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RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, by the moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Meeting opened with singing and prayer. Moderator was present and took charge of service. Bro. J. D. Anderson was appointed temporary clerk. Eld. B. C. Munkus brought the message. Scripture reading Psalms 19. Subject, "The Goodness of God." After services pulpit committee was appointed. Com: Pete Connor, Tom Fry, J. D. Anderson.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Eld. A. B. Epperson.

Letters called for, read and accepted, delegates seated from the following churches: Box, Wolf, Earlsboro, Liberty Hill, Minneha, New Bethelhem, Spring Hill, Tecumseh.

Visiting Brethren from other Associations were as follows; Eld. E. E. Morris, Dibble, Eld. Paul Pursell, First Mission, Eld. W. G. Fields, Center, Eld. M. M. McKee, Southern, and Eld. Earlene Haskins, Center.

Election of Officers

Eld. W. E. Dearmore, Moderator, Wanette, Okla.

Eld. A. B. Epperson, Asst., Moderator, Earlsboro, Okla.

Sis. Earlene Paris, Clerk, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Pete Connor, Asst., Clerk, Konawa, Okla.

Eld. W. E. Dearmore was elected as a new member of

the Executive Board.

Committees Appointed

Divine Service:

Roy Thompson, Ben Maxwell, Jay Crisp.

Resolution:

Ben Littleton, B. C. Wilson, Sis. White.

Sunday School:

Geraldine Angel, Sis. Tanner, Sis. Garret.

League:

J. D. Anderson, Sis. Robinson, Mammie Stevenson

Clyde Argo.

Temperance:

Fred Garner, W. G. Fields, J. F. Hager,

Obituary:

Ida Maxwell, Ora Roberts, Pearl Taylor.

Credentials:

H. M. Lynn, B. C. Wilson, Louis McMurray.

Music:

L. A. McMurray, Joe McAllister, Sis. Palmer.

Prayermeeting:

Joe Guinn, Frank Palmer, J. W. Vanwinkle, Eld. B. C. Munkus.

Mission:

Lillian Argo, Aline Harp, T. C. Christian, Sister Per-
rin, Sis. Grizzle.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Argo.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Bro. Darron, pastor of the Wanette Methodist church brought the morning message. Text Heb. 13:14. Message enjoyed by all.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing. "On Jordan Stormy Banks." T. C. Christian led devotional, Scripture Reading. James 1. After prayer the following committee reports were read and approved.

Music, Obituary, Prayermeeting, and Mission.

A letter of thanks from sister Wade and daughters was read and accepted.

The Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. A. E. Downs, be ordained for the ministry. After a song the presberty took charge. Eld. A. B. Epperson led the ordination prayer. Right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. and Sis. A. E. Downs. A testimony ser-

vice was conducted by the moderator which proved to be a spiritual feast to all.

By motion each church clerk is required to send \$1.00 to the Associational clerk for State Minutes.

Motion to adjourn until Friday morning session.

THURSEAY NIGHT SERVICE

House brought to order by singing, "I'll Make It My Home Some Day." Prayer by Bro. W. L. Waddle. Bro. McKee led the testimonial service. "Amazing Grace" was dedicated to Bros., King, and Fields, the two oldest ministers present. Bro. King led in prayer. Service turned to Bro. Epperson who delivered a wonderful message. John 3:16. Bro. McKee gave an invitation for penitents. Services dismissed by Bro. Fields.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together by singing. Scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Followell. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Eld. M. M. McKee was appointed to act as Assistant Moderator in the absence of Bro. Dearmore.

Report of League was read and adopted. Resolution no's. one and two were read and adopted. A special song by Bro. Paul Pursell. Adjourned until the 1 o'clock session. Dismissed for the 11 o'clock preaching service.

