

Lowell Martin

MINUTES

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of the

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI

ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1952

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HANNON F. W. B. CHURCH

August 19 - 21, 1952

The Forty-Fifth Annual Session will convene with Hickory Grove Church west of Harrisonville, Missouri, beginning Tuesday night before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1953.

OFFICERS

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| Moderator | Dea. John Bough, R 4, Stockton |
| Assistant | Dea. Myron Hyatt, Centerview |
| Clerk-Treasurer | Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Bx 377, Monett |
| Assistant Clerk | Rev. Lorene Bowman, Liberal |
| Statistician | Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Bx 377, Monett |

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

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| Dea. John Bough, Chairman | 1957 |
| Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Sec'y-Treas. | 1956 |
| Dea. Ottis Martin | 1955 |
| Rev. Robert L. Nutting | 1954 |
| Dea. Willie Bowman | 1953 |

CHURCH CLERKS

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| Hannon | Bessie Bunton, Liberal |
| Hickory Grove | Iris Jones, R 3, Harrisonville |
| Independence | Wilbia Sell, R 4, Stockton |
| Kansas City | Mrs. Billy Hensley, 2557 Holmes, K.C. |
| Mt. Olive | Jewell Maberry, Greenfield |
| Verdella | Janie Fast, R 2, Liberal |

CHURCH PASTORS

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| Wagoner | Virgil Greenway, Wentworth |
| Hickory Grove | Marie Hyatt, Centerview |
| Independence | Roena Thomas, R 2, Liberal |
| Kansas City | Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, K.C. |
| Mt. Olive | none |
| Verdella | Kenneth Turner, 206 Euclid, Monett |
| Wagoner | Lowell Martin, Greenfield |

MINISTERS

Mrs. Callie Achord, R 1, Jerico Springs; Miss Loren Bowman (licensed), Liberal; Mrs. Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, Kansas City; H. S. Ford, 618 S. Ottawa, Picher, Oklahoma; Arlie E. Hoover, Liberal; Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Centerview; Lloyd T. Jeffreys and Mrs. Opal E. Jeffreys, 304 Euclid (Bx 377) Monett; Mrs. Lowell Martin, Greenfield; Mrs. Edith Mayfield, R 1, Iantha; R. L. Nutting, R 1, Iantha; Mrs. Roena Thomas, R 2, Liberal.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Session will convene with the Hickory Grove Church, Tuesday Night, August 18, 1953. Speaker, Rev. Lorene Bowman; alternate, Rev. Lowell Martin Ministers' Conf., Rev. Alice Dickey; alternate, Rev. R. L. Nutting League Conv., Rev. Alice Dickey; alternate, Rev. Lorene Bowman

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening—August 19, 1952

The Forty-Fourth Annual Session of Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist Churches convened with the Hannon Church, Tuesday evening, August 19, 1952. The session was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, who declared a quorum present and the assembly ready for business.

Bro. J. E. Williams led congregational singing, with Sis. Jean Williams at the piano. Songs were, "Sunshine in the Soul," "We're Marching to Zion," and "Just Over the River." Prayer by Sis. Myrl York. Congregational number, "My Sins Are Gone." Duet, "Living for Jesus," by Sis. Jean Crockett and Sis. Jean Williams with Sis. Lorene Bowman at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Harry Sterling, visiting minister from Indian Creek Association. Congregation sang one verse of "Amazing Grace."

Rev. Kenneth Turner, of Monett, Missouri, brought the Introductory Message from Matt. 26:36-39; subject, "Why through Gethsemane?" Moderator appointed Committee on Committees. Dismissed by Rev. Alice Dickey.

Wednesday Morning—August 20, 1952

Congregation came to order in devotional service led by Rev. Marie Hyatt. Sis. Loren Bowman led in singing, "He Included Me," and "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Prayer by Sis. Eulah Howard. Scripture by Sis. Hyatt: Psalm 133. Prayer by Bro. Joe Cockrell. The Moderator, Bro. John Bough, took charge.

By-Laws read by Bro. Myron Hyatt. Letters read, received and delegates seated (Independence absent). Visiting brethren seated in conference.

