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THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. O. D. Wickman. After song service by the choir, had a united prayer and then devotional services were led by Sister Barnes. Preaching services followed, conducted by Rev. T. M. Arnold. Adjourned to meet on Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The house was again called to order by the Moderator, Rev. O. D. Wickham. Singing by the choir and a prayer led by Rev. J. A. Claxton preceeding the business session.

The Moderator called for church letters and received the following:

CROSS ROADS—Bro. Adams, Sister Adams, Sister Loveless, Bro. Venable, Sister Venable, Rev. A. A. Holdridge, pastor, Sister Nettie Venable, church clerk, post office, Stigler, Oklahoma, route 2.

OAK RIDGE—Bro. Herman Neamon, Bro. Ott Chastain, Sister Dixon, Sister Wilma Summers, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Eva Robins, church clerk.

ROYAL OAK—Sister Netti Pitchford, Sister Ruby Hann, Bro. Roy Williams, Rev. Claud Kennedy, pastor, Bro. Ruphus Johns, church clerk.

INDEPENDENCE—Bro. Louie Brown, Sister Beuna Cariker, Sister Marie Brown, Rev. R. L. McAlvain, pastor, Sister Ola Brown, church clerk.

HOYT—Sister Vera Gideon, Sister Maggie Cravens, Sister Louisa Kennedy, Rev. O. D. Wickham, pastor, Sister Edris Holder, church clerk.

PRAIRIE VIEW—Bro. L. T. Turner, Bro. Virgil Florence, Bro. John Parson, Sister Lottie Trickett, Bro. Stone, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Clarence Peck, church clerk.

PANAMA—Bro. Tom Williams, Bro. Jess Lamb, Bro. Man Kilgro, Bro. Rosco Smith, Sister Sarah Bice, Sister Dessie Carter, Rev. Barb E. Hickman, pastor, Sister Minnie L. Smith, church clerk.

ROCKY POINT—Bro. Jack Kirkland, Sister Alfie Kirkland, Rev. O. D. Wickham, pastor, Bro. Jack Apple, church clerk.

BUFFINGTON—Bro. George Brewer, Bro. Wess, Bro. Dave Black, Sister J. D. Standridge, Bro. J. D. Standridge, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Minnie Fair, church clerk.

PRAIRIE GROVE—Bro. Alex Honeycutt, Bro. Jim Martin, Bro. John Anderson, Sister Zella Anderson, Rev. T. O. Barnes, pastor, Sister Dovie Honeycutt, church clerk.

PERRY—Bro. Sam Henderson, Sister Dovie La Fave, Bro. Marvin Florence, Bro. Albert Clemm, Rev. L. R. Crumb, pastor, Sister Etta Peck, church clerk.

Motion made and carried that we receive the church letters and seat the delegates.

The elected officers for the ensuing year were as follows: Rev. T. M. Arnold, moderator, Rev. O. D. Wickham, assistant moderator, Sister Vera Gideon, clerk, Sister Dovie La Fave, assistant clerk.

The rules of order were then read by Rev. O. D. Wickham. A motion was made and carried that we adhere strictly to the rules of order in all our business transactions.

A call for corresponding delegates was extended. In response, we received and seated Elder J. M. Roberts, Sister Mary Roberts and Bro. W. J. Burke, from the Grand River Association; Rev. J. A. Claxton, from the Gans Creek Association; Bro. J. A. McGee, Jr. Bro. Joe Allen, from the Beulah Association.

Bro. B. Robertson, Bro. John Peck and Bro. J. D. Booth, were appointed as the Devotional Committee.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn and to meet again at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

The business session was followed by a short intermission. After which, religious service was conducted by Rev. L. R. Crumb, text Luke 13:24, followed by Rev. T. M. Arnold.

The congregation was dismissed by a short prayer led by Bro. B. Robertson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by Rev. T. M. Arnold, moderator. This was followed by the song service, also by a short prayer conducted by Bro. Nance. The remaining church letters were called for and read.

✓ The appointment of committees:

✓ **COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS**—Sister Claxton, Sister La Fave, Sister Pitchford, Sister Arnold, Sister Barnes.

