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53rd Annual Session



Convened At
Shawnee, Okla.

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



When Convened at Associational Camp Ground at Shawnee,
Oklahoma, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 17, 18, 1950.



OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Reford Wilson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bailey Wilson, Lexington, Okla.
Clerk, Mildred Cash, Shawnee, Okla.
Assistant Clerk, Tressie Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Treasurer, E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, Okla.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla.....	1946-51
E. C. Ketchem, Shawnee, Okla.....	1950-55
Rev. Vard Wood, Shawnee, Okla.....	1949-53
Rev. E. E. Morris, Oklahoma City.....	1949-52
Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Cromwell.....	1949-52

THURSDAY, AUG. 17, 1950

The Fifty-Third Annual Session of First Oklahoma Association of Free-Will Baptist met at the Camp Ground at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Opened by singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Led by Rev. Reford Wilson. Scripture, Romans 13:1-7, by Rev. E. E. Morris. Prayer by Reverend Morris.

Letters called for: Seminole, Wolf, Henryetta, Minneha, Capitol Hill, Pleasant Grove, Tecumseh, Shawnee, Central Avenue, Pleasant Hill and Spring Hill reporting. Motion to receive same and seat the delegates; right hand of fellowship given delegates while singing "Showers of Blessings."

Rev. Reford Wilson elected moderator by acclamation; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bailey Thompson elected by acclamation; Sister Trula Thompson elected clerk and Barbara Thompson, assistant clerk. Motion made that moderator and assistant moderator appoint committees:

Pulpit committee, John Straughn, Sister Hurst, Sister Nettie Barnette, Sister Davis and Brother Watkins.

Obituary committee, Sister Josie Miller, Sister Lena Wood, Sister Sparks, Barbara Siler and Sister Hunt.

Finance committee: Allen Straughn, Rev. D. H. O'Donnell and Brother Palmer.

Credential committee, Rev. Vard Wood, Rev. E. E. Morris and Brother Will Clark.

Resolution committee, Rev. McPhail, Cecil Blair, Rev. L. Wood, Brother W. Yeager and Philmore Hurst.

Motion made and seconded we give the outgoing officers a vote of thanks. Carried.

Motion to adjourn until 1 p. m. Dismissed in prayer.

Service at 11 o'clock opened by singing "Some Glad Day", led by Trula Thompson.

The moderator introduced Rev. Bailey Thompson as speaker for introductory message. A very inspiring message from Psalms 133, on "Unity With God's People." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Josie Miller.

Service at 1 o'clock opened by singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings," led by Rev. Bailey Thompson. Scripture lesson, Ephesians 4:1-14, by Rev. L. V. Wood. Prayer.

A partial report of the treasurer was given by Brother Ketchem. Brother Ketchem elected treasurer by acclamation.

Nominations were in order for election of members of the executive board; Brother E. C. Ketchem elected by acclamation. Due to resignation of Reford Wilson from executive board, Rev. D. H. O'Donnell was elected to fill same.

Motion made and seconded to receive Sister Trula Thompson's resignation as clerk.

Sister Mildred Cash elected clerk.

Motion to accept Barbara Thompson's resignation as assistant clerk. Sister Tressie Smith elected.

A partial report of finance committee. As to auditing of treasurer's book, that books are in order.

Report of executive board by Rev. Reford Wilson. Motion to accept same carried.

Minutes of third quarterly conference read and accepted.

League report by Tressie Smith. Discussion. As to all phases of report so that each church may understand fully the league report. Motion to accept same carried. Letter from Earlsboro Church read and accepted and delegate seated.

Quarterly meetings for the following year will be as follows: 1st quarterly at Spring Hill, Nov. 16-17.

(2) Feb. 15 and 16 at Central Avenue, Oklahoma City.

(3) May 17-18 at Tecumseh, Okla.

Motion to return to our old form of Thursday and Friday instead of Friday and Saturday for quarterly conferences. Carried.

Rev. W. V. McPhail was elected by acclamation as introductory speaker for 1951 session. Rev. D. H. O'Donnell elected alternate by acclamation. Speaker for first quarterly conference, Rev. Bob Duncan, elected by acclamation. Alternate, Rev. Delbert Akin.

Committee on Divine Service report: Rev. Earl Jensen for the evening message. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. H. C. Sanders of McAlester.

