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MINUTES
OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



CANAAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting



Corrections and Changes In
Constitution and By-Laws Of
State Association

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Friday Morning, June 28, 1963

Congregational Singing: "Praise Him, Praise Him" directed by Rev. Leon McBride.

Prayer: Rev. Melvin Oathout.

Devotions: Rev. Everett Beaty, Luke 11:1.

Rev. Lawrence Thompson brought greetings from the State of Iowa.

Foreign Missions Report given by the Rev. Leon McBride: "First of all, let me say, as foreign missions director of Illinois, I appreciate the interest shown by our churches in supporting missions regularly through the cooperative plan.

"Since we cannot, for various reasons, attain the goal of giving through the regular channels, MISSIONARY CONFERENCES became a necessity as well as a wonderful privilege. It is through personal contact with our missionaries that we become better acquainted with their problems, blessings, and needs. Therefore, we feel much closer to the work and naturally are more willing to support it.

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"On December 14, 15, and 16, 1962, a conference was planned with Rev. Dan Merkh and Rev. Rufus Coffey as the speakers. Rev. Dan Cronk was the speaker at our March youth rally and was also teacher of Missions at our annual youth encampment. We commend you highly on your giving at these various meetings and trust you will continue and even do better. We cannot commend you so highly on your attendance at the conference in December, and possibly that was my fault in that I couldn't schedule the conference at a more favorable time, and I wasn't entirely to blame for that. After a consultation with our National missions director we thought possibly it would be better to plan a series of conferences throughout the state instead of one central conference as it has been for the past few years. We felt that each church would receive a more direct benefit spiritually since all the members of the church would have the opportunity to hear and fellowship with our missionaries.

"The major part of this planning is complete with 15 churches in So. Illinois having conferences. There should be a conference near you and you should check for time and place so that your church might join with the one having the conference and thereby all churches can be edified and our missionary influence extended. The dates and places for the conferences are as follows:

August 25-28—

Arnold View; Harmony, W. F.; Union Grove; and Johnston City.

August 29—September 1—

Pleasant View; Mt. Vernon; Webbs Prairie; and Bakerville.

September 2-5—

Hazel Dell; Bear Point; Waltonville; Nason.

September 6-8—

Salem; Blue Point; Oak Valley.

"At this time I am trying to secure missionaries and a time for the churches in northern Illinois.

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We might pray together to this end. The total amount given during the conference in December was \$781.39. Even though we exceeded our quota for 1961 we fell short of our quota in 1962. We hope you will respond well this year and we can again at least reach our goal of \$11,000.00.

"It has been my privilege and my blessing to serve you these past 4 years and I trust that in some way I have been a blessing to you and your churches. My request is that you do not forget to pray for me, that I might remain faithful to my calling in Christ Jesus."

Leon McBride

Your Foreign Missions Director

Dismissed for recess.

Benediction: Rev. C. A. Curry.

The 1963 business session was called to order by Moderator Claude Hampleman. The Moderator appointed a Credentials Committee: Rev. Leon McBride, Clarence Buster, and Rev. E. Beaty.

Reading of letters from Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting and Canaan District Association. (Canaan delegates were seated although the letter was not received).

Motion and second that delegates be seated—carried.

Motion to remove from table and adopt item 13 of the Business Committees report from last year that concerns the change of dates of the fiscal year of this association—carried.

Motion to place on table an amendment to Section 1, Art. XI of the Constitution—carried.

Greetings were read from Rev. Reford Wilson, National Foreign Missions Director and Rev. Homer Willis, Home Missions Director.

The Moderator appointed the following committees.

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Nominating Committee:

Floyd Hartley, Arthur Jones and Irene Sullivan.

Auditing Committee:

Lucille Merkel, Leslie Elliott, Wallace Malone.

Necrology Committee:

A. E. Drennan, Mrs. William Buster, Paul Conner.

Business Committee:

David Shores, Elmer Turnbough, Geraldine Lewis.

The State Woman's Auxiliary report given by Donna Tucker.

President: Emily Malone.

Number of Auxiliaries reporting: 11.

Number of A-1 Standard Auxiliaries: 1.

Number of B Standard Auxiliaries: 1.

I. Enlistment Department:

1. Enrollment at beginning of convention year 172. Present enrollment 174.

2. Number new members 17. Number lost 15. Average attendance 120.

II. Youth Department:

1. Number Youth Organizations: G.T.A. 5. Y. P. A. 3. Missionary Midgets 1.

2. Total memberships G.T.A. 54. Y.P.A. 47. Missionary Midgets 11.

3. Number Mission Declamation Contests Held—none.

4. Number active Church Libraries 2.

5. Number Vacation Bible Schools assisted in 7.

6. Number Bible College students assisted 7.

7. Number Essay Contests held—none.

8. Other activities 8.

III. Study Course Department:

1. Courses conducted: Missions 2, Stewardship 3, Manual 2, Evangelism 2, Prayer 1.

2. Reading Circles—none.

3. Number Daily Bible readers 51.

IV. Personal Service Department:

1. Number special Soul winning efforts 104.

2. Number Souls won 2.

3. Number active in Community Missions 71.

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4. Total value of contributions to Childrens Home \$6.30.

V. Program-Prayer Department:

1. Number special programs held 1.
2. Number weeks of Prayer conducted 10.
3. Total amount Self-Denial offering resulting from weeks of Prayer \$90.18.
4. Total number Family Altars 36.
5. Total members observing Prayer Fellowship—33.

VI. Publicity Department:

1. Number subscribers of Free Will Baptist Papers 85.
2. Number articles written for publication 15.
3. Other publicity work done 6.