✓ COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Bro. J. A. McKensie, Bro. Jack Kirkland, Bro. C. C. Garland, Bro. Clarence Peck, Bro. H. O. Turner.

✓ COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE—Bro. J. H. Young Bro. Jim Maxwell, Bro. Dave Black, Sister Standridge, Sister Standifer, Sister Chastain.

✓ COMMITTEE ON QUERY AND REQUEST—Bro. Luther Roberts, Bro. A. C. Keith, Bro. G. P. Goff, Rev. C. E. Kennedy Bro. A. F. Hanna, Rev. Barb Hickman.

✓ COMMITTEE ON MINISTER'S AND DEACONS CHARACTERS—Bro. F. C. Mount, Bro. J. O. Chastain, Bro. Tom Dobson, Bro. Virgil Florence, Bro. J. D. Standridge, Bro. Tom Williams

✓ COMMITTEE ON MINISTER'S CREDENTIALS—Bro. J. E. McGee, Bro. J. M. Roberts, Rev. L. R. Crumb, Bro. John Green Rev. Charlie Edwards.

✓ COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Rev. T. O. Barnes, Bro. W. M. Summers, Rev. J. R. Stoughton, Bro. O. E. Dobson, Bro. Will La Fave, Rev. J. A. Claxton.

✓ COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES—Rev. J. E. Smith, Rev. J. E. Barker, Sister J. F. Howard, Sister Ruby Hanna, Bro. John Adams, Bro. John Anderson, Bro. R. W. Williams, Bro. Dudley.

✓ COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—Bro. O. D. Riddle, Bro. John Parsons, Bro. W. F. McWilliams, Bro. J. B. Hickman, Rev. J. C. Dudley, Bro. J. J. Aikens, Bro. Tom Adams.

✓ COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION—Sister Etta Peck, Bro. A. L. Honeycutt, Bro. J. H. Howard, Bro. W. J. Wallace, Bro. Levi Woodruff, Bro. W. J. Nance, Bro. D. W. Wess, Bro. H. W. Neamon.

✓ COMMITTEE ON BILL OF ARRANGEMENTS—Bro. W. B. Roberts, Bro. Sam Henderson, Bro. L. T. Turner, Eld. J. M. Roberts, Bro. J. H. Standridge, Bro. G. T. Brewer, Bro. Jack Apple, Bro. M. N. Florence, Bro. J. A. Venoble, Bro. W. J. Burke.

The following reports were received from the committees:

COMMITTEE ON MINISTER'S CREDENTIALS—We, your committee on Misisters' Credentials, beg leave to report as follows: We find them all Orthodox. We find Rev. Self's credentials were inspected at the Fifth Sunday Meeting and found Or-

thodox. We recommend his name be placed upon the directory.
—Elder J. M. Roberts, chairman.

As the church had no directory, a motion was made and carried that we purchase a sort of ledger to enroll the names of our Deacons and Ministers. A collection of \$4.00 was made up for that purpose.

Also, another motion carried that we print the names of our ministers in the minutes of our association.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report as follows: It is the duty of Free Will Baptists to teach Free Will Baptist literature for the purpose of supporting our own publishing house. We know we have the Bible doctrine; we believe our Sunday School teachers should be Christians. We urge that all Free Will Baptists be more zealous in Sunday School work in the future, realizing that the Sunday School is the life of the church.—Sister Nettie Pitchford, chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE—We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: We adopt the report of the Temperance Committee of 1925, as follows: Temperance implies that we should be free from intoxicating drinks, that we should use our efforts to get rid of whisky and its makers when it occurs in our observation by communing with the enforcement of officers of our land; that we should not contract indecent habits in our divine service, such as some deceivers of our country are now doing to an excess and thereby the influence of the true gospel is weakened; that we strictly adhere to temperance in its highest bible sense with all the word implies and that we discourage all card parties, checker games, church swimming pools and that we abstain from all habits that disqualify us for the service of the Lord.—The report of the Temperance committee of 1925.—Sister Stanifer, chairman.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

At 9:00 o'clock the house was called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir and prayer by Bro. R. D. Allen, preceded the business session. A call for committee reports was given and received the following:

COMMITTEE ON QUERY AND REQUEST—We, your committee on Query and Request, urge and request that every deacon

do his duty with regards to his church in the way of finance and raising funds for the support of his pastor. We also urge that each church have as many as five deacons. We request that each church send at least \$3.00 minute funds. We furthermore request that our clerk have our minutes published by our own Free Will Baptist Press. We request that each church raise \$25 00 for the purpose of buying a tabernacle for this association. We request that the tabernacle be placed in the care of the Home Mission Board. We request that this body ordain Bro. W. J. Nance as minister of this denomination; Bro. A. C. Keith, chairman.

leave out
COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—We your committee on books and periodicals, recommend the report as it stands in the minutes except the lay members and they are mean-able to the church in which they belong and the Fifth Sunday Meetings and Association have the power over them. We request that the moderator read the church covenant and ask that we, as a body strictly adhere to it.—Rev. T. O. Barnes, chairman.

The report as it stands—We recommend that the Bible be used as our discipline and the only infallible rule of our doctrine, faith and practice, and urge all our members to use it as such. We recommend that all our members take a Free Will Baptist paper. We recommend that all our ministers, deacons and lay members teach and practice our church covenant.

The church covennant was then read by our moderator, Rev. T. M. Arnold.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION—We, your committee on home mission beg leave to report. We recommend that each church appoint at least three as a committee to collect and co-operate with the Home Mission Board.—Bro. W. J. Nance, chairman.

COMMITTEE ON BILL OF ARRANGEMENTS—We, your committee on bill of arrangements, endorse last year's report with the following amennndment.

Be it resolved that the doors of all church property belonging to the Free Will Baptists be open to all ministers in good standing with the association. Be it resolved that our young ministers be licensed to preach one year before being ordained.—Bro. M. N. Florence, chairman.

The old report:

Taking into consideration the surrounding circumstances and

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seeing the necessity of a rule governing the ministry, be it resolved, the association forbids its ministers of the several districts of the association speaking disrespectfully on one another and anyone found guilty of such conduct shall be liable to charges and dealt with as may be deemed necessary.

Be it resolved that we recommend that our ministers do not vary from the regular customs of the Free Will Baptist in regard to receiving and dismissing members. Furthermore, advise moderators of the churches impress upon the churches the great necessity of observing all the ruings of the association.

✓ Be it further resolved, that any Elder taking to evangelistic work that it shall be the duty of each church to assist him in the work and this association shall empower the moderator and clerk with authority to furnish the evangelist with recommendations if he be found worthy.

Resolved, that we forbid the members of our churches from giving, going to or participating in play parties or dances and any found guilty of such offense shall be due the church acknowledgment or shall be considered by the body as a stranger as this evil causes many of our young people to forsake the right way and go off in sin.

Be it further resolved that we forbid any of our ministers or members of our churches of this association preaching sanctification or holiness as a second work of grace, separate and apart from the regeneration or conversion.

Be it resolved, that every member of all respective churches comprising the Eureka association be requested to obey the commandments of God as recorded in 1st Cor. 16:2; 11 Cor. 6:7 to lay in store as God has prospered them upon the first day of the week in their homes or churches, so as to be prepared to aid the ministers in publishing the gospel, to help the widows and the worthy poor.

✓ Resolved, that every ordained minister should preach at least four sermons each month if not providentially hindered, and we require that every ordained minister report each year to the association, either by letter or person.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES—We, your committee on obituaries beg leave to report as follows: We sorrow the great loss of our dear sisters in Christ, Sister Susie Snow, Perry church; Sister Molly Lewis, Prairie View church; Sister Mary Hays, Prairie View church; Sister Edna Dotson, Prairie Grove church.

✓ Though we mourn their loss, we mourn not, as for them who have no hope and we would not recall them if we could for Jesus

said: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, yea, henceforth saith the Spirit."

They shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them. We should then take courage and lay aside every weight and sin that so easily beset us and run, with patience, the race that is set before us, ever looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.—Bro. J. E. Barker, chairman.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S CHARACTER—We, your committee on minister's and deacon's characters beg leave to report as follows: We find that some of our brethern to an extent have been walking disorderly. Not being able to get sufficient evidence, we ask the Moderator to instruct all delegates, deacons, and ministers to report to this committee should they know of any brother walking disorderly and if any be found guilty, they shall be dealt with by the association or by a regular session of the Fifth Sunday Meeting.—Bro. J. D. Standridge, chairman.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER—I beg leave to report as follows:

Money on hand at close of last associational year	\$16.73
Collected	2.00
Total	\$18.73

Paid to Sister McGee \$18.73 to be applied on a tomb to be placed at Bro. McGee's grave.—Bro. W. M. La Cave, associated treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—We, your committee on resolutions, adopt all resolutions passed by our last year's committee and all other resolutions as follows:

Be it resolved by your committee that we ask each brother and sister of the association to adhere to the church covenant especially Article Two, and any brother or sister found guilty shall be dealt with according to the scriptures.—Bro. J. B. Hickman, chairman.

The old report:

Resolved, that we abstain from holding conference on the Sabbath and that we use every effort to keep a clean house for God. Resolved, that each church elect a committee on Home Mission and said committee work faithful to the cause. Resolved, that we hold communion and feet washing at each setting

of the association. Resolved, that we abstain from using profane language and use our influence to the honor and glory of God. And that pastors adhere more closely to Home Mission work and that each minister and deacon urge their churches to subscribe sufficient to take care of our evangelist and any other necessity to advance the cause of Christ. Resolved, that each church use the church letter form printed in our minutes in writing their letters to the association.

Motion was made and carried that we change the day of our meeting time from Thursday evening to Friday evening and hold until Monday evening. Adjourned to meet at 2.00 o'clock p. m.

Preaching services at 11:00 o'clock by Elder J. M. Roberts, text "The Lord Is My Shepherd I Shall Not Want."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the moderator. Singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. Stoughton. Then proceeded to business as follows:

Called for and received these reports.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—We, your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows:

Rocky Point	\$2.00
Prairie View	3.00
Cross Roads	4.75
Panama	1.25
Perry	5.50
Oak Ridge	3.50
Prairie Grove	2.00
Independence	1.25
Buffington	6.00
Hoyt	2.65
Royal Oak	2.50
Total	\$34.40

We feel impressed to make up enough through public donation to make this amount to \$45.00.—Bro. H. O. Turner, chairman.

A public donation of \$13.25 was added to that amount making in all \$47.65.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD—We, your committee on home missions beg leave to report as follows:

Received from Perry church	\$50.00
Received from Prairie View church	30.50
Received from Independence church	11.50
Quarterly Meetings at Mountain View	13.35

Total	\$105.40
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Expenditures

Paid to Sister Barnes	\$ 5.00
Paid to Bro. A. A. Holdridge for hospital fees	25.00
Paid to Bro. John Hampton for hospital and support of family	40.00

Total	\$70.00
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Balance on hand \$35.40, for which we are so thankful to these churches and quarterly meetings for the support they have given us, we are, also truly grateful.

We pray God's blessings upon the several other churches that they may get interested in this good work and help the board carry on the good work which we find we owe to our good brethren and the upbuilding of God's great cause.—Bro. F. L. Loveless, chairman. Bro. W. M. La Fave, secretary-treasurer.

A motion made and carried that we retain the same Home Mission Board consisting of the following members: Bro. W. M. La Fave, Bro. A. J. Kinsey, Bro. John Peck, Bro. F. L. Loveless, Bro. W. L. Roberts.

Motion made and carried that the Home Mission Board be given the authority to elect another member in place of Bro. Gregory.

Called for minister's reports. Received the following:

I beg leave to report as follows: I pastored no church, I have preached 76 sermons, and held 1 revival, witnessed 4 conversions, traveled 1000 miles, received for my work \$12.00, married 2 couples.—Rev. T. M. Arnold, Keota, Oklahoma.

I beg leave to report as follows: I have preached 75 sermons, held 2 revivals, witnessed 45 conversions, 33 conversions at Cross Roads, 19 additional to the church and 19 to be baptized. Baptizing put off on account of sickness. I have received from Cross Roads church \$107.50. Brothers pray for us that we may do more next year.—Rev. A. A. Holdridge, Hoyt, Oklahoma.