Thursday night service opened by singing "When All God's Singers Get Home," led by Rev. Delbert Akin and Sister Cora Bruce, pianist. Prayer by Brother Grady Henley of Richmond, Calif. Solo by Markey Stevenson. "Pearly White City." Prayer by Rev. Vard Wood. Quartette, "Build Me a Cabin" by Rev. Reford Wilson. Rev. and Mrs. Delbert Akin and Don Ketchem. Solo, "Just a Closer Walk With Thee,"

by Sister Mildred Cash. Moderator introducing Rev. Jansen of McAlester, reading for scripture Peter 1:8-11. Subject, "The Suffering of Christ and the Glory that Shall Follow." A very inspiring message. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Louis Sparks jr.

Friday morning, opened by singing "Close to Thee," led by Rev. Wilson. Phil 3 read by moderator, prayer by Rev. Rex Weatherman. Report of ex-treasurer read and approved. Moderator asks for a business committee. Motion made that he appoint one. Carried. Brother B. C. Wilson, Richard Barbre, Sister Clay Campbell appointed. Auxiliary report read and accepted. Dismissed in prayer by Brother E. C. Ketchem.

Opened at 10:30 by moderator. Partial report of Resolution committee and business committee. Divine committee report, Rev. Rex Weatherman, for the 4 o'clock service.

Motion to adjourn until 1 p. m.

Service at 11 o'clock opened by singing "Some Day" led by Rev. Delbert Akin, pianist, Cora Bruce; prayer by Sister Nettie Barnette. Song, "I'll Make It My Home." Moderator introduced Rev. Weatherman as the speaker of the hour, reading third chapter of Ephesians. An inspiring message on the Spirit of Christ. Song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," led by Brother Delbert Akin. Old-fashioned hand shake given Rev. Weatherman. Dismissed in prayer by Brother B. J. Peters.

Service at 1 o'clock opened by singing "He's a Wonderful Savior," led by Brother Delbert Akin, Sister Cora Bruce, pianist. Scripture lesson, Amos 6:1 read by Brother E. C. Ketchem. Prayer by Brother Delbert Akin.

Nominations declared in order for delegates to state association; Brothers Clarence Bruce, Blair, E. C. Ketchem, and Sister Mildred Cash elected. Alternates, Sisters Tipton, Cora Bruce, Pierce, Wynn and Ray elected. Delegate to national meeting elected. Sister Mildred Cash elected by acclamation.

Motion to send \$25.00 to state association for minutes and expenses carried. Motion to pay clerk and moderator \$10.00 carried.

Credential committee recommended Brother Delbert Akin be ordained to preach the gospel. Brother Lewis Sparks, Albert Hunt and Homer Rogers be licensed to preach the gospel and Brother Ellis Rooks be ordained as deacon.

Resolution committee (No. 1) that association give to Seminole church as much as they can. Carried. (2) That Tecumseh furnish feed on Thursday of association and Seminole Friday, one meal. Carried.

(3) That Woman's Auxiliary be requested to select the speaker for the evening service preceding the convention of quarterly meetings and association. Carried.

(4) That a period of time be given at each quarterly meeting for a report from each of Sunday Schools and for promotion of such work. Carried.

(5) That the churches will feed as listed below: Monday, Shawnee; Tuesday, Central Avenue; Wednesday, Capitol Hill; Thursday, Spring Hill; Friday, Pleasant Hill; Saturday, Wolf; Sunday, basket lunch by everyone; Monday, Minneha and Pleasant Grove; Tuesday, Earlsboro and Henryetta; Wednesday the Ladies Auxiliary will have charge.

Business committee recommends that each of our churches support the work of the Home Mission board, as churches are able. Carried.

Finance committee: We have checked finance from various churches and find \$80.00 for minutes and \$12 for expenses, making a total of \$92.00.

Committee on Divine service report Rev. Earl Jansen to bring the evening message.

Obituary committee reports the following deaths since our last annual session: Brother Layton, Shawnee; Brother Henry Tyson, Capitol Hill; Brother Tom Fry, Brother Barnes and Sister Ida Garrett, Spring Hill; Brother J. D. Davis, Central Avenue; Sister Jean Toole, Pleasant Hill; Sister Maude Pitts, Tecumseh; Brother J. B. Hodges, Ava Mitchell and Brother John Carr of Earlsboro. A moment of silent prayer. Concluded by Rev. A. B. Epperson. Motion to adjourn until 1951 session. Carried. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Reford Wilson.