VII. Personal Gifts:

Special Offerings (one district only) --	\$105.25
Missions (one district only) -----	582.08
Free Will Baptist Bible College -----	105.83
Childrens Home -----	29.67
Superannuation-Co-Laborer -----	39.13
Other -----	478.99

Officers for the coming year are as follows:

President: Maxine Hicks.

Vice President: Mable Kettelman.

Recording Secretary: Donna Tucker.

Assistant Recording Secretary: Pauline Hawley.

Corresponding Secretary: Earlene Galloway.

Treasurer: Alene Spann.

Field Worker: Betty Hampleman.

Youth Chairman: Ella Mae Hiltibidle.

Study Course Chairman: Erma Forrest.

Stewardship Prayer Chairman: Thelma Webb.

Personal Service Chairman: Reba Ritter.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tucker, Secretary

Rt. 1, Mulkeytown, Illinois

Treasurer's report of the Woman's Auxiliary was given by the treasurer, Alene Spann.

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I. Stewardship of Possessions:

Number of Auxiliary members contributing to Missions 143.

Number of tithers on roll at beginning of Convention year 89.

Number of tithers as a result of Stewardship Study Courses 6.

Number of new tithers this convention year 11.

Present number of tithers 94.

II. Financial Report:

Amount of offering sent to W. N. A. C. Co-Laborer Fund \$76.91.

Amount of offering sent to Student Loan Fund—\$25.00.

Amount of Easter offering for Foreign Missions—\$137.26.

Amount of Thanksgiving offering for State Home Missions \$87.55.

Amount of Christmas offering for National Home Missions \$277.95.

Cash gifts to orphanage \$61.48.

Value of boxes to orphanage.

Cash gifts to Free Will Baptist Bible College—\$101.48.

Total gifts to Missions sent to W.N.A.C. Treasurer this convention year: by Woman's Auxiliary \$624.53; by G. T.A.'s \$34.50; by Y.P.A.'s \$53.00; cash gifts to aged ministers \$10.00.

Total per Capita representation fee sent to W.N.A.C. Treasurer this convention year: by Woman's Auxiliary \$32.60; by Y.P.A.'s (14-18 years) \$4.80.

Total amount spent for auxiliary literature—\$245.60.

Total amount spent this convention year for local church activities \$504.87.

Respectfully submitted,
Alene Spann, Treasurer, Sesser, Illinois
Signed by: State Recording Secretary,
Donna Tucker

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Motion made and second that both reports be accepted—carried.

Motion and second to accept Foreign Missions report—carried.

The Association was recessed for Morning Worship.

Friday Morning Worship Service

Congregational Singing: "The Cleansing Stream."

Prayer: Rev. Wallace Malone.

Song: "Wonderful Words of Life".

Sermon: "If my People Pray My People Will Witness Unto All Nations", Matt. 24:14, by Rev.

C. J. Kettelman.

Benediction.

Friday Afternoon

Congregational Singing: "Nothing But the Blood".

Devotion and Prayer: Rev. Lawrence Thompson.

Reading of the minutes of the Executive Board:

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by the clerk and led in prayer by Rev. Clifford Hicks. In the absence of the Chairman, Rev. Cecil Walker was selected to serve in this capacity for this meeting. Bro. Bill Waggoner was seated as proxy for Rev. Claude Hampleman. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Motion sustained that the reports of Hazel Buick, Dewey Merritt, and Les Elliott be accepted and cards of good standing be granted.

Motion sustained that the clerk write to the clerk of the South Central Quarterly Meeting asking for the action taken in regards to the request of Ernest Taylor and that Exhorter's

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License be granted upon receipt of the proper information.

Motion sustained that the cases of Revs. Sherman and Irene Sullivan be tabled pending further information.

Motion sustained that the Executive Board select someone to fill the vacancy created on the Home Mission Board when the Rev. Lawrence Thompson leaves the State of Illinois and that he serve until the meeting of the State Association. Rev. Jesse Allen and Rev. Albert Bays were nominated to serve in this capacity. Motion sustained that nominations cease and that we proceed to elect. Rev. Jesse Allen was duly elected with a vote of five (5) votes to one (1).

Motion sustained that we call a meeting with the Examining Boards of the Northern Quarterly, East Central Quarterly, West Central Quarterly, and the South Central Quarterly Meetings on Saturday, December 8, 1962, at 6 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of setting up a uniform study course.

Motion sustained that the next regular meeting of the Executive Board be on January 8, 1963 at 7 o'clock P. M.

Motion sustained that the report of the Promotional Secretary be accepted for the quarter's work of July-September. Motion sustained that the recommendation of Rev. George W. Waggoner be removed from the table and be read to the Executive Board.

Motion sustained that the Executive Board comply with the request of the Promotional Secretary changing the original agreement on mileage from 35 miles to 25 miles and making the maximum \$75.00 instead of the original \$40.00 per quarter beginning with the third quarter's work.

Motion sustained that we adjourn.

The second meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by Rev. Floyd Hartley who led in prayer. Neal Sulcer was seated as proxy for Claude (Eight)

Hampleman and Jesse Webb was seated as proxy for Paul Sulcer.

Rev. Floyd Hartley resigned as Chairman of the Executive Board. Motion sustained that this resignation be accepted. Nominations were now in order for a Chairman of the Executive Board.

Placed in nomination was Rev. Everett Beaty. Motion sustained that nominations cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation. Beaty elected.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Motion sustained that we call a meeting of all the Examining Boards and the Executive Board on January 26, 1963 at 6 o'clock P. M. at the Administration Building in Benton, Illinois.

Motion sustained that in order for the Newsletter Fund to be increased sufficiently that our Promotional Secretary give a report in the next Newsletter and make an appeal for additional funds.

The report of the Promotional Secretary was then given. Motion sustained that this report be accepted and that we commend him for his work for the last quarter.

