

**The
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Central Western Missouri
and
Southeastern Kansas Ass'n.
and
Ministers' Conference
of
Free Will Baptists**

1941

Convened at

Hickory Grove Church, near Archie, Missouri,
beginning on Tuesday night, August 19, 1941.

The next annual session of this Association will
be held with Mt. Olive Church on Tuesday night
before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Eld. Arlie Hoover
Assistant Moderator	Eld. Lowell Martin
Clerk-Treasurer	Thora Arbogast
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Preston Cross
Statistician	Sister Mary Wade

Executive and Home Mission Board

Eld. Arlie Hoover, Arcadia Kansas	1946
Deacon Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Missouri	1945
Eld. Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Springs, Missouri	1944
Deacon L. C. Wade, Bronough, Missouri	1943
Deacon Willie Bowman, Iantha, Missouri	1942

Church Clerks

Hannon	Mrs. Frankie Wade, Bronough, Mo.
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Jewel Maberry, Greenfield, Mo.
Independence	Mr. A. B. Whistance, Stockton, Mo.
Wagoner	W. H. Potts, (pro tem) Stockton, Mo.
Eldorado Springs	Mrs. E. S. Mooney, Eldorado Springs, Mo.
Verdella	Mrs. Ben Hizar, Lamar, Mo.
Fairview	Mrs. Geneva Lamb, Chetopa, Kan.
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Gladys Goddard, Archie, Mo.

Church Pastors

Hannon	Rev. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Mo.
Mt. Olive	Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Independence	Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Wagoner	Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Verdella	Rev. Alice Dickey, Liberal, Mo.
Hickory Grove	Rev. Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan.
Fairview	Rev. W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
Eldorado Springs	

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The Ministers' Conference of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists met in its Fourth annual Session at the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday night, August 19, 1941.

The service opened by congregational singing in charge of Sister Lowell Martin.

Prayer by Sister Roena Thomas.

Congregation joined singing two old songs.

Prayer by Brothers Lloyd Jeffreys and Harold Hoover. Solo, "A Wonderful Time" by Marie Thomas.

Prayer by Bro. C. R. Dick.

Sister Alice Dickey then brought the opening message, using as a text "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" Matt. 4:19.

Services were dismissed by Bro. Warren.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Services opened by congregational singing.

Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys and Bro. Joe Stephens.

Scripture read from 2 Tim. 2 and 1 Peter 5 by Thora Arbogast.

The following officers were elected for 1941-42:

President Sister Lowell Martin

Vice President Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys

Secretary Sister Marie Thomas

Sister Lowell Martin was elected to preach the opening sermon of the Ministers' Conference in the next annual session, with Sister Callie Achord as alternate.

Sister Roena Thomas led the round table discussion on "Acts and Attributes of the Holy Spirit". Others contributing to this discussion were: Sisters Lowell Martin, Melba White and Brothers C. R. Dick, Lloyd Jeffreys, Harold Hoover and Arlie Hoover.

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Congregational singing.

Prayer by Sister Alice Dickey.

Other congregational numbers in song.

The morning message was then brought by Brothers Lloyd Jeffreys and C. R. Dick based on the text "I know that my redeemer liveth" Job 19:25.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Service opened by congregational singing.

Prayer by Sister Alice Dickey.

Devotional led by Bro. Harold Hoover from John 14.

Sister Marie Thomas discussed the subject "Investing Yourself in the Ministry" Rom. 12:1. Others following in round table discussion were Sisters Alice Dickey and Lowell Martin and Brothers Lloyd Jeffreys and Arlie Hoover.

MISSION AND LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

The moderator called for reports from the different leagues.

Sister Marie Thomas gave a verbal report of the Hannon League and handed over one dollar and forty cents, half of which was to go to the local association for the printing of minutes and the other half to the state secretary of leagues.

Independance was represented by Bro. A. B. Whistance who gave a verbal report.

These reports were accepted and a discussion followed concerning the suggestion to elect league officers.

A motion carried to elect officers and form a League Association.

The following officers were elected for 1941-42.