Ministers report: Rev. E. J. Guinn, Shawnee. Churches pastored, none; number of sermons and miles traveled, unknown; conversions witnessed, 10; baptized, none. Have been called to pastor Wolf church.

Sister Josie Miller: Sermons preached, 15; superintendent of league, teacher of intermediate class at Minneha.

Church Letters

Shawnee: State of religion, good; prayer meeting, good; members received, 11; baptized, 1; dismissed, 4; died, 1. Total membership, 129; Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 90; officers, 4; teachers, 7; paid pastor, \$2,080.00; evangelist, \$200.00; Foreign Missions, \$32.68; buildings and repair, \$139.44; education, \$104.56; publication, \$9.60; Rev. Vard Wood, 129 S. Draper, pastor; Cecil Stephenson, clerk.

Earlsboro: State of religion, good; prayer meeting, fair; total membership, 50; dismissed, 2; deceased, 3; condition of Sunday School, fair; number of pupils, 20; officers, 2; teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$780.00; missions, \$25.00; building and repairs, \$74.63; publication, \$24.59; Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Okla., pastor; Mrs. H. E. Stevenson, clerk.

Tecumseh: State of religion, good; members received, 8; dismissed, 5; deceased, 1; resident members, 54; non-resident members, 36; total members, 90; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; average attendance, good; Sunday School, good; average attendance, 34; paid pastor \$865.00; evangelist, \$75.00; orphanage, \$60.30; insurance on church and parsonage, \$75.13; camp ground, \$9.00; miscellaneous, \$122.67.

Seminole: State of religion, good; members received, 13; dismissed, 2; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; number of officers, 2; teachers, 2; paid pastor \$185.00; foreign missions, \$26.25; Rev. W. H. O'Donnell, pastor, Cromwell, Okla.; Lillian Tipton, clerk.

Minneha: State of religion, good; members received, 18; baptized, none; dismissed, none; total membership, 31; condition of prayer meeting, fair; Sunday School, good; number of pupils, 20; number of officers, 3; teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$253.90; evangelist, \$6.00; foreign missions, \$20.00; camp ground, \$24.00; paid out, \$420.00; pastor, Cecil Harmon, R-1, McCloud; Bonnie Rooks, clerk.

Pleasant Hill: State of religion, fair; members received, none; baptized, none; dismissed, none; died, 1; total membership, 150; condition of prayer meeting good; Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 60; officers, 2; teachers, 5; paid pastor, \$144.00; home missions, \$125.50 Haven't elected pastor or clerk for coming year as yet. Lawton Hurst, moderator; Louise Allen, clerk.

Spring Hill: State of religion, good; members received, 31; number baptized, 21; dismissed, 7; deceased, 3; total, 145; resident, 77; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday School good; average attendance, 76; officers, 3; teachers, 6; paid pastor, \$1,575.00; evangelist, \$215.00; home missions, \$47.89; foreign missions, \$135.14; love offerings, \$108.35; Bebee College, \$128.78; children's home, \$155.56; building and repairs, \$108.95; publication, \$33.59; flowers, \$123.00; pastor, Rev. Charles Sapp, Oklahoma City; Trula Thompson, clerk.

Pleasant Grove: State of religion, good; members received, 10; baptized, 3; dismissed, none; deceased, none; total membership, 29; condition of Sunday School, fair; average number of pupils, 25; officers, 3; teachers, 3; paid pastor, \$115.36; evangelist, \$4.70; building expenses, \$34.09; education, \$8.25; camp ground, \$68.30; children's home, \$40.73; pastor, Rev. V. B. True; clerk, Mary Joy.

Wolf: State of religion, good; Sunday school, good; average attendance, 45; members received, 18; conversions, 8; reclaimed, 5; baptized, 9; dismissed by letter, 5; revivals, 2; deceased, none; paid pastor, \$662.50; evangelist, \$260.00; orphanage, \$60.00; utilities, \$37.96; janitor, \$102.00; foreign missions, \$25.28; building and repairs, \$1205.41; miscellaneous, \$206.96; pastor, Rev. Earl Gunn; clerk, Brother Cecil Siler.

Henryetta: State of religion, good; Sunday School, good; prayer meeting, good; money received, \$1,616.15; paid on church property, \$706.00; children's home, \$29.00; college, \$19.00; foreign missions, \$27.30; First Oklahoma Association, \$19.00. We now owe \$238.00 on our church property. Pastor, W. V. McPhail; Mrs. Loyd Eslick, clerk.