Motion sustained that the recommendation for the "CHURCH-OF-THE-QUARTER plan be adopted beginning with the quarter of February, March, and April.

Motion sustained that the regular meeting dates of the Executive Board be changed to March, June, September, and December, beginning with the month of June.

Rev. Waggoner then gave a report of the Headquarters Drive as information.

The Promotional Secretary then gave a report of the meeting of the Examining Boards and also reported the action taken at the West Central Quarterly was in his opinion, repugnant to the By-Laws and Constitution of the Illinois State

Association of Free Will Baptists.

Raymond Capps and Jerry Norris were recommended by the West Central Quarterly for Exhorter's License.

Motion sustained that we table the request of the West Central Quarterly and the clerk advise by letter the clerk of this Quarterly of this action pending further study of Article 5 of the By-Laws of the West Central Quarterly based on the action taken at the November Quarterly regarding such article.

Motion sustained that the recommendation of the South Central Quarterly be adopted and that credentials be issued to Rev. Zenas Sullivan.

Motion sustained that we be adjourned.

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by Chairman Beaty and led in prayer by Rev. George Ritter. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Rev. Oran Kersh was seated as proxy for Rev. Paul Sulcer.

Three quarterlies were represented as the meeting of the Examining Boards and the Executive Board as follows: Proxy Oran Kersh, Rev. George W. Waggoner, and Rev. Clifford Hicks from the East Central Quarterly; Rev. Floyd Kash and Proxy Elmer Turnbough from the West Central Quarterly.

Motion sustained that the meeting of the Executive Board be adjourned until after the joint meeting since the purpose of the Executive Board was to call the meeting to order.

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by Chairman Beaty. Rev. Floyd Hartley then gave a report of the West Central Quarterly Minister's Meeting which was called to discuss and arrive at a solution to the problem existing in the changed By-Laws of said Quarterly. The West Central Quarterly Ministers made the proposed change in the Constitution of the West Central

Quarterly Meeting: "When complied with the State Association Constitution and By-Laws of which this Quarterly Meeting is a member."

After much discussion the Executive Board expressed their opinion that they were in agreement with the proposed change. Motion sustained that the Executive Board go on record as being in agreement with the proposed change. Those voting for the motion were Cecil Walker, Leon McBride who had been seated as proxy for Rev. Ritter, Chairman Everett Beaty, Gene Norris, Claude Hampleman, Clifford Hicks, and Floyd Hartley.

Chairman Beaty then presented the change made in Article II of the Constitution for discussion.

Due to the vacancy left on the Board by the death of Rev. Paul Sulcer, Rev. Howard Flota was elected by the Executive Board to fill the vacancy.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order with the following present: Gene Norris, Howard Flota, Clifford Hicks, George Ritter, Everett Beaty, Floyd Hartley, and Neal Sulcer as proxy for Claude Hampleman.

Discussion on the proposed change in the Constitution of the West Central Quarterly and its effect and outcome.

Motion sustained that credentials be issued to Rev. Bob Stone.

The Promotional Secretary gave his regular quarterly report. Motion sustained that this report be accepted and thank our Promotional Secretary for his work and pay the mileage due.

There was much discussion on the condition of the State Association and its members.

Motion sustained that Rev. Beaty serve as treasurer of the Newsletter Fund as the present treasurer A. E. Norris is moving to Missouri.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

The meeting of the Executive Board was called to order at the Tabernacle at 7:30 P. M., June 6 by Chairman Everett Beaty. Present were Clifford

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Hicks, Howard Flota, Cecil Walker, and Claude Hampleman (besides Everett Beatty). Motion MSC to seat Leon McBride as proxy for George Ritter and C. J. Kettelman as proxy for A. E. Norris.

Motion MSC to appoint George W. Waggoner as secretary protem.

Motion MSC to notify churches that the menu for State Association be salads, sandwiches, desserts and drink.

Motion MSC to accept the report of the Promotional Secretary and approve the mileage allowance.

Motion MSC to have the Promotional Secretary design and have printed needed certificates for the Church-of-the-Quarter Awards.

Motion MSC to recommend that the 10-10-10 Program be continued and suitable recognition or awards be given.

Motion MSC to pay bill for paper and supplies amounting to \$48.53.

Motion MSC to have Promotional Secretary total and announce winner of the Church-of-the-Quarter for the quarter just passed, ending April 30.

Motion MSC to notify ministers of the West Central Quarterly that for the sake of harmony that the Board would recommend a change in the Constitution, Article II, Section 1 to read:

"This State Association recognizes the right of any quarterly meeting, which is a member of this body by virtue of its being a member of a district association or a yearly meeting which composes this body, to license and ordain ministers, and will issue ministers' certificates upon request of said quarterly meeting."

Motion MSC to adjourn.

Motion and second to accept this report. Carried.
Report of the Auditing Committee.

"We the Auditing Committee have examined
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the books and have found them balanced and in order.

Signed: Mrs. Lucille Merkel, Leslie C. Elliott and Wallace Malone

Motion and second to accept this report. Carried.

Report of the Bible College.

An attempt was made to continue Bible classes at the Administration Building during the fall of 1962. Only two registered and the attempt was dropped. During the winter of 1963 another attempt was made to continue Bible School at Johnston City F. W. B. Church. This failed because of lack of interest. Perhaps the Christian Education Commission can suggest a different plan than the present to continue the Educational program.

Claude Hampleman

Motion and second to accept this report. Carried.

Report of Sunday School Alliance and Youth Camp.

The past year has been another successful year for the Alliance and Youth Camp. Youth Camp 1962 was conducted July 16th thru the 27th. A total of 182 children registered at both Junior and Senior Camps. There were also 34 personnel and workers. The income was \$1,785.31. Disbursements were \$1,603.22. Campers Insurance and other expenses such as lights, gas, water and telephone bills were paid out of Alliance General Fund. Our 1962 Camp Director was Rev. Elmer Turnbough. Our missionaries were Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk the first week and Rev. Dave Franks the second week. Our Evangelist was Rev. Tom Malone.

