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SHAWNEE, OKLA.

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OF THE
FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When convened at the Associational Camp Ground at

Shawnee, Oklahoma

Friday, August 25-26, 1949.

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Cromwell
Assistant Moderator Rev. Wade Jernigan, Lexington
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Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Cromwell 1945-50
Rev. Vard Wood, Shawnee 1949-53
Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City 1949-52
Rev. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City 1949-52

Thursday, Aug. 25, 1949

The fifty-second annual session of the First Oklahoma Association met at the Camp Ground at Shawnee, Okla. Opened by singing "Praise Him" led by Brother Delbert Akin, Retha Kiker, pianist. Prayer by Brother Tom Fry of Spring Hill.

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Letters called for. Wolf, Shawnee, Spring Hill, Pleasant Hill, Central Avenue, Capital Hill, and Earlsboro reporting. Letters read and accepted and delegates given right hand of fellowship.

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Election of moderator and assistant moderator—Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, moderator, and Rev. Wade Jernigan, assistant moderator. Mrs. Floyd Cash, clerk, and Dorothy Akin, assistant clerk, elected by acclamation. Letter from First Church, Oklahoma City, read and accepted and delegates seated.

Accepted
Petitionary letters called for. Letter from Minneha read and accepted with amendment that Brother Harmon be examined for ordination. Letter from Seminole, Okla. Motion made to accept same and seat the delegates of both churches.

Visiting brothers and sisters invited to seat with us in conference. Motion to adjourn until 1:30 P. M. Carried. Dismissed by Sister Nettie Barnett of Central Avenue.

11 o'Clock Service

Opened by singing "A Soul Winner For Jesus," led by Delbert Akin, Retha Kiker, pianist. Prayer by Rev. D. H. O'Donnell. Rev. Clyde Argo of Pleasant Hill introduced by moderator for the introductory message. Matt. 6:25 to 35 for scripture using as a text the 33rd verse, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," a very inspirational message on spiritual things first. Song, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," right hand of fellowship was given Brother Argo. Dismissed by Rev. Clay Ritchie of Dibble.

1:30 P. M.

Opened by singing "There's an Eye Watching You," led by Brother Delbert Akin, Mary Alice Weatherman, pianist. Prayer by Brother Bailey Thompson.

Motion made and carried that moderator and assistant moderator appoint all committees.

Committees as follows:

Credential— Rev. B. C. Munkus, of Pleasant Hill; Rev.

E. E. Morris of Central Avenue, and Rev. A. B. Epperson of Earlsboro.

Divine Service—Sisters Nettie Barnett of Central Avenue, Laura Hunt of Capital Hill, Daisy Pierce of Shawnee, Dorothy Waddle of Spring Hill and Agnes Kiker of Wolf.

Obituary—Sisters Della Cluck of Seminole, Mamie Stevenson of Earlsboro, Ida Maxwell of Tecumseh, Lillian Argo of Pleasant Hill, and Audrey Morris of Capital Hill.

Resolution—Rev. Charles Sapp of Spring Hill, Rev. Clyde Argo of Pleasant Hill, Rev. W. A. Land of Shawnee, Brother Tom Fry of Spring Hill, and Brother C. F. White of Wolf.

Finance—Rev. Ira Smithey of Capitol Hill, Brother Earl Stevenson of Earlsboro, Sister B. T. Kirby of First Church, Oklahoma City, Sister Maudine Caskey, Spring Hill, and Brother Burley Wilson of Spring Hill.

League—Brothers G. W. Argo of Pleasant Hill, John Nunellay of Spring Hill, E. C. Ketchem of Shawnee, B. J. Peters of Central Avenue, and Sister Letha Yeager of Shawnee.

Business—Rev. E. E. Morris of Capital Hill, Brother E. C. Ketchem of Shawnee, and Brother Cecil Blair of Spring Hill.

Rev. Rex Weatherman, Superintendent of Children's Home brings greetings from our Children's Home at Ringling, announcing Sept. 11, 1949, as special service at Children's Home requesting each church to have one representative from each department of church to bring special offering, also bring lunch. We now have 25 children in the home.