Central Avenue: State of religion, good; members received, 27; baptized, 8; condition of prayer meeting, good; average attendance, 100; number of officers, 5; teachers, 11; paid pastor, \$3195.00; evangelist, \$350.00; home missions, \$382.00; foreign missions, \$533.12; Christian education, \$197.95; publication, \$50.00; orphanage, \$195.00; janitor, \$520.00; United Drys, \$70.00; miscellaneous, \$2,444.41; pastor, Rev. Reford Wilson; Lowell Bates, clerk.

Capitol Hill: State of religion, good; Sunday School, good; average attendance, 130; league, good; average, 40; paid pastor, \$3500.00; building and repairs, \$1,694.51; education, \$346.46; total received, \$5,837.01; paid out, \$5,735.42; members received, 80; baptized, 30; Rev. E. E. Morris, pastor; Lorene Borden, clerk.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The First Oklahoma Association District Auxiliary met at the Camp Ground at Shawnee, Oklahoma, August 16, 1950.

Services were opened by singing "Oh, I Want to See Him," led by Rev. Reford Wilson.

Prayer by Rev. Vard Wood, Shawnee.

The scripture was taken from 2nd Cor. 3:1-6, read by Sister Jean Wilson.

Motion carried that we elect by acclamation. Sister G. A. Pierce, George Ray and Foster O'Donnell for a business committee.

Motion carried that we elect by acclamation. Sister G. A. Pierce, George Ray and Foster O'Donnell were elected for the Business committee.

Motion carried that the president appoint an auditing committee. Those on committee are Sisters Irvin Tate, W. A. Cluck, and J. B. Barnett.

Minutes were read and accepted.

The welcome was given by Sister G. A. Pierce, Shawnee, and the response was given by Sister Foster O'Donnell, Central Avenue, Oklahoma City.

The report on the Manual Study Class was accepted and motion carried that we dismiss the committee.

Report of Presidents as follows:

1st Vice President, Sister G. A. Pierce.

2nd Vice President, Sister Reford Wilson.

There were no reports from 3rd and 4th vice presidents.

5th Vice President, Sister J. B. Barnett.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. A. B. Epperson for recess.

Morning worship services were opened by singing "Amazing Grace."

Prayer by Rev. Lewis Wood, Tecumseh, Okla.

Class song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

A duet by Rev. and Mrs. Reford Wilson, "Hallelujah, What a Savior."

Rev. Reford Wilson brought the message from Romans 11:33-36. His subject was "The Trinity in a Man's Salvation."

Dismissed in prayer by Sister W. A. Cluck for lunch.

Afternoon services were opened by singing "Happy Day."

Scripture was 3rd John and 3rd chapter read by Rev. Lewis Wood.

Prayer by Sister Vard Wood, Shawnee.

Motion carried that we accept the report from the Fellow-

ship Free Will Baptist Mission Auxiliary of Wilburton as information.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(1) We recommend that the Auxiliary give Rev. Rev. Reford Wilson five (5.00) Dollars, as appreciation gift for his services.

Motion carried that we accept this recommendation.

(2) We recommend that this Auxiliary Convention request the State Convention to plan an officers and workers conference for the following year.

Motion carried that we accept this recommendation.

(9) We recommend that the Auxiliary give a standing vote of thanks to the Tecumseh Ladies for their hospitality and very good lunch.

Motion carried that we accept this recommendation.

Motion carried that we elect by acclamation Rev. Vard Wood to bring the message at our next meeting.

Motion carried that we elect Rev. Lewis Wood, alternate.

An oration on Stewardship was given by Miss Georgia Ray, Central Avenue church. She is our contestant in the State Stewardship contest.

The Auditing committee reports that everything balanced.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Election of officers were as follows:

President, Sister Jean Wilson.

1st Vice President, Sister G. A. Pierce.

2nd Vice President, Sister Foster O'Donnell.

3rd Vice President, Sister Irvin Tate.

4th Vice President, Sister Lewis Sparks jr.

5th Vice President, Sister W. A. Cluck.

Secretary-Treasurer, Sister George Haas.

Delegates to our State meeting are: Sisters G. A. Pierce, Shawnee; George Ray, Oklahoma City, and W. V. Wood, Shawnee.

Alternates are: Sisters Foster O'Donnell, Oklahoma City; Lewis Sparks jr., Shawnee; and Irvin Tate, Shawnee.

Motion carried that we give five (5.00) to Association for minutes.