Election of Officers:

Moderator Dea. John Bough, R 4, Stockton
Assistant Dea. Myron Hyatt, Centerview
Clerk-Treasurer Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Bx 377, Monett
Assistant Clerk Rev. Loerne Bowman, Liberal

Report of Revision Committee (appointed at 43rd session) read by Rev. Lowell Martin. Motion carried to receive report for discussion. Motion carried to table report temporarily. Motion carried to convene with the Hickory Grove Church in 1953. Rev. Lorene Bowman

elected to bring the Introductory Message; Rev. Lowell Martin, alternate. Delegates to the State Association: Theo Bough, Orville Foger, Louise Jones, Alice Snyder, Mary Wade, Beatrice Bough, and Francis Foger. Bro. Joe Cockrell recommended to State Association as a prospective delegate to the National Association in 1953.

Eleven O'Clock Service

(See Ministers' Conference.) Report of Committee on Committees read.

Wednesday Afternoon

Moderator took charge at adjournment of Ministers' Conference. Report of Executive Board read and received. Dea. John Bough elected for a term of five years to succeed himself on Executive Board. Report of Committee on Committees again read and received. Minister's reports were read and received to be turned over to the Committee on Ministerial Standing. Adjourned to meet at call of moderator.

Wednesday Evening

Opened with children singing choruses under direction of Rev. Lorene Bowman. Singing led by Bro. J. E. Williams, "Where Could I Go," and "Victory in Jesus." Sis. Jean Williams, pianist. Prayer by Bro. Joe Cockrell. Moderator took charge. Partial report of Business Committee read and adopted (item 1). Solo, "Just Jesus and Me," Phyllis Fast. Trio, "Just One Way to the Pearly Gates," the Nutting family. Rev. Virgil Greenway led congregation in singing, "Amazing Grace."

Rev. Marie Hyatt delivered the message, "The challenge of the open door," using I Cor. 16:9 as a text. An offering of \$46.59 was received for foreign missions. Congregational singing and handshake. Dismissed by Rev. Virgil Greenway.

Thursday Morning—August 21, 1952

Singing led by Rev. Lorene Bowman, with Sis. LaRue Thomas at the piano. Songs were, "Wonderful Words," and "Jesus Saves." Devotional by Rev. Alice Dickey from III John. Prayer by Rev. Roena Thomas.

Assistant moderator, Myron Hyatt, took charge of business. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report read and motion carried to receive it. Statistician's report read. Motion carried to receive it and to

allow Independence report to be added when received. Statistician elected for coming year, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys. Home Mission Committee's report read and received for discussion. Motions carried to adopt Items 1, 2 and 3. Obituary Committee's report read and received. Sunday School Committee's report read and received for discussion. Motions carried to adopt Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Temperance Committee's report read and adopted. Final report of Business Committee read and received for discussion. Motions carried to adopt Items 2 and 3 (last item to be carried out at discretion of moderator). Motion carried to commit report of Revision Committee to the Executive Board, said Board to submit the report to the next annual session of the association. Motion carried to adjourn to meet at the call of the moderator. Dismissed by Rev. Roena Thomas.

Eleven O'Clock Service

(See proceedings of League Convention.)

Thursday Afternoon—August 21, 1952

Moderator took charge after League Convention adjourned. Christian Education Committee's report read and received for discussion. Motions carried to adopt Items 1 (Rev. Lowell Martin elected), 2, 3 and 4 (prayer by Rev. Roena Thomas). Report of the Publication Committee read and received for discussion. Motions carried to adopt Items 1, 2, 3 and 4. Report of Committee on Ministerial Standing read and adopted. Motion carried that the clerk send greetings and best wishes for improved health to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warren, Archie, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sells, Stockton, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Potts, Stockton, Missouri; and Miss Anna Reed, Liberal, Missouri. Motion carried to receive the minutes as read. Motion carried to adjourn the Business Session of the Forty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist Churches. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Joe Cockrell.

Thursday Evening

Called to order by Rev. Lowell Martin. Song service led by Bro. J. E. Williams, with Sis. Jean Williams at the piano. Songs, "Bring Them In," and "Hand In Hand with Jesus." Prayer by Bro. John Bough. Other songs, "I Am Thine, O Lord," "A New Name in Glory," and "Just Over the River." Prayer by Sis. Olive Smith. Solo

by Sis. Joyce Davis. A praise service led by Sis. Martin. Service turned to the speaker of the evening, Rev. Lorene Bowman: Scripture, Ezek. 47:1-5. Sis. Bowman concluded the message with prayer.