Divine Service Committee reports Rev. Charles Sapp for devotional and Rev. Chester O'Donnell of Alabama to bring the evening message.

Rising vote of thanks given our out-going officers.

Nomination in order for speaker for introductory message for next annual session. Brother Bailey Thompson elected and Brother Charles Sapp as alternate.

Quarterly Conferences are as follows: (1) Nov. 17 and 18, 1949, at Minneha, 1 mile west and 3 south of McLoud; (2) Feb. 16 and 17, 1950, at Wolf; (3) May 18 and 19, 1950, at Spring Hill, and (4) August 16, 17 and 18, 1950, annual session, at Shawnee Camp Ground.

Brother Perry Argo elected to bring introductory message at first quarterly conference. Brother Delbert Akin is alternate.

Quartet, "I'm Redeemed," by Brothers Bailey Thompson, Delbert Akin, and Rev. and Sister Reford Wilson.

Quartet, "Everybody Will Be Happy," by Rev. and Mrs. Clay Ritchie and Rev. and Mrs. Reford Wilson.

Solo, "Home Coming Week," by Sister Mildred Cash.

Motion for fifteen minute recess. Carried. Dismissed by Rev. Roach of North Carolina.

3:00 P. M.

Opened by singing, "When I See the Blood," led by Sister Jean Wilson, Retha Kiker, pianist.

Obituary committee reports the following brothers and sisters deceased since our last yearly conference: Sister Porter of Tecumseh; Rev. R. S. Russell, Sister John Youngar, and Brother G. W. Grizzle of Pleasant Hill; Sister Beulah Petty, and, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Collier of Shawnee; Brother Schenber of Central Avenue; Mrs. Lane of Wolf; and Hubert Hollandsworth jr., of Minneha. A moment of silent prayer concluded by Brother J. R. Hall.

Report of Auxiliary read and accepted.

Petitionary letter from Pleasant Grove Church read. Motion to receive letter and seat the delegates.

Motion to adjourn until Friday morning at 9. Dismissed by Brother Roy Waddle.

8 P. M. Thursday

Opened by singing "Anywhere Is Home" led by Delbert Akin; Yvonne Clark, pianist. Prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson. Song, "When Our Lord Shall Come Again." Devotional reading, 121st chapter of Psalms by Rev. Charles Sapp. Quartet, "You'll Reap Whatsoever You Sow" by Brothers Delbert Akin and D. H. O'Donnell and Brother and Sister Reford Wilson. Duet, "I'm Not Afraid to Go" by Brother Japer Clark and daughter, Yvonne.

Rev. and Mrs. Roach of North Carolina, missionary itinerary workers, were introduced. Sister Roach gave us a talk concerning their work in the various churches of our association. Song "Amazing Grace" and free will offering for foreign missions; \$37.44 received. Prayer by Rev. Roach. Quartet, "Oh, What a Savior" by Brothers Delbert Akin and D. H. O'Donnell and Brother and Sister Reford Wilson.

Moderator then introduced Rev. Chester O'Donnell of Ashville, Ala., as the speaker of the hour. Scripture reading fifth chapter of Esther using for a text the fourth verse of first John: "What seek ye," an inspiring message on soul-winning. Dismissed by Rev. A. B. Epperson.

Friday 9 A. M.

Opened by singing "Victory Ahead" led by Rev. Reford Wilson, Rev. Charles Sapp, pianist. Prayer by Sister Daisy Pierce. Scripture reading, Hebrews 11:1-5 by Rev. W. A. Land. Motion that a temporary assistant moderator be elected to assist the assistant moderator in the absence of moderator. Rev. Charles Sapp elected.

Resolution Committee Report: (1) Be it resolved that this association recommend to the state association that it form a state headquarters, that said headquarters be centralized, and that it shall appoint a state executive secretary and that he shall be put on a stated salary, and that he execute such business as the state and its organization and association should deem necessary. Carried. (2) Resolved that the association take immediate steps to establish a home mission program in this association for establishment and building of churches. Carried.

League minutes read. Motion to accept same with exception of Article four. Carried.