Class song, "Blessed Assurance," as offering of \$6.14 was being taken.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister J. B. Barnett.

Mrs. Reford Wilson, President.

Mrs. George Haas, Secretary.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

From August, 1949, to August, 1950

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward	\$65.99
Co-Labor	72.00
Tithes	31.54
Dues	9.90
Home Missions	2.00
Orphanage	42.00
Superannuation	12.00
F. W. Bible College	24.00
Foreign Missions	3.00
Literature	11.55
Aged Ministers Christmas	15.35
Miscellaneous	15.81
Total Receipts	305.14
Total Disbursements	258.77
Balance in Treasury	46.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Co-Labor	77.00
Orphanage	57.00
Dues	8.00
Tithes—St.	2.35
Superannuation	12.00
Foreign Missions	3.00
Home Missions	2.00
Literature	14.40
Bible College	24.00
Aged Ministers Christmas	15.00
Miscellaneous	44.02
Total Disbursements	258.77

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.

MINUTES OF OUR YEARLY BUSINESS MEETING

August 12, 1950

Minutes of the Leaguers of the First Oklahoma Association when convened at our camp grounds, Shawnee, Oklahoma, August 12, 1950.

We open by singing, "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Yvonne Clark with Retha Kiker at the piano.

Prayer by Brother Dillard Wynn, Capitol Hill.

The reading of the last secretary's report was read and accepted with one correction.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Letters from the Leagues called for.

Letters from the following Leagues read and accepted.

Pleasant Hill—22.

Wolf—21.

Capitol Hill—30 (Sr. 17) (Inter. 13)

Henryetta—9.

Central Avenue—53.

Shawnee—8.

Total tithes for rally, \$13.43.

The report of the Recreation committee read and accepted.

Election of our officers for the next year as follows:

Sponsor, E. C. Ketchum, 1342 E. Whittaker, Shawnee.

President, Dillard Wynn, Oklahoma City.

Vice President, Retha Kiker, R-2, Maud, Okla.

Rec. Sec., Tressie Smith, 614 N. Brauer, Oklahoma City.

Treasurer, Georgia Ray, 741 S.W. 45th, Oklahoma City.

Chorister, Ann Green, 406 Center, Shawnee.

Pianist, Inez Thompson, Lexington.

A motion made and seconded that the President and Vice President appoint a Business committee (carried).

Appointed were Ray Wood, Reford Wilson, E. E. Morris, LaVerne McPhail, Trula Thompson.

League Board:

Sister Jean Wilson, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City.

Brother Reford Wilson, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City.

Brother Vard Wood, 129 S. Draper, Shawnee.

Brother Cecil Siler, Maud, Okla.

Brother W. W. Hunt, Oklahoma City.

Brother E. E. Morris was elected as General Superintendent. Brother Vard Wood was elected as Assistant Superintendent.

Dormitory Sponsors:

Senior—Sisters Smoot and Ketchem.

Junior—Sisters Wilson and Holiday.

Boys—Brother Reford Wilson and Warren Barnette.

A motion and second to adjourn until 1:00 p. m. (carried).

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Ketchem.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Open by singing, "Where He Leads I'll Follow."

Prayer by Brother Dillard Wynn.

A special was sung by a mixed quartet "All Upon the Altar."

Brother Joe Blair took charge and read a scripture and prayer was led by Brother Vard Wood. Joe brought a very inspiring message. His theme was "The Mighty Counselor."

Dismissed in prayer by Dois Borden.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Opened by singing "Ready," led by Brother E. E. Morris with Inez Thompson at the piano.

President Wynn read Psalm 16. Opening prayer led by Brother Vard Wood.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item I—The Business committee recommends that the Youth Camp begin on Monday, August 6, and final adjournment on Tuesday, August 14, with the last day being designated to the business of the League Rally.

A motion and second to accept this recommendation was carried.

Item II—That Sunday, August 12, be designated as "Home Coming Day" for all the churches of the First Oklahoma Association; with each church preparing its own dinner and supper. Motion and second to accept recommendation carried.

Item III—We recommend that on the following churches serve on the following days:

Monday, Shawnee Church; Tuesday, Central Avenue; Wednesday, Capitol Hill; Thursday, Spring Hill; Friday, Pleasant Hill; Saturday, Wolf; Sunday (Home Coming Day); Monday, Minneha and Pleasant Grove; Tuesday, Earlsboro and Henryetta.

Motion and second that we accept the recommendation carried.