Came together by singing. Bro. Ed Morris led in prayer. Bro. Paul Pursell brought a wonderful message. Heb. 12:25. Dismissed by Bro. Munkus.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing, "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus"

Scripture reading by Eld. E. E. Morris, Psalms the 34 chapter. This was a very appropriate lesson for the occasion. There are four beautiful climaxes in this lesson. 1st, David tells us how the Lord heard him and delivered him from all his fears. 2nd. Is that consoling promise, "The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and He delivereth them." 3rd, We learn that the ever watchful eyes of God are over His people, guiding and protecting them in a sin infested world. 4th, He is listening for our feeble and helpless cries.

The last two verses contrasts the righteous and the wicked, "Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

There is redemption, deliverance, protection, instruction, atonement, and judgement all taught in this wonderful division of the Psalms.

Led in prayer by Bro. Clyde Argo.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.
Report on temperance read and accepted.

Report on Sunday School read and accepted.

By motion the North View church is to be turned over to a committee to be disposed of at the discretion of their decision.

It having been several years since regular services were held in the church, and with the original membership moved away, and with the property exposed to public hazards with no one left in charge who is responsible for its safe keeping the Association deems it advisable to handle this matter through a committee.

The next session of the First Oklahoma Association was placed at the Box Church, seven miles west of Wanette Oklahoma. Beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in September 1938.

PLACING QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The first was placed at New Bethelhem church, four miles east and south of Asher. The second, at Tecumseh. Third at Pleasant Hill.

Eld. Paul Pursell was elected to preach the introductory message.

Mrs. Earl Stevenson was elected to take charge of the Old Ministers fund.

Delegates to the State Association were as follows. Joe Guinn, Frank Palmer, Fred Garner, and E.C.Ketchem

Sis. Mammie Stevenson, Lillian Argo, and Will Yeager.
Bro. Odis Robinson was chosen to bring the night message.

Motion to adjourn until the next annual session. Dismissed by Eld. W. G. Fields.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions:

Res. No. 1. Be it resolved that we elect, or empower the moderator to appoint some person to have full charge of the Old Ministers funds.

Res. No. 2. Be it resolved that this Association send seven delegates to represent us in the State Association.

Prayermeeting:

We urge that each of our churches maintain a prayer-meeting that it might supply food for the soul.

Signed by the Committee.

Home Missions:

We advise each church in our Association to have a Home Mission society; by so doing both young and old will be encouraged to work for the cause of Christ. Many hearts may be reached through the efforts of the Home Mission workers.

Signed by Committee.

Temperance:

We ask each of our ministers to preach at least once a

year on drinks habit; and we ask that all christians put forth every effort to uplift our cause, and we further urge our young people to be temperate in all things.

Signed by Committee.

Sunday School:

We urge that all Officers and Teachers of our Sunday Schools be Free Will Baptist.

Signed by Committee.

Lergue:

We urge that each church have a Young People's Meeting to advance the cause of Christ. We also urge all Leagues to attend the Rally.

Signed by Committee.

Music:

We urge all churches to advance its music in every way possible. We further ask that each church have as many singing schools as they can afford.

Signed by Committee.

Obituary:

We find that God has called from our midst the following. From Spring Hill Church, Anna Maulder, Bessie Mulder. Tecumseh Church, Eld. O. D. Wade, Grandmother Littleton, Joe and Caudie Mae Epperson. From Wanette, Okla. Sis. Ada Dearmore. From Pleasant Hill, Vinyard Hurst, New Bethelhem, Anna Fry.

Signed by Committee.

CHURCH REPORTS

CHURCHES	MEMBERS	VALUATION	Pd. Pastors	Pd. Evangelist
Tecumseh	45	\$37.12		\$75.00
Spring Hill	140	\$129.00		
Box	32			\$7.95
Earlsboro	65	\$600.00		\$30.00
Mina: eha	19			
Wolf	42			
New Bethelhem	54	\$30.00		\$13.25
Pleasant Hill	60	\$55.00		

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ
and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and,

practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society: constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, social worship; and by self denial, good works endeavor to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference public worship' and the observation of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of the educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