Business Committee—We the business committee recommend a pulpit committee be elected to select speaker for the day and night service of youth encompment. Said committee to have charge of song service and special singing. Carried.

Motion to adjourn until 1 p. m. Dismissed by Brother James Franklin of Mission Association.

Divine service committee reports that Rev. M. V. Roach will bring the morning message.

11 o'Clock A. M.

Opened by singing "After While" led by Sister Trula Thompson; Rev. Charles Sapp at the piano. Prayer by Rev. H. E. Staires of Tulsa. Rev. M. V. Roach of Durham, N. C., introduced as speaker for the morning message, reading Revelations 5:1-4. Solo, "Home Coming Week" by Sister Mildred Cash.

Rev. Roach used as his text, "The Greatest Man-hunt of All Ages." A very inspirational message on Christ, Our Deliverer and Preserver." Motion to re-enter business session as lunch was not ready.

Business Committee—(1) We recommend that the Treasurer pay for the mowing of the Camp Ground, \$15.00, carried. (2) We, the Business Committee, recommend that the Executive Board be in charge of the building of cabins on the Camp Ground, furthermore, we recommend that all cabins be built on the outer edge north, south, and west, and that a 30-foot front be allotted each cabin. All cabins must be fin-

ished and painted. Anyone selecting a lot must build and complete their cabin in 6 months from date of selection. Any building not completed must be removed or turned to association for disposal. Carried. We further recommend that the executive board plant trees across the front and along drive 30 feet apart. We recommend that Tecumseh church furnish and prepare dinner and supper Ladies Auxiliary Day. Henryetta and Earlsboro furnish and feed Thursday. Seminole and Minneha and Pleasant Grove furnish and serve Friday of the Association. Carried.

League Committee. We recommend the following churches furnish and serve one day at our youth camp dinner and supper: Monday—Shawnee; Tuesday—Central Avenue; Wednesday—Capitol Hill; Thursday—Spring Hill; Friday—Pleasant Hill; Saturday—Wolf. (2) We recommend each church work with the general sponsor in preparing menu. Carried. (3) We recommend that the money left from Youth Camp be used to add to our girls' dormitory. Carried. (4) We recommend that the League Board, General Superintendent, Association Sponsor, and President, make complete arrangements for our 1950 Youth Camp. Carried.

Credential Committee. We recommend the ordination of Brother Bailey Thompson and Brother A. L. McReynolds to the ministry; also Brother Walter Jennings, Brothers Frazier and Armstrong of Tecumseh; Carl Spriggs and Clifford Davis of Central Avenue; J. J. Joy of Pleasant Grove be ordained as deacons; Brothers Roy Waddle and Delbert Akin for license to the ministry for one year; that the extension of Brother Warren Barnett's license be deferred until he can meet with committee, also, Brother Carl Waddle and Brother Albert Hunt's licenses be deferred. We recommend the ordination of Brother C. E. Harmon at first quarterly conference at Minneha church.

Finance Committee. We recommend all churches of 75 members or less pay \$5.00 minute money and all churches over 75 pay \$10.00.

We, the Caretakers' Home Committee, recommend the following new churches be assessed as follows: Capitol Hill, \$50.00; Henryetta, \$30.00; Minneha, \$30.00; Seminole, \$35.00; and Pleasant Grove, \$30.00.

Motion to elect new Executive Board and accept resignation of Brother H. W. O'Donnell. Carried. Rev. E. E. Morris elected, 1949-52. Rev. Reford Wilson 1949-52, and Rev. Vard Wood to fill vacancy of Brother H. W. O'Donnell to serve until 1953. Rising vote of thanks given to out-going members.

Motion to pay \$2.00 for incorporation of our Camp Ground. Carried.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 P. M. Carried. Dismissed by Brother John Nunally.

1:30 P. M.

Session opened by singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," led by Sister Trula Thompson, Retha Kiker, pianist. Prayer by Sister Miller. Motion to pay secretary and assistant moderator \$10.00. Carried. Assistant Clerk, \$5.00. Carried.