Item IV—We recommend that Damon C. Dodd and Luther Gibson be invited to serve as instructors and evangelists for the Youth Camp.

Motion and second we accept the recommendation carried.

Item V—We recommend a three \$3.00 Dollars registration fee for each pupil enrolling in the Youth Camp.

Motion and second we accept recommendation carried.

Item VI—We recommend that each League be requested to contribute Five (\$5.00) Dollars each month for the financing of the Youth Camp program.

Motion and second we accept the recommendation carried.

Brother E. C. Ketchem requested that the Corresponding Secretary send the name of the treasurer to every League.

A motion and second that the President appoint the auditing committee. Committee was Joe Blair, Dayle Baker and Georgia Ray.

Motion made and seconded that First League Rally be held 5th Sunday in October; Second Rally, 4th Sunday in January; Third Rally held 5th Sunday in April.

The Rallies will be as follows:

October 29, 1950—Wolf.

January 28, 1951—Central Avenue.

April 29, 1951—Shawnee.

A motion was made and seconded that we elect a speaker for the rally at Wolf. Carried.

Reford Wilson elected, with Lonnie DaVault as alternate.

Election to give the Response to Welcome at Wolf is Wilena Holiday.

A motion made and seconded that we give Brother Warren Barnett a love offering of \$25.00. Carried.

Sister Trula Thompson turned in her resignation. A motion and second that we accept it. Carried. Brother W. W. Hunt was elected to fill her position.

A financial report covering the expenses of the rally was read and accepted.

A rising vote of thanks was given for Brother Ketchem.

A report of the auditing committee was read and accepted.

A motion was made and seconded that the treasurer be authorized to pay Lonnie DaVault for the Banners.

A motion was made and seconded that the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to buy all the Banners for the ensuing year.

The Attendance Banner for the past year of 1949 presented to the Pleasant Hill League.

The Program Banner of 1950 was presented to Central Avenue.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the out-going officers.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother E. E. Morris.

We are very happy to report that every unsaved person that came to Youth Camp was saved before they left.

Dillard Wynn, President.

Tressie Smith, Secretary.

MINNEHA CHURCH

Nov. 18, 1949.

First Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist of First Oklahoma Association opened by singing "His Way With Thee" led by Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. Charles Sapp, pianist. Song, "Oh, Happy Day." Altar of prayer led by Rev. E. E. Morris. Letters called for. Shawnee, Capitol Hill, Spring Hill, Pleasant Grove, Seminole, Earlsboro, Pleasant Hill and Minneha reporting. Letters read and accepted, delegates given right hand of fellowship while singing "When I Can Read My Title Clear." Tecumseh letter read and approved.

Election of assistant moderator. Rev. E. E. Morris elected. Petitionary letters called for. None. Motion and second that moderator appoint committees. Carried. Wolf letter read, accepted and delegates seated. Business committee appointed as follows: Rev. Vard Wood, Shawnee, Rev. Charles Sapp, Spring Hill, Rev. A. B. Epperson, Tecumseh, Rev. B. C. Munkus of Pleasant Hill, and Brother White of Wolf.

Central Avenue letter read and accepted and delegates seated. Reading of minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved. Report by Rev. E. E. Morris on Camp Ground expansion as to planning of cabin sites and building another girls dormitory.

Business committee reported that our attorney asked for a motion and second as to the sale of our North View property. Motion made by Rev. B. C. Munkus, second by Brother P. W. Deweber. Carried by a unanimous vote of 45.

Rev. Perry Argo asked for someone to follow him at the 11 o'clock service. Rev. L. V. Woods elected. Motion to adjourn until 1 o'clock. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing "Blessed Assurance," led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. Rev. Perry Argo introduced by moderator to bring the morning message. Rev. Argo read Romans 6:23 and John 5:28-29 for scripture lesson, using for subject "Six Facts the Unsaved Must Face." An interesting and inspiring message. Rev. L. V. Woods following using for a text "If a Man Dies, Shall He Live Again?" Dismissed in prayer and thanks offering by Brother White of Wolf.

Meeting opened at 1 o'clock by singing "Some Day," led by Mrs. Floyd Cash, Rev. Sapp, pianist. Scripture lesson 32nd Psalm and prayer by Rev. Sapp. Election for a chairman of Caretakers committee to replace Rev. Wade Jernigan. Rev. Morris elected speaker for Second Quarterly Conference. Rev. John Nunnely elected, Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, alternate. Song, "After Death, What Then?" by Brother and Sister Nunley. Solo, "Home Coming Week" by the Duncan Brothers. Duet, "Living For Jesus," Sisters Rork and Harmon. Talk by Rev. Morris on our Camp Ground Care Takers Program and plan for each church pertaining to same. Sister Nettie Barnette presented our Christmas program for our Children's Home.