President	Sister Marie Thomas
Vice President	Bro. Preston Cross
Secretary-Treasurer	Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys
Field Worker	Sister Alice Dickey
Assistant Field Worker	Bro. Harold Hoover

Delegates were then elected to the State Association as follows: Independance, Lucille Miller; Hannon, Velma Hoover.

Encouraging talks in the interest of league work were given by Brothers Arlie Hoover, A. B. Whistance and Sisters Lowell Martin and Marie Thomas.

The moderator, Bro. Arlie Hoover, called for the reports from the mission circles. Hannon, Mt. Olive, and Independance reports were read.

Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Motion carried to elect delegates to the State Association and empower them to appoint alternates. Delegates elected were: Hannon, Alice Dickey and Mary Wade; Independance, Theo Bough and Pearl Pruitt; Mt. Olive, Floy Hartley and Thora Arbogast.

At this time high points in the mission work were discussed by Sisters Lowell Martin and Marie Thomas, the latter giving sketches from Miss Barnard's work.

WEDNESDAY THREE O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song, 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" by the congregation.

Prayer by Sisters Roena Thomas and Lowell Martin.

Sister Melba White brought an inspiring mission message from 1 Cor. 2:11.

The moderator appointed a temporary pulpit committee. Those serving on this were Brothers Joe Stephens, Lloyd Warren and A. B. Whistance.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Association in 1942.

Benediction by Bro. Lloyd Warren.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

The Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists met in its Thirty Third Annual Session at the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Archie, Missouri, August 20, 1941, at eight o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The meeting was called together by the moderator Bro. Arlie Hoover.

Congregation joined in singing "Watching You".

Prayer by Bro. Tom Lewis.

Song "The Eastern Gate" by congregation.

Duet: Sisters Alice Dickey and Marie Thomas.

Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys.

Solo: "Saved" by Sister Melba White.

A stirring praise service was conducted by Sister Lowell Martin.

Duet: "Oh I would Not Miss It, Would You?" Sister Velma and Bro. Harold Hoover.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. Arthur Kicenski; text, Gen. 9:12. A very strengthening message concerning God's promises was delivered with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

A handshake of fellowship was enjoyed.

The moderator appointed a Committee on Committees as follows: Lloyd Warren, Joe Stephens, Roena Thomas, Mrs. Kicenski and Velma Hoover.

Benediction by Sister Marie Thomas.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting came together by congregational singing.

Prayer by Sister Pearl Pruitt.

Devotional by Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys from 1 Cor. 13.

Clerk declared a quorum present to transact business and called the moderator, Bro. Arlie Hoover, to the chair.

The moderator called for the By-Laws of the Association to be read, and Sister Lowell Martin read them.

Letters were read, received, and delegates seated from Hickory Grove, Mt. Olive, Hannon, Verdella, Independence, Wagoner, Fairview, and Eldorado Springs.

Motion carried to proceed with the business.

Motion carried to instruct clerk to write a letter of sympathy.

Officers were elected for 1941-42 as follows:

Moderator Bro. Arlie Hoover

Assistant Moderator Sister Lowell Martin

Clerk-Treasurer Thora Arbogast

Assistant Clerk Bro. Preston Cross

Statistician Sister Mary Wade

Executive Board Member Bro. Arlie Hoover

Statistician's report read and accepted.

Ministers' reports read, approved, and accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn until one o'clock.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song "To the Work" by congregation led by Bro. Arthur Kicenski.

Prayer by Bro. C. R. Dick.

Duet: Sisters Alice Dickey and Marie Thomas

The stand was filled by Bro. Harold Hoover who

brought an instructive and spirit-filled message on the importance of perseverance in prayer, from Luke 11:1. Benediction by Sister Dolly Lewis.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called together by the moderator.

Prayer by Sister Marie Thomas.

Scripture read by Sister Alice Dickey.

Delegates elected to the State Association as follows: Hickory Grove, Dolly Lewis; Hannon, Mattie Ricketts; Independance, John Bough; Fairview, Dora Mead; Verdella, Hazel Bowman; Mt. Olive, Velma Smith; Eldorado Springs, Bro. Mooney. The delegates were given power to appoint alternates.