Motion for dedication service of Camp Ground and time be set. Labor Day selected. Executive Board to have full arrangements of program and plans. Executive Board report read and accepted. Motion to send \$25.00 to State Association and elect delegates. Carried. Delegates elected: Sisters Mildred Cash, Dorothy Waddle, Vivian Ketchem, Nettie Barnett and Sister Smitley. Motion that delegates appoint alternates: Sister Trula Thompson, Sister Borden, Dorothy Akin, Sister Ray, and Sister Holliday appointed.

Sister Mildred Cash elected delegate to National Association by acclamation.

Motion to adjourn until next year.

Dismissed by Brother James Franklin.

Ministers' Reports

Rev. E. J. Guinn—Pastored one church, preached two Sundays a month in other churches, number of sermons unknown. No. conversions, 8; No. baptized, none; revivals, none; miles traveled, 1,000; money received, \$60.00; am not pastoring church at present.

Rev. W. A. Land—Due to illness of our family, I have not had opportunity to do much. No. sermons, 10; funerals, none; marriages, none; money received, \$20.00.

Rev. Clyde Argo—Funerals, 6; assisted in 2 revivals; miles traveled, 4,000; sermons preached, 50; conversions, 36; money received, \$80.00; tithes paid, \$180.

Rev. Wade Jernigan—Sermons preached, 220; miles traveled, 4,000; conversions, 75; money received, \$2,405.50; baptized, 28; funerals conducted, 1; revivals, 9; leagues organized, 2; state league president and evangelist for coming year.

Rev. Vard Wood—pastored Shawnee church; revivals, 2; funerals, 2; baptized, 10; money received for revivals, \$236.49.

Church Letters

Wolf—State of religion, good; Sunday school, good; new members, 3; number of deceased, 1; paid out, \$1511.11; have called Rev. Fellabaum as pastor and Brother Cecil Siler as Clerk. 7

Spring Hill—State of religion, good; members received, 39; number baptized, 21; dismissed by letter, 5; died, 1; resident members, 83; non-resident members, 176; prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; league, fair; value of property, \$3000; paid out, \$3479.53. Rev. Charles Sapp has been called as pastor. Pair pastor, \$1,100. 8

Central Avenue, Oklahoma City—State of religion, good; Sunday School, good; prayer meeting, good; paid pastor, \$3,000; paid out, \$2165.81; number died, 2; dismissed, 11; total membership, 118; Rev. Reford Wilson, pastor. 3

Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City—State of religion, good; members received this year, 97; baptized, 35; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 1; resident members, 146; non-resident, 5; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; league, fair; Auxiliary, good; value of property, \$10,000; paid pastor, \$2690; paid out, \$1867.93; pastor, Rev. E. E. Morris. 4

Shawnee—State of religion, good; Sunday school, good; prayer meeting, fair; League, good; paid pastor, \$2080; number members received, 19; baptized, 10; dismissed by letter, 6; deceased, 2; paid out, \$13,154.75. Rev. W. V. Wood, pastor. 5

Minneha—Organized Nov. 1948; Sunday school, 45; prayer meeting, good; total membership, 21; non-resident, 4; Rev. C. E. Harmon, pastor. 6

Tecumseh—State of religion, good; members received, 9; dismissed, 3; died, 1; total membership, 72; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good. Paid pastor, \$600; paid out, \$933.94; pastor, Rev. L. V. Wood. 7

First Church, Oklahoma City—State of religion, good; prayer meeting, good; Sunday school, good; members received, 39; baptized, 10; dismissed, 3; total membership, 291; paid out, \$2641; Rev. B. T. Kerby, pastor. 8

Pleasant Hill—State of religion, good; prayer meeting, fair; Sunday school, good; league, good; members received this year, 8; baptized, 8; dismissed by letter, 6; deceased, 3; total membership, 148; value of church property, \$4800; paid pastor, \$140; paid out, \$1508.63; pastor called, Rev. Clay Ritchie. 9

Seminole—Organized, July 28, 1949; 10 charter members; 3 ministers, 2 deacons. We have organized Sunday school and prayer meeting. Pastor, Rev. D. H. O'Donnell. 10

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11 Pleasant Grove—Organized with 13 charter members, members received, 1; baptized, 1; total membership, 23; condition of Sunday school, good; paid pastor, \$133.65; paid out, \$1604.46; Rev. L. A. Lawson, pastor.