The Business committee recommends a standing vote of thanks to the Minneha Church for their hospitality. Brother H. D. Hollingsworth ordained as deacon of Minneha church. Rev. Morris giving the charge and Rev. Vard Wood and Rev. A. B. Epperson on the Ordaining Council. Ordination prayer by Rev. Wood. Deacons and ministers at altar of prayer. Song, "What a Friend," right hand of fellowship given Brother Hollingsworth.

Credentials committee recommended Brother Hollingsworth as deacon of Minneha church and Rev. Carl Waddel for license to preach gospel until Association, and Brother J. R. Hall for ordination to preach the gospel. Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Morris.

Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Moderator,
Mildred Cash, Clerk.

Feb. 17, 1950, Wolf, Okla.

The Second Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist of First Oklahoma Association met with Wolf church. Opened by singing "Stand Up For Jesus," led by Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Rev. Sapp, pianist. Devotion and prayer by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Letters called for. Tecumseh, Earlsboro, Wolf, Spring

Hill, Seminole, Pleasant Hill, Shawnee, Capitol Hill reporting. Letters read and accepted; right hand of fellowship given delegates. Clerk pro tem elected. Brother E. C. Ketchem elected and Rev. Charles Sapp appointed assistant clerk by Moderator.

Minutes of last quarterly meeting read and accepted. Letters read and accepted and delegates seated from Central Avenue and Pleasant Grove churches. Motion made to accept resignation of Sister Mildred Cash as treasurer carried, and Brother E. C. Ketchem was elected as treasurer by acclamation. Motion made that moderator and assistant moderator appoint business committee. Carried. Rev. W. A. Land, Rev. Lewis Woods, Rev. Earl Guinn, Brother B. C. Wilson and H. Armstrong appointed. Motion to adjourn until 1 p. m. Dismissed in prayer.

11 o'clock service opened by singing "He's a Wonderful Savior to Me," led by Rev. Reford Wilson; prayer by Rev. A. B. Epperson. Special number in song by Rev. and Mrs. R. Wilson, Rev. D. H. O'Donnell and Wade Jernigan. Rev. John Nunley brought the morning message, using as a text, "The Judgment," Rev. 20:11, followed by Rev. E. E. Morris. God richly blessed our hungry souls in this message. Dismissed by Rev. Charles Sapp.

1:30 p. m. Service opened by singing "I'll Make It My Home"; led by Brother B. C. Wilson. Report from Business committee; (1) We recommend that the Quarterly Meeting Minutes be printed in the Yearly Minutes. Motion carried to accept same; (2) That we change our Quarterly Meeting dates from Thursday and Friday to Friday and Saturday. Carried. (3) We, your Business committee, recommend some action be taken to stop a Dr. Nevils, whom we understand is preaching in the name of Free Will Baptist and teaching things we do not approve or sanction and that he is not recognized with any of our ministerial orders or associations. Motion carried that we empower Executive Board to take such action as necessary. (4) That the moderator appoint an Auditing committee to audit the out-going treasurer's books. Rev. Vard Wood, Rev. Lewis Wood and Rev. A. B. Epperson appointed.

We, the Credential committee, recommend: (1) That in the future any boys who are still in school will not be ordained unless they have pastoral care of a church. Carried. (2) The ordination of Joe Blair and Roy Waddell, and licensing of Philmore Hurst to preach the gospel. Brother E. C. Ketchem, chairman of Caretakers Home committee, reports that a three-

room house has been purchased at the cost of \$850.00, and would be moved on camp ground soon. Motion made that we set March 4 as work day at Camp Ground to lay gas and water lines, lay foundation for house and paint other buildings. Carried.

League report: Brother E. C. Ketchem, sponsor for First Oklahoma Association, reports that League work is moving forward for God. On January 29, 1950, the Leaguers met with Capitol Hill Church for the second rally of the year. The house could not hold the people, some 511 registering. God blessed by the saving of two souls at the preaching hour. The League paid their pledge of \$400.00 on Caretaker's home. Also paid \$100.00 left from Youth Camp to build a girls dormitory.