Our 1963 camp will be conducted from July 1st thru July 13th. Junior camp from the 1st to the 5th and Senior camp from the 6th to the 13th. Evangelist for both camps will be the Rev. James Earl Raper. Our director will be the Rev. Elmer Turnbough. Our deans are Mr. Neal Sulcer and Mrs. Reba Ritter for Junior camp and for Senior camp Rev. Leslie Elliott and Mrs. Emma Moore.

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The teachers will be Mrs. Raper, Mrs. Earlene Galloway, Rev. Jerry Norris, Rev. Tom Malone, Mrs. Eddie Hollis, and Rev. George Waggoner. Recreational director for Junior camp is Rev. David Shores and for Senior camp are Rev. Jerry Norris and Rev. Tom Malone. We have contacted Rev. Bobby Jackson as Evangelist for our 1964 camp and are thankful that he can come. We are trusting that through God's leadership and blessings that this years' camp and also 1964 will be a blessing and inspiration to all our people and win many boys and girls to Christ.

Clifford Hicks

Motion and second to accept this report. Carried.

Report of the 1962 National Association.

Information was scattered.

Nomination was opened for Clerk. Rev. Tom Malone and Rev. George Waggoner were nominated. Tom Malone elected as Clerk and George Waggoner as his assistant.

Newsletter Fund report was received as information.

Partial report of the Business Committee.

Motion and second that we adopt this report for consideration. "We the business committee make the following recommendations. Item 1. We recommend that the State Association pay the expenses of the State Promotional Secretary to the National Association each year. Item 2. We recommend that the Corporation Seal of the Illinois State Association be affixed to all Ministers Annual Certificates issued by the State Association Clerk. Item 3. We recommend that a permanent business committee be established by this Association. This committee shall consist of three (3) members elected by this body to 3, 2, and 1 year terms and thereafter elected for a term of three years."

David Shores, Geraldine Lewis, Elmer Turnbough
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Motion and second that we adopt item one with an amendment to the motion to read: "Not to exceed \$200.00 each year." This amendment lost. Another amendment to main motion to add "Each year" was carried. Main motion carried.

Motion and second to adopt item two. Carried.

Motion and second that we adopt item three. Motion withdrawn. Motion to table item 3. Carried.

Partial report of the Credentials Committee.

"We the Credential Committee have examined the following ministers reports and find them worthy of cards of good standing. Claude Hampleman; Bernice Goddard; Leo K. Grider; Guy E. Terry; C. A. Curry; Clyde Gulley; Byford Campbell; Cecil Walker; Henry E. Taylor, Licensed; Janice Blades; James F. Coulson, Jr.; George E. Ritter; Leon McBride; Thomas E. Baine, Licensed; C. J. Kettelman; Johnnie Holmes; Bob R. Stone, Licensed; Zenas Sullivan, Licensed; Dwight Dame; Thomas Marlow; William Buster; Charles Waggoner; Gilbert King; Vivian Dunning; Geraldine Lewis; Clinton Potter; Vivian Otterson, Licensed; Roy Otterson, Licensed; James Boggs; Stanley Mooneyham; Marshall Hamilton; Charles Osborn; James O. Butcher; Hazel Buick; Major Wilson Bailey, and Pauline Sullivan. We the Credential Committee have examined the following minister's report and recommend that the Southern Illinois Yearly recommendation in her behalf be granted." Irene Sullivan.

Leon McBride, Everett Beaty, Clarence Buster

Motion and second that we grant these cards of good standing. Carried.

Motion and second that we adjourn until 7:30 tonight. Carried.

Friday Evening Service

Congregational Singing: "Higher Ground"

Prayer: Bro. Norman Curry.

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Congregational Singing: "To The Work", "Wonderful Words of Life", "The Light of the World is Jesus", and "My Saviour First of All".

Prayer: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Special Singing: Johnston City Choir.

Sermon: Rev. W. Buster, Pastor of Aurora Free Will Baptist Church. Matthew 18:12, "If My People Pray My People Will Seek Those Gone Astray".

Benediction.

Saturday Morning, June 29

Congregational Singing: "Showers of Blessings."

Prayer and Devotions: Rev. Byford Campbell.

Reading of the Canaan District Report.

Motion and second that this report be accepted. Carried.

Motion and second that Mrs. Flora Ward, delegate from the Aurora Church, be seated. Carried.

Report of Promotional Secretary.

Rev. George Waggoner.

This year has been a very fruitful one from many viewpoints. Looking at the accomplishments as a whole, we believe this has been the best year ever for Illinois Free Will Baptists. There are some really bright spots in our state, a few discouraging ones, and other places that are "lukewarm."

Church Services

In the ten months period we visited all churches of the State Association except two. Many were visited more than once, a total of 79 "promotional services." We had services in four churches not in the State Association. We also attended one or more sessions of each of the State's four quarterly meetings. Services include preaching, teaching, reports of our work and challenges to help, colored slides, Filmstrips, and a 16MM religious film. Most of the churches in the state are co-operating in our efforts.

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Other Services.

NEWSLETTERS No 34-47 were printed and distributed. These go to some 1200 families. We began a new service bulletin called "The Pastor's Notebook", giving some practical information and help to ministers.

The 10-10-10 Program was promoted.

This is an effort to get: (1) an increase of 10% in Sunday School attendance; (2) a number saved equal to 10% of the Sunday School attendance; and (3) each church to tithe its income to Denominational work (state national, and worldwide). Certificates will be issued to each participating church.