12 Earlsboro: State of religion, good; prayer meeting, fair; Sunday school, fair; paid pastor, \$780.00; paid out, \$567.83; Rev. A. B. Epperson, pastor.

Did not receive Henryetta and New Bethlehem report.

Executive Board Report for 1949

The Board met on Aug. 26, 1948, at Shawnee, to make necessary arrangements on the unpaid balance of the Association note at the Bank. The Board found that the note could be extended by paying the interest, which was \$7.50 due at that time.

The Board voted to pay the interest and same was advanced by Rev. B. T. Kerby.

The Board met at the First Church in Oklahoma City on August 22, 1949, and made arrangements to incorporate the association, and this business was completed and certificate of incorporation was delivered to association on Aug. 26, 1949. —Rev. W. V Wood, Clerk.

Minutes of Women's Auxillary

The First Oklahoma Association District Auxiliary met August 24, 1949, at the Camp Ground in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Opened services by singing "Blessed Assurance," and "I'll Be Satisfied," led by Brother Reford Wilson; pianist, Jean Wilson. Prayer by Sister Nettie Barnett. Scripture reading was given by Sister Vivian Ketchem. Scripture was taken from the 6th chapter of Isaiah. A poem, "The New Vision" was also read by Sister Ketchem.

The welcome was given by Beatrice Haas. The response was given by Sister Nettie Barnett, Oklahoma City. Song, "Talk It Over With Jesus."

The 3rd vice president, Sister Daisy Pierce, took charge of meeting in the absence of the president. The letters were called for and the Shawnee letter was read.

Motion that every woman present have a voice. Old business called for. Dismissed in prayer for recess by Brother Wade Jernigan.

11:00 o'clock services were opened by singing "All Hail the Power." A special in song by Rev. and Mrs. Reford Wilson. They sang "Hallelujah, What a Savior." Prayer by Rev. Ed Morris.

A very inspirational message was brought by Rev. Wade

Jernigan. The Scripture was Phil. 3:1-11, and the text was Gal. 6:14a. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Vard Wood.

Afternoon services were opened by singing "Come Thou Fount." Scripture reading, Acts 1, by Sister Ray. Prayer by Sister Jean Wilson. Letters were called for and Central Avenue letter read. The letters were accepted. Motion carried that we nominate from the floor. New officers are as follows: President, Sister Jean Wilson, 1904 South Central, Oklahoma City; First Vice-president, Sister Ketchem. Motion carried that we accept Sister Ketchem's resignation as she left led to fill the 2nd vice-president's place.

1st vice-president, Sister Daisy Pierce, 617 N. Bonita, Shawnee, Okla.

2nd vice-president, Sister Vivian Ketchem, 1342 E. Whitaker, Shawnee, Okla.

3rd vice-president, Sister R. R. Walker, 414 S. E. 16th, Oklahoma City.

4th vice-president, Sister T. J. Blackburn, 2345 S. W. 33rd, Oklahoma City.

5th vice-president, Sister Nettie Barnett, 324 S. E. 21st, Oklahoma City.

Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Beatrice Hass, 409 S. Kickapoo, Shawnee, Okla.

Motion carried that the president appoint an auditing committee. They were Sisters Campbell, Doris Tate, and Rachel Walter. Motion carried that the president appoint a resolution committee. They were Sisters Gable, Vesta Sparks, and Nettie Barnett.

A ten-minute recess was called while the committees met. Prayer by Brother Chester O'Donnell.

Song, "O How I Love Jesus." Prayer by Sister Daisy Pierce.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Motion carried that we accept the Auditing committee's report as they reported books balanced.

Motions carried that we accept the following resolutions: (1) Be it resolved that the First Oklahoma Auxiliary Convention be host to a State Workers Conference. Time to be set by State Auxiliary. (2) Be it resolved that the 1st vice-president make arrangements and notify all auxiliaries and missions in the Association to go to Spring Hill to organize an auxiliary. Amendment to 2nd resolution, that the 1st vice president make arrangements with all churches who want auxiliaries organized. (3) Be it resolved that we send \$15.00 to the Seminole Free Will Baptist church, \$15.00 to the Or-

phanage, and \$5.00 as an appreciation gift to Brother Wade Jernigan.