Sis. Martin, host pastor, expressed Hannon's thanks to the association for their kind assistance for a successful session. The moderator, Bro. John Bough, called for a standing vote of thanks to the Hannon Church and the community for their hospitality. Final adjournment in prayer by Sis. Mary Wade.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

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| General Fund—brought forward from 1950-1951..... | none |
| Received with letters (43rd session) | \$83.68 |
| Sent to Missouri State Association | \$12.55 |
| Paid to Associational Clerk | 12.55 |
| Less (two above disbursements) | 25.10 |
| Balance from church letters, 43rd session | 58.59 |
| From Ministers' Conference toward minutes | 7.00 |
| From League Convention toward minutes | 5.00 |
| Total for General Expenses | 70.58 |
| Paid Free Will Baptist Gem for Minutes | 49.00 |
| Paid Free Will Baptist Gem for programs | 7.00 |
| Paid out of General Fund (2 above disb.) .. | 56.00 |
| Balance in General Fund | 14.58 |
| Home Missions Fund—received | \$41.68 |
| Disbursed to Kansas City Church | 41.68 |
| No balance in Home Mission Fund | |
| Youth Camp Cabin Fund—brought forward | \$31.95 |
| No receipts: No disbursements: Carried forward.... | 31.95 |
| Grand Total on hands—All Funds | \$46.53 |

/s/ Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Treasurer

Executive Board:

The Executive Board of Central Western Missouri met in a called session with the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church during the regular session of the Fifth Sunday meeting, June 29, 1952. Rev. R. L. Nutting, member, was absent, and the Board agreed to leave his place vacant. Bro. J. E. Williams appeared at the direction of the Hannon Church, and was examined for the office of deacon in that church. Bro. Williams very satisfactorily

passed the examination and the Board directed that his ordination be carried out in the afternoon services. The ordination was effected as directed.

/s/ Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Secretary

Home Missions Committee:

1. We recommend that the pastors, ministers and Christian workers move into new fields and try to strengthen our Association, as well as God's army, by organizing new Free Will Baptist Churches.

2. We recommend that our churches support the Missouri State Home Mission program.

3. In accordance with our State Missions' recommendation, we recommend that each church of our association give at least \$10.00 yearly to the National Home Mission program to be sent through our Missouri State treasurer.

/s/ Marie Hyatt, Vera Hoover, Roena Thomas

Obituary Committee:

Since our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call home some of our beloved members, we bow in submission and extend sympathy to the bereaved families of those who have gone from us, and point them to the Great Comforter. We ask them to look to God who is our refuge and strength in time of trouble.

These members have been called from the following churches: Hannon—Mrs. Susie Weaver; Verdella—Ira Cassett; Hickory Grove—Frank Taylor, Harry Taylor, Ansa Cockrell, Logan Cockrell, Bert Goddard; Mt. Olive—Mrs. W. J. Marshall.

/s/ R. L. Nutting, Jean Crockett, Iris Jones

Christian Education Committee:

We, the Committee on Christian Education, wish to recommend the following:

1. That we take more time in reading and studying our Bible and other Christian literature recommended by Free Will Baptists, both in our homes and churches.

2. That our churches urge, and when necessary support, our young people in attending the Youth Camp.

3. Realizing that in some instances many children cannot be reached in any other way, we recommend that all churches in our association sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School.

4. Being conscious of the fact that the need among our people for a Christian education is greater than ever before, we recommend our churches aid in supporting our Free Will Baptist Bible College.

/s/ Lorene Bowman, Agnes Bough

Sunday School Committee:

1. We recommend that all Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist literature.
2. We recommend prayer at the beginning of Sunday School classes.
3. We recommend, when possible, that Sunday School teachers be Christians.
4. We recommend more committing of Bible verses to memory by Sunday School pupils.
5. We recommend that teachers of small children use flannel board or picture charts with Bible stories.