Motion carried to receive report of Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Foreign Mission Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Temperance Committee.

Report of the Resolution Committee read and discussed.

Motion carried to table this issue for discussion next day.

Motion carried to adjourn until nine o'clock Friday morning.

THURSDAY THREE O'CLOCK SERVICE

Congregation joined in singing several numbers.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Arthur Kicenski.

Sister Roena Thomas took the stand and brought a wonderful soul-stirring message from Luke 5:4.

Service dismissed by Bro. Moul.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Sister Marie Thomas led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Prayer by Bro. Terry.

Trio: "That Beautiful Home" by Bro. Margerum and Brother and Sister Arthur Kicenski.

Bro. Arlie Hoover led an enthusiastic and stirring praise service.

Duet: Bro. and Sister Harper.

Duet: Bro. Harold and Sister Velma Hoover.

Sister Lowell Martin took the stand at this hour and delivered a timely and searching message from Gen. 8. An invitation was given at the conclusion of the sermon, and both saved and unsaved were invited to participate in the good, old fashioned handshake.

At this time God honored with his presence in such a manner the service was prolonged by praying, singing, and shouts were heard in the camp. One precious soul came to the altar for prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Songs, "Come Thou Fount" and "Let Him Have His Way With Thee" by the congregation.

Prayer by Bro. Harper and Sister Rowena Thomas.

Scripture by Sister Lowell Martin from Psalms.

Sister Callie Achord was elected to preach the introductory sermon to the Association in 1942 and Brother Lloyd Jeffreys was elected as alternate.

Song "What Would You Give In Exchange for Your Soul" by the congregation.

The report of the Executive Board was accepted.

Motion carried to receive report of the Publication Committee, and this was discussed by Bro. Tom Lewis, Bro. C. R. Dick, Bro. Ed Harper and others.

Motion carried to receive report of the Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of the Home Mission Committee.

Discussion of the Resolutions Committee's report was resumed.

Motion carried to accept Resolutions Committee's report for discussion by items.

Motion carried to adopt Resolutions Committee report as a whole.

In connection with the report of the Publication Committee, a drive was made to secure new subscriptions to the "Free Will Baptist Gem" and ten new subs were taken.

Interest created by the discussion of item number 7 of the Resolutions Committee report influenced a free will offering amounting to \$8.45 to help put into action whatever plan the Executive Board might see fit to sponsor in behalf of Home Mission work.

The motion affecting the addition of a new by-law a set forth in item number 4 in the Resolutions Committee report, carried almost unanimously and in the midst of much joy and demonstration of the Spirit.

The motion favoring the change of by-law number 8, as stated in item number 3 of the Resolutions Committee report, carried amidst much enthusiasm also.

A standing vote of thanks was extended the Hickory Grove church and community for their hospitality.

Motion carried to adjourn until one o'clock.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Bro. Lloyd Warren led the congregation in singing "There's a Great Day Coming" and "Hide You in the Blood".

Prayer by Bro. C. R. Dick and Sister Lowell Martin.

Special: "I Guess I'm Just a Little Old Fashioned" by Sisters Marie Thomas and Alice Dickey.

At this hour Sister Marie Thomas brought the doctrinal message which was ably delivered and enjoyed very much. Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song "Blest be the tie that Binds" by congregation.

Prayer by Bro. Mooney.

Devotional by Bro. Lloyd Warren from Psalms.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Standing was read and accepted by the house.

Clerk's financial Report was read and accepted.

The Covenant Meeting was led by Sister Rowena Thomas. The different ministers present discussed the sacredness of our vows to God; and our obligations to our church, as set forth in the church covenant.

A motion carried to adjourn to meet at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942.