Rev. A. B. Epperson was elected to bring the message at our next Quarterly Meeting. Rev. Reford Wilson is alternate.

Reports were given by Sister Jean Wilson, 1st vice-president; Sister Beatrice Haas, 2nd vice-president; Sister Daisy Pierce, 3rd vice-president; Sister Campbell, 4th vice-president; and Sister Nettie Barnett, 5th vice-president.

A poem, "His Offering" read by Beatrice Haas. Song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," as offering was being taken. Prayer by Sister Nettie Barnett. Collection, \$4.04. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson.

Mrs. George Haas, Secretary and Treasurer.

District Auxillary Treasurer's Report for 1949

RECEIPTS—

Balance turned to me by Sister Gladys Elliston	\$209.17
Mission offering	31.00
Orphanage	15.50
Educational	8.40
Superannuation	5.00
Tithes	9.89
Aged ministers	18.40
Co-Labor Plan	40.00
Collections	13.82
Contributions	10.65

361.83

PAID OUT—

Camp Ground	100.00
Minutes	5.00
Dues	7.20
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Mission Offering	41.00
College and Education	41.00
Orphanage	15.50
Co-Labor	35.00
Aged ministers	15.65
Superannuation	5.00
Miscellaneous	39.24

Total Paid Out 295.84

Total Receipts 361.83

Total in Treasury \$ 65.99

Minutes of Our Yearly Business Meeting, Aug. 20, 1949

Minutes of the Leaguers of the First Oklahoma Association when convened at our Camp Grounds, Shawnee, Okla., Aug. 20, 1949.

We opened by singing "I'll Fly Away" led by Rev. Bailey Thompson, with Sister Retha Kiker at the piano. Prayer by Brother Roy Waddle, Spring Hill.

First of all, we are thankful to God that everyone who was unsaved when registering for camp are leaving Christians.

Minutes of last rally read and accepted.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Letters from the League called for. Letters from the following leagues read and accepted: Henryetta, petitionary letter; Wolf, average attendance 15; Int., 8; Jr., 7; Shawnee Av. Att. 15; Tecumseh 7; First Church, 20; Capitol Hill, 32 Sr. 7, Int. 15, Jr. 10); Central Avenue, 18; Pleasant Hill 49; Henryetta, 20; Spring Hill, 20; Earlsboro, 7.

Total tithes for rally, \$22.56. A motion and second that we accept the petitionary letter from Henryetta League. Carried.

Election of our officers for the new year as follows:

Sponsor: E. C. Ketchem, 1342 E. Whittaker, Shawnee; President, Bailey Thompson, Rt. 1, Lexington; Vice-president, Luther Barnett, 1400 N. Kickapoo, Shawnee; Rec. Sec., JoAnn Hurst, Rt. 9, Box 628, c-o George Clark, Oklahoma City; Corr. Sec., Doris Borden, 2508 SW 32nd, Oklahoma City; Treasurer, June Jones, Box 1097, Wetumka; Chorister, Willa Marie George, Rt. 1, Asher; Pianist, Retha Kiker, Rt. 2, Maud, Okla.

A motion and second that the president appoint a business committee. Carried. Appointed were: Mrs. E. C. Ketchem, Curley Ray, Vard Wood, Joe Blair, and Dorothy Akin.

League Board: Chairman, Charles Sapp, 3018 SW 28, Oklahoma City; Clerk, Oris Doss, 1110 NW 44th, Oklahoma City; Perry Argo, Rt. 3, Norman, Okla.; Roy Waddle, Box 42, Lexington, Okla.; Curley Ray, 1312 SW 45th, Oklahoma City.

A motion and second that we elect a General Superintendent for our Youth Encampment while in session. Carried. Gen. Supt. E. E. Morris.

A motion and second to adjourn until 1:00 p. m. Carried. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Worship Service—

Opened by singing "Standing on the Promises." Prayer by Brother Cecil Blair. Song, "Talk It Over With Jesus."

