body and agree to this Constitution.

Art. II. Section 1. The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which this Association is composed. Each church being entitled to one delegate, and each church having twenty-five (25) resident members two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five resident members or major part thereof, together with all ordained deacons, ordained and licensed ministers, and church clerks of the several churches of this Association.

Art. III. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an assistant Clerk and a Treasurer; all of said officers to be elected annually at the regular session of the Association, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. A resident member shall be a member in good standing who discharges his or her obligations to the church, and who resides near enough to attend church services, or who resides at a distance, but discharges his or her obligations to the church; unless feeble minded or invalids. All other members shall be considered non-resident members.

Art. IV. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of which shall be ministers. This board shall be called the Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association. One member of this board shall be elected to hold office for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. After the first election one member shall be elected each year and hold office for five years, or until his successor is elected. This board shall have charge of the work of the Association when it is not in session.

Sec. 2. The Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association shall be Trustees of the Association, and shall have charge of its property.

Art. V. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall meet with the approval of the Association, and it shall be the duty of all the churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of all ministers of this Association to attend each session or report by letter. And all ministers reporting by letter or in person shall be entitled to Annual Certificates of Ministerial Standing by the Association.

Art. VI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by vote at any regular session of the Association, notice of such intended change having been given in writing not less than three months before such change shall be voted on, to the Executive Board.

BY-LAWS

1. Each Annual Session of this Association shall be called to order by the Clerk, and in his or her absence, the assistant Clerk, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority of years in service. After the Clerk, or the one calling the assembly to order, shall declare a quorum present, he or she shall call the Moderator to the chair, and in his or her absence, the assistant

Moderator, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years in service.

2. Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five (5) delegates, from three (3) or more churches, shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association, but any less number may adjourn from time to time.

4. A member wishing to speak in conference, shall arise and address the Moderator, and shall be recognized by him, and shall not be allowed to speak longer than five minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the conference.

5. New churches may be admitted to this Association by a majority vote of the Association.

6. The yeas and nays may be taken on any question by the request of one-third of the members present.

7. A committee of five lay members, delegates present at the Association, shall be elected to look into the standing of the ministry and report to the Association before it adjourns, for approval.

8. No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this Association until they have carried preacher's license for at least one year and must have received a call to pastor some church. The call for ordination must come from the church that has called him or her to pastor it, or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

9. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator or the assistant Moderator, when not otherwise provided for by the Association.

10. Whenever practicable, all business of importance coming before the local churches shall be decided by secret ballot, a majority vote to decide.

11. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association, that have a total membership of less than fifty, to send to the Clerk of this Association the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) each year, and each church with a total membership of fifty or more, shall send the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) each year to defray the general expenses of this Association.

12. It shall be the duty of the preachers and the churches of this Association to try to work in harmony with the Home Mission Board of this Association.

13. A request from a church that a brother or sister be examined for license or ordination to preach the Gospel shall not mean that he or she shall be licensed or ordained, but that a council be appointed to examine him or her, and if, after examination, the council thinks best, he or she may be licensed or ordained.

14. Any preacher belonging to this Association who does not make a report of his or her work, either in person, by letter or by proxy, for three successive years, shall have his or her name dropped from the minutes.

15. It shall be the duty of each church to have its pastoral year to end with the annual session of the Association, and to hold its annual business meeting before the Association meets each year.

16. When a church fails to report to the Association, its last report shall be carried over in the minutes.

17. All old or afflicted ministers, who so desire, may be enrolled on a superannuated list, and not be required to report to the Association in order to receive an Annual Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

18. It shall be the duty of the preachers belonging to this Association to present their ordination papers to the Clerk, that a correct copy can be secured and become a part of our permanent record for future reference and use.

19. These by-laws may be amended at any session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the 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 (By-Laws).
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.