/s/ Arlie Hoover, Mary Peck, Rosemond Bough

Temperance Committee:

We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend the following:

1. That as a denomination we oppose all worldly pleasures and amusements that tend to draw us away from God.
2. That our people be taught modesty in dress as becometh Christians.
3. That as far as possible we refuse to patronize places of business that sell intoxicating beverages.
4. That our ministers arouse our people to the dangers that the liquor element is putting before our people, in the movies, on the radio, on television screens, and in the newspapers.

/s/ Myrl York, Mary Wade, Myron Hyatt

Business Committee:

1. We recommend that a Foreign Missions offering be taken at the Wednesday evening service.
2. We recommend that the names of deceased members be included in the yearly report.
3. We recommend that the association give a standing vote of thanks to the Hannon Church and community for their gracious hospitality.

/s/ Preston Cross, Fay Marshall, Janie Fast,
Louise Nutting, L. C. Wade

Committee on Ministerial Standing:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Standing, recommend that the following ministers be given Annual Certificates of Ministerial Standing: Opal E. Jeffreys, Callie Achord, Alice Dickey, Marie Hyatt, Roena Thomas, Lloyd T. Jeffreys, H. S. Ford, Lowell Martin, Lorene Bowman and R. L. Nutting. Superannuated ministers: Edith Mayfield and Arlie Hoover.

/s/ J. K. Stephens, Jewell Mabery, John Bough,
Paul Fast, G. C. Lewis

Foreign Missions Committee:

We commend this Association on the report of \$987.58 given to Foreign Missions this year. Yet, since the National Association has raised the quota for the State of Missouri to \$9,000.00, and since there are missionaries awaiting funds, we feel that greater efforts must be put forth in the coming year to promote missionary zeal. We therefore recommend:

1. That someone be named to the post of Director of Missions of Central Western Missouri Association to whom the State Director could send missionary promotional materials and who would in turn see that it was sent to all churches of our association.
2. That an offering be received once a month in each church to be given to foreign missions.
3. That a request be made to officers of the Fifth Sunday Rally that one service this year be designated a foreign mission service.
4. That we, at this time, offer special prayer for the safety and welfare of our missionaries, and for a clearer vision of the need of greater devotion in prayer and in giving on our part.

/s/ Margaret Smith, Lowell Martin

Publications Committee:

Your Committee on Publications wishes to submit this report:

1. We recommend that the Bible be read more regularly in the home, and that more time be spent in studying.
2. We recommend that literature available at the Free Will Baptist Gem be used more fully in our homes and churches.
3. We recommend that the pastor of each church secure subscriptions to and other support of the Gem.
4. That this association go on record to the State Association petitioning the continued uninterrupted operation of the Free Will Baptist Gem printing office, that an adequate financial plan for operation be maintained, and that we pledge our wholehearted support to this plan.

/s/ Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Francis Foger, Louise Jones

Reports of Ministers

CALLIE ACHORD—I have done some evangelistic work this year and held three revivals in the southeast part of the State at Alton. I have witnessed 33 souls saved. Also, I filled other appointments while there. Here in Cedar County I have had appointments at two community churches—the Fowler Union Church twice each month, and the Needmore Union Church once each month. I have seen many people stirred and move up to God during my ministry in the southeast section of the State. Sermons preached, 120;

funerals, 2; miles traveled, 3,000.00; received \$450.00. (absent)

LORENE BOWMAN (licensed)—This past year has been a busy year for me, yet I feel I have done very little for the Lord compared with how richly He has blessed me. I have been enrolled in our Free Will Baptist Bible College for nine months. I have tried—in bus depots, train stations, and in other public places—to do personal witnessing. I have spent part of the summer in itinerant work in the interest of National Home Missions. Part of the summer has been spent conducting our Bible School and helping with another. Also, I conducted two personal soul winning classes. The following is a summary of my work: Sermons preached, 10; conversions witnessed, 8; backsliders restored, 1; miles traveled, 4,374; amount received, \$190.00. (present)

ALICE DICKEY—I have pastored the Kansas City Church full time, witnessed three professions, received 10 new members, performed one marriage ceremony and assisted with one funeral. I have attended the Kansas City Bible College and have conducted a weekly Bible study at our church. I have brought 132 messages, and received \$270.00. (present)