Brother and Sister Ketchem have resigned as sponsors of their home League at Shawnee, and are working among Leagues of the Association at present, and plan visiting state Leagues as Brother Ketchem is state sponsor.

Reading "Diary of the Bible," given by Sister Ketchem. Brother Bob Duncan was elected to bring the introductory message at next quarterly conference; alternate, Brother Roy Waddell.

Business committee recommends a standing vote of thanks to Wolf church for their hospitality. Dismissed in prayer.

Rev. D. H. O'Donnell, Moderator.

E. C. Ketchem, Clerk Pro Tem.

May 20, 1950, Spring Hill.

The Third Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist of First Oklahoma Association met with Spring Hill church, opened by singing "Take The Name of Jesus," led by Rev. Reford Wilson; Jean Wilson, pianist. Scripture lesson, Matthew 17:17; prayer by Rev. Vard Wood. Letters called for, Shawnee Capitol Hill and Spring Hill read and accepted, and delegates seated.

Motion made that moderator appoint assistant moderator. Rev. Reford Wilson appointed. Visiting brothers invited to seat with us in council. Rev. Borders of Ohio introduced. Motion that moderator appoint Business Committee. Carried. Rev. Roy Waddell, Rev. Louis Wood, and Brothers Homer Pierson, E. C. Ketchum and Henry O'Donnell appointed. Minutes of last Quarterly meeting read and accepted.

Report of Executive Board: That Dr. Nevell was found orthodox in belief and he was going to another state to organize a Free Will Baptist Church. Report information on Camp Ground activities and purchases. Motion to adjourn. Dismissed

in prayer by Brother Homer Pierson until 1 p. m.

11 o'clock service opened by singing "When We All Get to Heaven" led by Rev. Reford Wilson, Jean Wilson, pianist. Duet, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," by Pat Griffin and William Holliday, pianist, Doris Borden.

Special number, "Is Your All on the Altar?" by Rev. and Mrs. Reford Wilson. Moderator introducing Rev. Roy Waddell as speaker of the hour. Reading, John 14:1-15, using for subject, "How Can We Know the Way?" An inspiring message on love of God. Short talk on State League Rally, as to date and preparation. Dismissed in prayer, and offering of thanks, by Brother E. C. Ketchem.

1 o'clock service opened by singing "Kneel at the Altar," led by Mildred Cash, Jean Wilson, pianist; prayer by Rev. W. A. Land. Letters from Minneha and Tecumseh Church read and oral report from Central Avenue accepted and delegates seated.

We, the Credentials committee, recommend Brother Allen Straughn be ordained as deacon and Brother Carl Waddell and Bob Duncan be ordained to preach the gospel.

Business committee report: (1) In order to meet the monthly payment on Camp Ground improvements, Be it resolved; that each church send monthly to the treasurer an equal amount of 10 cents per resident member. Carried.

(2) That this Quarterly Meeting set a fee of \$3.00 each for those attending 1950 Youth Camp. Carried.

(3) That any money left from Youth Camp be given the Association to apply on purchase of girls dormitory. Carried.

Ordination of Brother Allen Straughn for deacon. Charge given by Rev. E. E. Morris. Ordaining council, Brothers Van Winkle, B. C. Wilson, and J. D. Anderson. Altar prayer by all ordained deacons and ministers led by Rev. Morris.

Duet by Brother and Sister Bob Duncan, "When the Blood Stained the Old Rugged Cross." Song by Duncan Twins, Ronnie and Donnie. "I Just Steal Away." Quartet by Brother Bailey Thompson, Sister Simpson, Opal Straughn and Trula Thompson, "Looking For a City."

Congregational song, "I'll Live in Glory," led by Brother B. C. Wilson.

Talk by Rev. Wilson as to statistical report blanks he had sent to the various churches.

Quartet, "I'm a Millionaire," by Spring Hill junior quartet.

Song, "Home Coming Week" by Mildred Cash. Motion made and seconded we give Spring Hill a rising vote of thanks

for their hospitality. Carried.

Solo, "He'll Understand," by Brother Bailey Wilson. Congregational song and handshake.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Congregation with special prayer for Brother Tom Fry.

Rev. E. E. Morris, Moderator,
Mildred Cash, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16-17; II 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; I 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 the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. Matt. 25:46.

6. That He that shall endure to the end the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:13; Rev. 2:10.

7. That baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saint's 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.

12. 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. Motion 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 any 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

1. Introductory 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.

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.