Moderator, Arlie Hoover,
Clerk, Thora Arbogast.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MINISTERIAL STANDING—We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, find that the following named ministers have

complied with the requirements of the Association, and believing them to be worthy and God-fearing, with God's work fully at heart and with a determination to press on, we heartily recommend that they be granted an Annual Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

Elders Roena Thomas, Lowell Martin, Arthur Kicenski, C. R. Dick, H. S. Ford, Lloyd Jeffreys, Arlie Hoover, Alice Dickey, Marie Thomas, Harold Hoover, and Callie Achord. Also, two superannuated ministers Eld. J. T. Williams and Sister Edith Mayfield.

Committee	{	Lloyd Warren,
		J. K. Stephens,
		Mildred Kicenski,
		A. B. Whistance,
		Velma Hoover.

RESOLUTIONS — We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following:

No. 1 — Be it Resolved, That we begin our Association on Tuesday night and continue over Friday, and that Wednesday be given to Ministers' Conference, Mission and League work.

No. 2 — Be it Resolved, That the evening service be devoted to evangelistic efforts and maintain a revival effort throughout the Association.

No. 3 — Be it Resolved, That By-Law No. 8 be changed to read: "No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this Association until they have carried preachers license at least one year and must receive a call to pastor some church or be in active service in evangelistic efforts.

The call for ordination must come from the church that called him or her to pastor it or from the church in which he or she holds membership."

No. 4 — Be it Resolved, That a new by-law be made which will read: "No one shall be licensed or ordained to preach the gospel, or a deacon ordained, who is a user of tobacco."

No. 5 — Be it Resolved, That we recommend the Association accept the invitation to meet with the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

No. 6 — Be it Resolved, That we, as members of the Association convened at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, do express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation of the hospitality and good will shown to all by the people of the church and community.

No. 7—Be it Resolved, That the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association take definite steps to establish a fund for the promotion of home mission work in our local association, and that the jurisdiction and direction be in the hands of the executive board.

Committee { Preston Cross,
 { Arthur Kicenski,
 { Lowell Martin.

FOREIGN MISSION—We, your Committee wish to submit the following report:

We recommend that the pastors of our churches encourage their congregations to promote the cause of foreign missions; also that each pastor keep his or her church currently informed with work and needs of our foreign missionaries.

We recommend that each home have the *Gem* in it, that they may become better acquainted with the foreign mission program.

Committee { Rowena Thomas,
 { Lloyd Jeffreys,
 { Harold D. Hoover.

HOME MISSION—We, your Committee, wish to submit the following report:

Realizing the great need of bringing Jesus Christ into more homes and desiring that we as an association might promote the cause of home missions more zealously, we recommend that the delegates of each church stress the importance of the task that we have before us. We further recommend that the associational body adopt a systematic method of raising funds to help place a home mission worker on the field.

Committee { Agnes Bough,
 { Velma Hoover,
 { Ione Mosby.

PUBLICATION—We, your Committee on Publication, wish to submit the following:

Realizing this is a great reading age, we want to instruct everyone to be careful what they read as so much false literature is being spread over the country.

We recommend the Bible as the best literature published. Read it carefully and prayerfully every day.

We heartily endorse the "Free Will Baptist Gem" published at Monett, Missouri, and the "Free Will Baptist" published at

Ayden, North Carolina; also the Sunday school literature published at Ayden.

We urge that all our ministers take advantage of every opportunity to obtain a clean education, and a better knowledge of the Bible as conducted by Eld. John H. Wolfe of Pawnee City, Nebraska; also John E. Brown Academy at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, especially for our young ministers.

We believe in a good education but we object to some of the things being taught today.

Committee { F. S. Evans,
 { Philo Barker,
 { Albert Hyder.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — We, your Committee on Sunday School, wish to submit the following report:

We recommend that all teachers and officers be fully consecrated and should be members of the Free Will Baptist church.

We urge that the superintendent open his class with prayer.

We recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature in our Sunday schools.

The superintendent and every teacher should be deeply burdened for the unsaved and should realize their chief objective is to lead their pupils to Christ.

We recommend that as far as possible we line up with the National Sunday School Convention.

Committee { Tom Lewis,
 { E. S. Mooney,
 { Alice Dickey.

TEMPERANCE — We, your Committee, wish to submit the following:

We stand firmly for temperance in every respect regarding our soul welfare with God.