H. S. FORD—I humbly submit this report of my work for the past year. I have pastored one church full time, have preached 118 sermons, witnessed 7 professions, conducted 8 funerals, performed 3 marriages. Besides this work, we are continually called to pray for the sick. We desire your prayers that God will keep us busy in His work. (absent)

MARIE HYATT—I have pastored the Hickory Grove Church, preached 48 sermons, witnessed one profession, baptized four, received three into the church, preached five funerals, traveled 5,000 miles, and have received \$510.00. (present)

LLOYD T. JEFFREYS—My report is necessarily short, consisting of 24 sermons delivered at seven different places, 1,400 miles traveled, five baptized, and \$97.63 received in offerings. Besides this, I have traveled several hundred miles in connection with my different offices and in assisting Mrs. Jeffreys in her ministry. (present)

OPAL E. JEFFREYS—I have tried in my weak way to serve our Lord for another year. I have pastored the Wagoner Church half time, delivered 42 messages, witnessed three conversions, received seven into the church, received \$331.93, and traveled 5,580 miles. (absent, illness)

LOWELL MARTIN—I have pastored the Hannon and Verdella Churches this year with services twice monthly at each, also I

conducted some services at Fairview, a community church, for a short time. I have preached 89 sermons, conducted one funeral, performed one marriage, traveled 9,209 miles, made 93 calls on aged and sick as well as visitation calls during revivals. I have witnessed four conversions and received eight new members into the church. (present)

R. L. NUTTING—It is humiliating to have to send in a blank report this year; but I have done no preaching during the past year. Many of our churches have preaching services only one or two Sundays each month, but neither the pastors or churches seem inclined to invite other ministers to hold services on the other Sundays. I know of candidates for baptism who have waited for months for an opportunity to be baptized. Also, people whom I would have been glad to marry long ago if they had only said so. I might have been willing even to preach some one's funeral if I had had the opportunity. Therefore, since I have had no requests for my services the past year, and have not felt the urge to get out and peddle the same, when the demand is so small, I am submitting this blank report. (present)

ROENA THOMAS—My ministers report is very brief. I have supplied a few times for other pastors during the year. Also, I have conducted five funerals. I have tried to serve my Lord in whatever opportunity I have had, most of it has been teaching a Sunday School class at my home church. (present)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri 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.

ARTICLE 2. 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 their companions who are members in good standing with the Free Will Baptist Church, and church clerks of the several churches composing this Association.

Section 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.

ARTICLE 3. 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.

ARTICLE 4. 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.

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

ARTICLE 5. 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.

Section 2. It shall be required of the ministers of this Association to adhere to sound doctrine in both their preaching and practice as embraced in our Treatise of Faith and Practices. It shall further be the duty of the active ministers to report each year by letter and at least once in three years in person. All ministers meeting these requirements shall be granted a Certificate of Ministerial Standing when and if approved by the Committee on Ministerial Standing.

ARTICLE 6. 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 of service. After the Clerk or the one calling the assembly to order shall declare a quorum, he or she shall call the Moderator to the chair, 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 minister'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 shall decide.

11. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to accompany their church letter with \$3.00 per church plus twenty-five (25¢) cents per resident member for Central Western Missouri Budget Fund to be allocated thus: 15% for Missouri State General Associational expense, 15% honorarium for Central Western Missouri Associational Clerk, and 70% for Central Western Missouri Associational expense.

12. It shall be the duty of the ministers 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 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. 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.

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

16. All aged 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.

17. It shall be the duty of the ministers 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 a future reference and use.

18. No one shall be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel or deacon ordained who is a user of tobacco.

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

For *Articles of Faith* and *Church Covenant*—please see Treatise

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 20, 1952—11:00 O'clock

The Ministers' Conference of Central Western Missouri Association was called to order by the president, Sis. Lowell Martin. Singing was led by Sis. Alice Snyder, "Oh How Sweet to Trust in Jesus," and "Glory to His Name." Prayer by Bro. Robert L. Nutting. Solo by Sis. Marie Hyatt, "The Stranger of Galilee." Message by Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys from I Cor. 9. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Marie Hyatt.

Wednesday Afternoon

The afternoon session was called to order by the vice president, Sis. Lorene Bowman, who led us in congregational singing. Devotional led by Sis. Mary Wade. The president took charge.