A New Church-of-the-Quarter Program was begun.

The outstanding church in Illinois is selected each quarter on the basis of church reports. The first award was given to Johnston City Church for the February, March, April quarter.

Our contacts for fellowship with Negro Free Will Baptists were continued. These have been encouraging, especially in view of the race problems in our country today.

National Efforts.

Illinois was the first state to top the suggested quota toward building a new National Association Headquarters Building. Cash and pledges amounted to \$4,884.00. The quota was \$3,800.00. We are grateful to each one who helped in any way.

Nearly all of our churches are now using Sunday School literature printed by our National Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee. We encourage all churches to do so.

Cooperative Plan.

Twenty-seven of our churches are tithing their income to our state and national work. \$8,624.18 was given these ten months. The percentage, that goes to each phase of the work is set by the State Association each year.

The Outlook.

The present programs will be continued. We
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urge every church to endorse the 10-10-10 Program. We shall endeavor to explain the benefits of this to the local churches and challenge them to set up their own goals.

The Church-of-the-Quarter program will be extended and revised. More than one outstanding church may be recognized.

Our contacts this year will include those with some Congregational Christian Churches. We shall seek working agreements with them.

It is an alarming reality that most churches have "below par" services as evidenced by the number who attend (in comparison with the Sunday School). We hope to suggest improvements along this line. Our People must respond or we shall continue to lose to other states and other denominations some of our best ministers and our most promising young people. Pray for a revival among us.

Sincerely submitted,
George W. Waggoner

Motion and second that we accept this report.
Carried.

Report of State Home Missions.

By Rev. G. Ritter.

We, the Illinois State Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board, report the work of Illinois Home Missions for the past year.

We feel that the year has been a fruitful one for our State. In August of last year, Rev. Lawrence Thompson conducted revival services for one week at the Aurora Mission. While there, he assisted our Illinois Home Missionary, Rev. Wm. Buster, in visitation and personal work. After the revival effort, the Lord continued to bless the Mission, and added to their number from service to service.

On Sunday, November 11, 1962 many prayers were answered. The Mission on that date was organized as the First Free Will Baptist Church

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of Aurora. At the organization service nineteen members formed the new church. Since that time, we are happy to report that the church has grown in Spirit, number, income, and vision, and is now negotiating for a suitable building site. Rev. Stanley Mooneyham is serving as interim pastor.

At this time, survey work has been done in Rockford and Elgin, and we believe that one of these cities should be our next field.

Our State Home Mission Program will be successful only as long as our people support it with prayer and finance. We operated at a deficit of \$1,669.47 the past year. Won't you make this work a part of your personal service to the Lord?

Financial Report of the Illinois State Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board.

Balance on hand June 22, 1962 ----- \$3,646.19

RECEIPTS:

Illinois State Association Co-op ----- 1,478.29

"100 Club" ----- 45.00

Special gifts ----- 1,036.84

Total Receipts ----- \$2,560.13

Total Receipts plus Balance on Hand --- \$6,206.32

DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel expense (George E. Ritter) ----- 54.60

Organization gift to Aurora Church ----- 500.00

Salary (William Buster, Aurora) ----- 3,675.00

Total Disbursements ----- \$4,229.60

Balance on hand June 1, 1963 ----- \$1,976.72

George E. Ritter, Treasurer

Motion and second that we accept the Home Missions report. Carried.

Bro. Les Elliott was appointed as assistant moderator to fill in the absence of Bro. Osborn.

Motion and second that Article XI, Section 1 be removed from the table. Carried.

Motion and second that we adopt the change of Article XI Section 1, to read, "This State

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Association recognizes the right of any quarterly meeting, which is a member of this body by virtue of its being a member of a district association or a yearly meeting which compose this body, to license and ordain ministers, and will issue ministers' certificates upon request of said quarterly meeting." Carried.

Report of our Home Missionary. "The church was organized Nov. 11, 1962 with nineteen charter members. We now have twnty-five members. New families attend nearly every Sunday. There are several that will, without doubt, join.

"We are using all four rooms of the second floor of the Odd Fellows Hall. We have a Nursery which is mostly used at the 11 o'clock service. Also a fine Children's Church directed by Sis. Flora Ward.

"Our average attendance for the past several weeks—vacation time—has been thirty-five for Sunday School and Morning Worship and a little above twenty average for Evening Service. The ladies met at our home June 20 and took the initial steps to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. Average offering for the past six weeks was \$74.69.

"Rev. W. S. Mooneyham assumed leadership, as Interim Pastor June 23. I have been doing visitation and investigating Rockford as a possibility for a new church since then. I had previously investigated prospects at Elgin.

"The intention of the church is to purchase an acre or two acres in the edge of town, in a part that is growing. It is very difficult to obtain and expensive, but we do have some deals pending that may materialize. Please pray for us in regards to the locating and purchase of a suitable place to build."

Humbly submitted,
Wm. Buster

P. S. The membership is active and in good spiritual condition.

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Motion and second that we adopt this report.
Carried.