Duet by Sister Trula and Brother Bailey Thompson, "I've Got to Cross That Lonely River." Rev. Bailey Thompson brought a very inspiring message. His theme was "Will a Man Rob God?" He chose Mal. 3:8. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. B. T. Kerby.

Lunch.

Afternoon Service

Opened by singing "He's a Wonderful Savior to Me." Scripture reading by Brother Roy Waddle, Spring Hill. He chose 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson, Central Avenue.

Business.

League Board report given by Rev. Dennis O'Donnell. A motion and second to accept the League Board report. Carried.

Dormitory Sponsors:

Girls—Mrs. E. C. Ketchem and Mrs. Trula Thompson.

Boys—Rev. Clyde Argo and Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Rev. Joe Blair was elected to bring the introductory message at our yearly business meeting, 1950. Rev. Wade Jernigan was elected alternate.

A motion and second that we accept the report of auditing committee (Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. Reford Wilson and Brother Delbert Akin) and dismiss same. Carried.

Report of the Business Committee:

Item 1. We, the Business Committee, recommend that we give the old officers a rising vote of thanks. A motion and second to accept this recommendation. Carried.

Item II. We, the Business committee, recommend that we have three league rallies and that they occur on the following dates: October 30, 1949; January 29, 1950; and April 30, 1950. A motion and second to accept this recommendation. Carried.

The rallies for this year will be as follows:

Oct. 30, 1949—Henryetta.

Jan. 29, 1950—Capitol Hill.

April 30, 1950—Wolf.

Item III. We, the Business committee, recommend that we continue our 30-minute time limit on plays in order for all general leagues to participate and if need be present at least one program in the morning session to keep our interest going. A motion and second to accept this recommendation. Carried.

Rev. Bailey Thompson was elected to bring the introduc-

tory message at our rally Oct. 30, 1949, Henryetta. Rev. Reford Wilson was elected as alternate.

Item IV. We, the Business committee, recommend the following proposed constitution and by-laws:

This shall be the proposed Constitution and By-laws for the League Rally:

Article I. This organization shall be known as the First Oklahoma Association League Rally.

Article II. The officers of this rally shall be composed of: a Sponsor, President, Vice-president, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Chorister, Pianist, and League Board.

Article III. The officers of the Youth Encampment shall be: General Superintendent, two Sponsors, each for both boys and girls dormitories.

Article IV. These officers for both the rally and encampment shall be nominated and elected annually.

Article V, Sec. 1. Membership shall be composed of all league members, league officers, and ministers in good standing.

Sec. 2. Each league shall represent by letter on regular form.

Article VI. That we adopt the rules of the association in conducting the business session.

Article VII. This constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds majority vote.

By-Laws:

Article I. Duties of officers of the League Rally.

Sec. 1. Sponsor: He shall be advisor to the President of League Rally and to the Sponsors of the Local Leagues, to promote co-operation and attendance in league rallies.

Sec. 2. President. He shall preside over all sessions of the League Rallies and govern them according to the rules of the League.

Sec. 3. Vice-president. He shall assist and advise the President and preside in the absence of the President.

Sec. 4. Recording Secretary. To record minutes and preserve records of all sessions of said organization.

Sec. 5. Corresponding Secretary. His duty shall be to notify all League officers of the activities of the League work and assist the Recording Secretary when in session.

Sec. 6. Treasurer. To receive all money and disburse same at the direction of the Rally when in session or at the direction of the League Board when not in session. To keep accurate record of all money received and paid out, and make

written report to each session.

Sec. 7. Chorister-Pianist. Shall have charge of song service of each Rally.

Sec. 8. League Board. Shall act for and in behalf of the League Rally when not in session. It shall also have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur; to purchase any supplies or equipment that may be needed in the promotional work of the League or any other work that shall be given them by the League or the Association when in regular session.

Article II. Duties of the officers of Youth Encampment.

Sec. 1. General Superintendent: to supervise all activities of the Youth Encampment.

Sec. 2. Dormitory Sponsors. Whose duty shall be to keep order, advise, and enforce the rules of the camp in their respective dormitories.