We also wish to discourage the use of tobacco in any form as well as alcoholic beverages among the members of our churches as well as the ministers.

Committee { Marie Thomas,
 { J. T. Terry,
 { Tom Lewis.

OBITUARY — We, your Committee, wish to extend to our bereaved members of our Association our heart-felt sympathy for the loss of their loved ones. We wish to ask them to look

to Jesus who is able to heal all broken hearts and help us over all the hard places in our path.

Committee { Pearl Pruitt,
C. R. Dick,
Edd Harper.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

ALICE DICKEY — I submit the following report of my work for the Lord since answering the call to preach November 18, 1940.

I have been going once a month to Shiloh school house. I have assisted in three revivals; made ten or more sick calls. I have preached 43 sermons, traveled 1494 miles, received \$49.63, and have witnessed nine conversions. I have been called to pastor the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church for the coming year.

I ask an interest in your prayers, that I might prove more worthy of the Lord's bountiful blessings.

LLOYD T. JEFFREYS — Feeling the weakest among you. I humbly submit this report:

Since answering the call to the ministry, I have filled the sacred stand a few times. Although my ministry has been limited I have felt God's leadership each time. It is through His leadership that I am determined to do more for the Master in the future.

Trusting God to direct, I am expecting greater things in the future.

MARIE THOMAS — I submit the following report:

I acknowledged my call to the ministry during the month of November, 1940. My license was granted to me by the executive board in December. During the nine months of my work I have had a number of appointments at different churches. I have also helped conduct two revivals. Sermons delivered, 43; professions witnessed, 4; miles traveled, 1258; finance received, \$72.88.

I have attended the National Association which convened at Drumright, Oklahoma, in July and the Christian Workers' Institute at Monett, Missouri, which was sponsored by the National Board of Education.

I have received the call for the pastoral work of the Hickory Grove church for the coming year.

The Lord is blessing in an abundant way in opening doors before me. I ask your prayers that I may be a real servant of the Lord.

ARLIE E. HOOVER — I wish to humbly submit the following report:

Number of sermons, unknown; performed two marriages; have made a special habit to visit the sick. I have been active in executive board work; helped to license five ministers and ordain one. I have also been busy on the state executive board. At present I am trying in my weak way by the help of God to superintend the Hannon Sunday School.

Pray for me that I may be of more service to my Master.

FLOY HARTLEY — I humbly beg to submit my report:

In my ministry of 7½ months I have witnessed eight souls saved. I have tried to preach 30 sermons. I have traveled about 1,000 miles. Every cent I have received has been strictly a free will offering, the amount being \$103.68. I have three appointments a month and they are in school houses in remote districts. I praise the Lord that He blesses our feeble efforts wherever we humble ourselves before Him. Pray that God will lead me where I can serve Him best.

C. R. DICK — I submit the following report:

I have pastored the Eldorado Springs church the last year. I have preached 64 sermons; had one reclaimed; received \$16.00 for pastor's salary.

ARTHUR KICENSKI — Great joy and blessings from the Lord was mine to share with those whom I labored. I conducted one revival; pastored one church; witnessed two conversions and several reconsecrated to the Lord; conducted two funerals.

I am seeking to do more for the Kingdom of the Lord, I ask an interest in your prayers.

LOWELL MARTIN — I have held three appointments this year besides supplying for other ministers. During the year I have preached 102 sermons; conducted two funerals; solemnized one marriage; conducted one short revival; traveled around 2,200 miles; received \$199.65 in money besides other donations.

The Lord is graciously giving added opportunities for service in this new associational year and by His grace and through His strength we desire to go forward.

ROENA THOMAS—I beg to submit the following report of my work in the Lord's vineyard during the past year.

I have had two regular appointments each month since November, also one afternoon service a month at a school house since February.

I have conducted two short revival meetings; one at Bluff church and one at St. James church. In all I have witnessed seven conversions. I have supplied a few times for other pastors; also preached two funerals and performed two marriage ceremonies. Total number of sermons, 40; number of miles traveled, about 600. I do not know how much money I have received.