Mrs. Flora Ward gave a report on the Children's Church as used in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Aurora. This was received as information.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance June 20, 1962 ----- \$358.01
Bank has carried for three years ----- 36.51

RECEIPTS

Churches	Co-op	Designated	Total
Arnold View	\$ 461.67	\$ 529.42	\$ 991.09
Bakerville	.00	403.51	403.51
Bear Point	1,029.04	50.00	1,079.04
Bethel	1,108.99	206.32	1,315.31
Blue Point	561.40	220.00	781.40
Des Plains	.00	10.00	10.00
Harmony, W.F.	135.60	356.66	492.26
Harmony, W.C.	.00	7.25	7.25
Hazel Dell	480.88	108.42	589.30
Ina	476.04	1,003.97	1,480.01
Mt. Vernon	.00	114.81	114.81
Nason	161.30	.00	161.30
New Hope	241.97	70.00	311.97
Oak Grove	207.68	50.00	257.68
Oak Valley	213.81	38.71	252.52
Pleasant View	321.15	733.50	1,054.65
Rescue	105.75	.00	105.75
Rock Springs	160.80	92.25	253.05
Salem	168.90	5.00	173.90
Waltonville	265.82	77.90	343.72
Webbs Prairie	470.26	55.00	525.26
Johnston City	1,197.61	940.71	2,138.32
Union Grove	70.00	37.70	107.70
Aurora	75.50	.00	75.50
Eakin Grove	.00	86.52	86.52
Granite City	314.61	10.00	324.61
Johnsonville	20.00	.00	20.00

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Faith	.00	29.08	29.08
Hoits Addition	.00	31.21	31.21
Liberty	.00	10.00	10.00
Oakland	70.94	.00	70.94
Friendship	49.07	.00	49.07
Decatur	158.44	.00	158.44
Belle Rive	28.83	.00	28.83
S. Central, Q.M.	.00	15.00	15.00
W. Central, Q.M.	.00	100.00	100.00
Northern, Q.M.	68.12	50.89	119.01
Free Will Off.	.00	108.90	108.90
Youth Rally	.00	85.25	85.25
One Delegate (Salem)	.00	5.00	5.00
Dues from Canaan and Southern	.00	185.00	185.00
Savings Account (Bible College)	.00	535.80	535.80
Total	\$8,624.18	\$6,363.78	\$14,987.96

DISBURSEMENTS.

National Association	-----	\$4,308.91
Foreign Missions	-----	3,247.10
General Fund	---- \$1,376.99	
Hersey	-----	821.10
Benito	-----	825.00
Cronk	-----	115.67
Merkh	-----	50.00
Deeds	-----	30.00
Cuba Relief	-----	28.34
Illinois Home Mission	-----	2,415.69
National Home Mission	-----	491.38
Sunday School Alliance	-----	1,204.96
Illinois Bible College	-----	861.77
Nashville Bible College	-----	113.32
Adult Camp	-----	39.08
Arizona-Mexico Mission	-----	131.63
League	-----	25.25
Children's Home (Tennessee)	-----	9.49
National Headquarters Shares	-----	200.00

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George Waggoner (salary promotional sec.)	520.00
Dues to National Association	20.00
Gene Norris (State Assoc. clerk)	50.00
Betty Hampleman (State Assoc. treas.)	100.00
Delegates to National Convention	50.00
Franklin Press (Printing of 1962 Min.)	280.00
Johnston Insurance (Administration Bldg.)	99.70
Claude Hampleman (Teaching Bible School)	640.00
Leon McBride (Foreign Mission Director expenses)	10.00
Stamps	9.00
Herrin News (Printing of 1963 programs)	24.00
Groceries for 1962 State Assoc.	64.25
Total Disbursements 1962-63	\$14,915.53

SUMMARY.

Balance brought forward	\$ 358.01
Bank carried for three years	36.51
Total Receipts	14,987.96

Total to be accounted for	\$15,382.48
Total Disbursements	\$14,915.53
Balance in Bank	466.94
Error in Books	.01
	\$15,382.48

Motion and second that we accept this report and give a standing vote of thanks. Carried.

Bro. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association, brought greetings from the National office.

The Association was recessed for the Morning Worship Service.

Morning Worship Service.

Congregational singing: "Where He Leads I'll Follow," and "O That Will Be Glory."

Prayer: Bro. Everett Beaty.

Congregational singing: "Blessed Assurance".

Sermon: Bro. W. S. Mooneyham, Pastor of First
(Twenty-Three)

Free Will Baptist Church of Aurora, Mark 1:28-38,
"If My People Pray, My People Will Arise and Go
Into the City".

Benediction: Bro. Kern.

Saturday Afternoon.

Congregational singing: "Rescue the Perishing".

Prayer: Bro. Bob Jones.

Congregational singing: "Leaning on the Ever-
lasting Arms."

Finance report of the Bible School. There were
no expenditures. Balance on hand is \$1,050.11.

Motion and second that we receive this report.
Carried

Bro. Sam Johnson, our National League Director,
brought greetings and some explanations of future
League plans.

Auditing Committee report of finances of Bible College.

"We the Auditing Committee of the Illinois
State Association have audited the books of the
Illinois Free Will Baptist Bible College of Illinois
and have found them balanced and in order with
the balance of \$1,050.11.

Mrs. Lucille Merkel, Leslie Elliott, Dempsey Tucker

The Necrology Committee Report.

We the Committee in session at the third annual
meeting of the State Association of Free Will
Baptists do hereby offer our sympathy to the
friends and loved ones of those who have passed
from the stage of action of this unfriendly world
to that land of no return, and recommend a
moment of meditation and prayer.

A. E. Drennan, Paul Conner, Mrs. Wm. Buster

Deceased from Canaan District: Isaac Conner,
Rescue; Ira Whittow, Rescue; Lola Blanton,
Rescue; Paul Sulcer, Mt. Vernon; Bill Smith, Mt.
Vernon; Charles Dempsey, Bear Point; Thomas
McMillan, Bear Point; Andy Meyers; Hazel Dell,

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Deceased from Southern Illinois Yearly Conference: Barney Taylor, Webbs Prairie; Ralph Hoffart, Harmony; George Candan, Arnold View, Pauline Neal, New Hope; Robert Head, Ina; Walter Overstreet, St. Charles; Othel Hammock, Johnston City; Ella Hammock, Johnston City; Fred Reed, Union; Annie Isaacs, Union.

Motion and second that we accept this report and recommendation. Carried.

Finished Report of the Credentials Committee.