Election of Officers:

President Rev. Lowell Martin
Vice President Dea. Preston Cross
Secretary-Treasurer Rev. Lorene Bowman

Motion carried that the officers of the Ministers' Conference spend the balance in the treasury. Offering amounted to \$14.45. Speaker elected for next session, Rev. Alice Dickey; alternate, Rev. Robert L. Nutting.

General topic for discussion: "The Gospel Ordinances—their meaning and place in church worship." 1. "Baptism," by Rev. Alice Dickey. 2. "The Lord's Supper," by Rev. Roena Thomas. 3. "Feet Washing," by Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys. Various comments and discussion followed each topic. Conference was adjourned until the 1953 session.

The officers agreed to disburse the money as follows: \$8.04 for printing of minutes and program, \$5.00 for missions, \$5.00 for youth camp, and \$5.00 for the college.

CONSTITUTION AND BY - LAWS

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE 2. The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the Ministry and their work in the Central Western Missouri Association.

ARTICLE 3. The Ministers' Conference shall consist of ordained and licensed ministers in good standing.

ARTICLE 4. Representation to the Ministers' Conference is to be standing delegates of this Association.

ARTICLE 5. A free will offering is to be taken during each session of this Ministers' Conference, which is to be used to defray the expenses of this organization.

ARTICLE 6. The officers of the Ministers' Conference shall consist of a President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session.

Section 2. The Program Committee shall be composed of the above officers whose duty it shall be to prepare the program of the Ministers' Conference for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7. The Ministers' Conference shall hold its regular session annually during the time of the setting of the Central Western Missouri Association.

ARTICLE 8. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a two-thirds vote of members present.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

Thursday, August 21, 1952—11:00 O'clock

The Central Western Missouri League Convention met in annual session with the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, August 21, 1952. Congregational singing was led by Bro. J. E. Williams. Prayer by Bro. Kenneth Turner. Introductory message by Rev. Lowell Martin, "A call to young Christians," from Luke 10:27.

Thursday Afternoon

Congregational singing was led by Sis. Lorene Bowman. Prayer by Sis. Mary Wade. Devotional by Sis. Roena Thomas, I Tim. 4. Prayer by Sis. Jeanne Barton. Business session called to order by vice president, Sis. Lorene Bowman. Letters read and accepted, and delegates seated from Kansas City, Verdella, Hickory Grove, Hannon and Wagoner Leagues. Dues but no report was later received from the Independence League.

Election of Officers:

President Sis. Jeanne Barton, Wagoner
Vice President Bro. Charles Föger, Verdella
Secretary-Treasurer Sis. Shirley Cross, Wagoner
Field Worker Sis. Alberta Hoover, Hannon

Motion carried that only one complete report, by the Convention's secretary-treasurer, be sent to the State League Convention from this body. Sis. Alice Dickey elected to bring Introductory Message at 1953 League Convention; Sis. Lorene Bowman, alternate. Motion carried that officers spend money as needed. (Five dollars given toward printing the minutes.)

Program presented as follows. Playlet by Hannon. Poem by Lois Davis. Exercise by Wagoner. Playlet by Verdella. Solo by Alice Snyder. Playlet by group of young folks. Motion carried to adjourn.

LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be known as the Central Western Missouri League Convention, to be composed of the Leagues of the Central Western Missouri Association.

ARTICLE 2—Section 1. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, who shall preside over all meetings and appoint all

committees; a Vice President, who shall preside over the meetings in the absence of the President and generally assist in the supervision of the work, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall record proceedings of all meetings, edit minutes, send in annual report to the State League Convention, and give an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed.

Section 2. These officers shall compose the Executive Board of the Convention.

Section 3. All officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of the regular session.

ARTICLE 3. The standing delegates of this Convention shall be the General officers of the Convention, the President and Secretary of each League, and all Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing.

BY-LAWS

1. REPRESENTATION—Each local League shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each five (5) members of their League.

2. DUES—It shall be the duty of each League to send yearly to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention an amount equal to twenty (20¢) cents per member to be divided as follows, one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) to be sent to the State League Convention, and the remaining half to be used by the local Convention.

These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the League Convention by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members present.