I covet your prayers that I may be used by the Lord in the places where He may want me; that I may follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and be a soul winner for Him.

H. S. FORD—I have preached 209 sermons; have seen 68 seek the Lord for salvation; traveled around 5,000 miles.

I ask the prayers of God's people that I may be more useful in the coming year.

HAROLD HOOVER—I have lately received a new vision of the field of labor "white unto the harvest" and I give God the glory for that. I am determined to better this report very soon if the Lord is willing. I feel the call to evangelistical work and desire the prayers of all that we may do God's will.

I have delivered six sermons the past year and do not pastor any church. I drive quite a few miles in the Lord's service and am now beginning to enjoy His work more and more. I have cared for the sick. I attended the Christian Workers Institute at Monett.

MRS. CALLIE ACHORD—I just want to say I still love the Lord and am still trying to lift up the banner for God. I am sorry I could not attend the meeting, but as there is sickness in my son's home I just could not come.

I have been working hard for the Lord in my weak way this summer. I have three regular appointments every month, and have been busy somewhere my extra Sunday. I especially want to mention our church at Conners Chapel that has just been started a year. We are having a wonderful time over there and souls are finding their way to the Christ. I preach there twice a month. I am planning to hold some revival meetings

this fall, as I feel God has laid it on my heart. I want to be busy when Jesus comes, and I feel He is coming soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Budget Received:

Hannon	\$8.00
Wagoner	3.00
Verdella	3.40
Independence	4.55
Fairview	3.40
Mt. Olive	7.60
Hickory Grove	3.00
Eldorado Springs60
Total	\$33.55

Received for Clerk's expense:

Independence	\$1.25
Mt. Olive	1.25
Fairview	1.00
Total	3.50

Total Receipts	\$37.05
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Disbursements:

Half to State Treasurer	\$16.78
Printing of Minutes	15.00
Total disbursements	\$31.78

Balance on hand	\$ 5.27
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EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board of Central Western Missouri and South eastern Kansas Association met in session at the Mt. Olive Church December 8, 1940, with all five members present, to examine Sister Lowell Martin, of the Mt. Olive Church, for ordination for the ministry; and Sisters Alice Dickey and Marie Thomas of the Hannon church and Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys of Mt. Olive church for license for the ministry.

The ordaining council was Bro. Winford Davis, chairman, with Sister Roena Thomas and Brothers Arthur Kicenski and Cecil Campbell assisting.

On March 30, 1941, the board met again at the Hannon church to examine Sister Floy Hartley of the Mt. Olive church for license to the ministry.

On June 29, 1941, the board met at Eldorado Springs church to examine Sister Callie Achord of the Mt. Olive church for license to the ministry. One member being absent Sister Roena Thomas was appointed to fill the vacancy.

President, Eld. Arlie Hoover,
Clerk, W. E. Bowman.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists, 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. The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which it is composed. Each acting 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 composing this Association.

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 reside 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. 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 their office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Art. IV. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of them 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 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 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, or in his or her absence, the assistant Clerk, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in 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 of 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 when requested by 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 of the Association, and shall 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 at least one year and must receive a call to pastor some church or be active in evangelistic efforts. The call for ordination must come from the church that called him or her to pastor it or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

9. All committees or a Committee on Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, unless 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 shall decide.

11. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to collect, during the month of July each year, a sum of money not less than ten cents (10c) per member, to comply with the Budget System enacted by the Missouri State Association, and all of the money collected to be turned over to the Treasurer of

this Association, who shall send half to the Treasurer of the State Association. It shall be the pastor's duty to see that this "budget" of ten cents per member is collected and turned in so it will be on hand for associational expenses.

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 the church that a brother or a 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 of this Association to have its pastoral year 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 in the minutes.

17. All old 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. No one shall be licensed or ordained to preach the gospel, or deacon ordained, who is a user of tobacco.

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

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE.—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our 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 the 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. Com

forter, 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, sufferings, 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 dominion 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. 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.

15. WAR.—War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT, 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.