"We the Credentials Committee recommend the following for cards of good standing: Licensed, Tom Malone, Jim Beaty. Ordained: Leslie Elliott, George Waggoner, Arthur W. Kern, Paul Barnfield, Gene Blades, Clifford Hicks, Howard Flota, John W. Hiltibidal, David Shores, Louis E. Abel, Dewey Merritt, Oran Kersh, Lloyd Lasley, Floyd Kash, Fred Pierson, Charles Price, James Hicks, Bob R. Jones, Jesse Allen, Floyd Hartley, Albert Bays, Elmer O. Turnbough, James Fite, Alene Hanna, Louie Hanna, Wallace Malone, Melvin Outhout, Everett Beaty, Bobbie G. Wright.

Due to the facts as we know them, we the credentials committee reject the following names for cards of good standing. Bertram N. Smith.

Due to the fact that Sis. Ella Mae Hiltibidal is serving our denomination in the State Woman's Auxiliary Youth Work in addition to the six (6) sermons preached, and upon the recommendation of the Canaan District, we the Credentials Committee recommend that Sis. Ella Mae Hiltibidal be given a card of Good Standing.

Leon McBride, Robert Laur, Everett Beaty

Nominations were declared open for five (5) delegates to the National Association which convenes in Detroit, Michigan. Maxine Hicks, Aileen Waggoner, Gordan Sperry, Reba Ritter, and Tom Malone were nominated and elected by acclamation.

Motion and second that the Clerk issue ordination papers to Bro. Charles Waggoner. Carried.

(Twenty-Five)

Report of the Research Committee.

Whose duty it is to secure all past minutes of the Southern Illinois Yearly Conference and all pre-existing Free Will Baptist organizations in the State of Illinois. Motion and second to retain this committee of Bro. C. J. Kettelman, Bro. James Fite, and Bro. Cecil Walker to gain more new materials and turn in a written report next year. Carried.

Motion and second that Bro. W. S. Mooneyham be granted Ordination papers from the State of Illinois. Carried.

Finished report of the Business Committee:
Item 4: We recommend that the co-operatives monies be divided with the following percentages:

- a. Home Mission Board to receive 20%.
- b. State Bible College Fund to receive 5%.
- c. Sunday School Alliance to receive 5%.
- d. General Fund to receive 20%.

Item 5: We recommend that clerk's salary for this year be divided equally between A. E. Norris and Tom Malone.

David Shores, Geraldine Lewis
Elmer O. Turnbough

Motion and second that we adopt item 4. Carried. Motion and second that we adopt item 5. Carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following:

Moderator: George Ritter.

Assistant Moderator: Leslie Elliott.

Clerk: Tom Malone.

Assistant Clerk: David Shores.

Treasurer: Betty Hampleman.

Program Committee: Cecil Walker, Southern Illinois Yearly and Elmer Turnbough, Canaan District.

Executive Board: C. J. Ketteman, Southern Illinois Yearly and Albert Bays, Canaan District.

Home Mission Board: Wallace Malone, 5 year term.

Christian Education: Bro. Leon McBride, 3 year term.

We, the Committee, also recommend Bro. George Waggoner to the General Board of the National Association.

Signed:

Irene Sullivan, Floyd Hartley, Arthur Jones

Motion and second that we receive this report and elect these for the following year. Carried.

Motion and second that the delegates to the National Association be given \$30.00 each. Carried.

Motion and second that churches in our State be recommended not to support the Arizona Mission and that these monies be given to the Home Mission Board. Carried.

Motion and second that Bro. Leon McBride be retained as Foreign Missions Director. Carried.

Motion and second that we insert in the minutes a financial report of the Sunday School Alliance to be furnished by the Treasurer. Carried.

Motion and second that the Executive Committee see about having Minutes of this years session of the State Association printed for distribution. Carried.

Motion and second that the Executive Committee be empowered to meet the deficit caused by the lack of money in Newsletter Fund (to pay the promotional expenses). Carried.

Motion and second we adjourn. Carried.

Benediction: Sister Ward.

CANAAN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The Canaan District Association met at the Tabernacle in Benton, Illinois, on Friday, June 14, 1963 at 7:30 P. M.

Session opened by clerk, Howard Flota. The Song service was conducted by Rev. Byford Campbell. Prayer by Rev. George Waggoner. A word of welcome from the moderator, Rev. Albert Bays. Devotions by Rev. Elmer Turnbough (Rom. 1:1-6).

Rev. George Ritter brought a very inspiring message. The scripture used was Isa. 35: 8,9. Subject, "Building a Highway". The following churches were present on Friday evening. Waltonville, Bear Point, Pleasant View, Bakerville, Hoits Addition, Nason, Oak Grove, Mt. Vernon, Rock Springs, Webb's Prairie, Arnold View. The service was dismissed by Rev. Curry.

Saturday morning, June 15, 1963, 9:30 A. M.

Session was opened by singing, "Standing on the Promises", with Rev Leon McBride in charge of the song service. Devotions by Rev. Leslie Elliott, Isa 30:8. The Clerk read the letters from the East Central and West Central Quarterlies. Motion was made to accept the letters, and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Business Committee was appointed by moderator. Elmer Turnbough, Leslie Elliott, Clifford Hicks.

Closing resolutions committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Merkel, Gordon Sperry, and Mrs. Bunton.

Memorial Committee was appointed, consisting of Ruby Wicks, Mrs. Joy and Mrs. Edith Taylor.

Credentials Committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Bob Jones, Rev. Floyd Kash, and Rev. Byford Campbell.

Rev. Leon McBride gave a brief discussion and report of National Foreign Mission work and announced that our Missionaries would visit several of our Illinois churches between August 25 and September 1st.