Barbara Hickson, Spring Hill, was elected to bring response to the welcome, Oct. 30, 1949, Henryetta.

A motion and second that the planning of the 1950 Youth Camp program be referred to the Association. Carried.

A motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Dennis O'Donnell.

Bailey Thompson, President.

JoAnn Hurst, Secretary.

Dedication Service—Sept. 5, 1949

Dedication service for Free Will Baptist First Oklahoma Association Camp Ground opened by singing "I'm in the Glory Land Way," led by Brother Delbert Akin, Eula Mae Ewing, pianist. Rev. Reford Wilson, M. C. Prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus. Song, "Praise Him." Rev. H. E. Staires introduced to bring the Dedicatorial message, reading 1st Kings 8:1-20, using for text 2nd Chron. 2:4. A very inspiring message on the dedication of ourselves and our buildings for God. Dedication prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris and congregation altar prayer.

Lunch.

Rev. Lewis Wood offered thanks.

2:00 P. M.

Opened by singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You" led by Brother Delbert Akin; Eula Mae Ewing at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Clifford Myers of Gainscreek Association. Quartet by Brothers Delbert Akin, Donald Ketchem, Reford

Wilson and Japer Clark, "He Bore It All." Talk by Chairman of Board, Rev. E. E. Morris, announcing their broadcast from KLPR each Sunday from his church. Talk by Clerk, Mrs. Floyd Cash. Duet by Eula Mae Ewing and Mrs. Floyd Cash, "Just a Closer Walk." Talk by Brother E. C. Ketchem, League Sponsor; Talk by Rev. Charles Sapp, Chairman of the League Board. Duet by Sisters Fern and Irma Lee Ray, "Nailed to the Cross. Talk by Rev. Vard Wood, pastor of Shawnee Church and Board Member. Talk by Sister Daisy Pierce, 1st Vice-president of Woman's Auxiliary. Talk by Rev. Clifford Myers of Gainscreek Association. Duet, "Let Me Lose Myself and Find It, Lord, in Thee," by Japer Clark and daughter, Yvonne. Talk by Sister E. C. Ketchem, girls' dormitory sponsor since our Youth Camp began. Burning of the mortgage papers by Rev. A. B. Epperson and Rev. Clyde Argo. Talk by Rev. Epperson. Prayer by Rev. Argo.

Dismissed in unison prayer, Lord's Prayer.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God Head of Divine Essence, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Gen. 17:1; 1 John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature. Ph. 5:1-19.

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10.

6. That the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. Matt. 25-46.

7. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion.

Mark 1:4-9-10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public worship of God, and that on it, we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy. Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order; those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; I Thes. 3:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to singly engage to promote the honor of God. John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted. Acts 20:21; Tim 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; I Peter 3:21.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table. I Cor. 1:1-11-27-28; John 17:11.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present shall call the Association into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

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

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

9. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

11. Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by the Association will not be entitled to a seat in Conference and we will not seat any minister in this Association that teaches the Baptist of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit.

12. No question from many church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.

13. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

14. When a church has died (had no pastor for two years) the Association has the power to take possession of that church property to protect the welfare of the denomination.

15. The voting body of First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist, shall be ordained ministers, ordained deacons, regularly elected delegates, ministers' wives, and church clerks, who are members of the Free Will Baptist Churches, of said Association in good standing.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Introductor Sermon.

2. House called to order by the Moderator.

3. Letters called for, read and received.

4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.

5. Election of Officers.

6. Petitionary letters called for.

7. Reading Rules of Order.

8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.

9. Appointment of Committees.

10. Unfinished Business.

11. New Business.

12. Reports of Committees.

13. Miscellaneous Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MISSIONS

1. President in charge.
2. Song or songs.
3. Prayer.
4. Leader read Scripture, have prayer and turn the meeting back to the president.
5. Reading minutes of the previous meeting.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. New Business.
10. Reports of sick and needy.
11. Suggestions for good of the Mission.
12. Song and Offering.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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, to 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 one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds 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 of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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 Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to 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 educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the 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.

W. H. P.

1875

June 1st

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