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Constitution and by-laws of the Canaan District were read by Rev. Bob Jones. The moderator recognized the visitors present, with a total of five. A brief praise service was conducted. Morning business sessions closed by prayer. Rev. Everett Beaty. Recess 10:45 A. M.

Saturday, 11:00 A. M.

Rev. McBride led the congregation in singing "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Rev. Claude Hampleman.

Song: "More like the Master," was sung.

Rev. George W. Waggoner was asked to introduce the Speaker, Rev. Loyd C. Sumner, Negro pastor of the Olivet Free Will Baptist Church, 405 N. Marion St., Carbondale, Illinois. Rev. Sumner brought a very inspiring message from the 23rd Psalm. Subject, "Can You Testify of God's Goodness?"

Dismissed for lunch which was served by the East Central Quarterly.

Saturday Afternoon, 1:15 P. M.

Rev. Leon McBride led in two songs, "Wonderful Words of Life" and "He Keeps Me Singing."

Devotions by Rev. Tom Malone, Scripture, Psalm 126.

Clerk, Howard Flota, gave a special report of a meeting held to fill the vacancy of moderator and assistant moderator at which time Rev. Albert Bays was selected as Moderator and Rev. Wallace Malone was selected to fill the vacancy of Assistant Moderator for the Canaan District Meeting. The meeting was held approximately three months before this meeting, at the Friendship Church in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Two delegates were seated from the Rescue Free Will Baptist Church.

Report of the Resolutions Committee.

"We of the Resolution Committee in behalf of the Canaan District Association want to thank Oak Valley, Blue Point, Belle Rive, Mt. Vernon,

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Hoits Addition, Bakerville, Pleasant View, Salem, and Johnsonville churches for the dinner we received and especially the ones who labored and served it. The meal was very good and so in appreciation we would like for everyone to stand for this service to our yearly meeting.

Signed:

Gordon Sperry, Marie Bunton, Lucille Merkel

Report of Illinois Home Mission work was given by Rev. Wallace Malone in the absence of Rev. George Ritter.

Report of Illinois Bible College work was given by Rev. Claude Hampleman.

Report of Credentials Committee. (1) "We, the Credentials Committee, having examined the reports, recommend the minister as listed in the recommendations of the East Central and West Central Quarterly Meetings, be referred to the State Association with our recommendations for cards of standing. (2) We recommend that Bro. Loyd Lasley be added to the list for cards of standing from the State Association.

Signed:

Bob Jones, Byford Campbell, Floyd Kash

Motion by Gordon Sperry to accept the report and second by Floyd Kash. Motion carried. Question by George Waggoner concerning Berthram Smith card of standing, but didn't offer any amendment.

Report of State Promotional Secretary, Rev. George Waggoner. This was a report for information concerning his work in the State during the past year.

Report of Memorial Committee—Deaths for the past year:

Isaac Conner, Rescue; Ira Whitlow, Rescue; Lola Blanton, Rescue; Paul Sulcer, Mt. Vernon; Bill Smith, Mt. Vernon; Charles Dempsey, Bear Point; Thomas McMillan, Bear Point; Andy Meyers, Hazel Dell.

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We the Memorial Committee wish to pause for a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

Signed:

Ruby Wicks, Freda Joy, Edith Taylor

Motion made to accept this report and motion carried.

Report of Business Committee: "We, your business committee, recommend the following items:

(1) We recommend that each speaker for this conference receive the sum of \$20.00 for their service.

(2) We recommend that this body pay the Illinois State Association a sum of \$25.00 per year for the two previous years and \$25.00 this year for the printing of the Canaan District Minutes. Total sum of \$75.00

(3) We recommend that all future speakers for this conference be paid \$15.00 per sermon, plus transportation. Transportation to be determined by conference board.

(4) We recommend our District Clerk to be paid \$20.00 per year for his services.

(5) We recommend our District Treasurer be paid the sum of \$5.00 per year for his services.

Signed:

Elmer Turnbough, Leslie Elliott, Clifford Hicks

Motion sustained that all items be accepted.

Brief discussion by Rev. Leon McBride as to how the business committee arrived at the amount to pay the State Association for previous minutes. Rev. Turnbough and Rev. Clifford Hicks gave information which was satisfactory.

Financial report of the Canaan District Treasurer was given by Rev. Melvin Oathout. Balance in treasury \$41.00.

Financial report of the Illinois State F. W. B. Home Missions Board was given by Rev. George Ritter. Balance on hand June 1, 1963 was \$1,976.72.

Motion by Clifford Hicks that we meet here at the Tabernacle again next year. Motioned sustained.

(Thirty-One)

Election of officers with Assistant Moderator Rev. Wallace Malone in charge.

Trustee: Rev. Leslie Elliott to replace Louie Hanna.

Program Committee: Floyd Kash and Clifford Hicks.

Assistant Moderator: Elmer Turnbough.

Moderator: Jimmie Hicks.

Clerk: Howard Flota.

Treasurer: Melvin Oathout.

Motion was then sustained to adjourn until next year. Meeting adjourned by prayer.

Rev. Albert Bays, Moderator

Rev. Howard Flota, Clerk

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING

The forty-fourth annual session of the Southern Illinois F. W. B. Yearly Meeting convened at the S. S. Alliance and Youth Tabernacle in Benton, Illinois June 21, and 22, 1963.

Friday, 7:30 P. M., June 21, 1963.

Services opened by congregation singing "Standing on the Promises" and "Are You Washed in the Blood?" followed in prayer by Bro. Leo K. Grider.

The Assistant Moderator, Bro. Dwight Dame, gave the welcome to the Conference. After a few remarks by the moderator, Bro. Claude Hampleman, the congregation sang "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" and "There Is Power in the Blood" which was followed in prayer by Bro. C. A. Curry.

The message was then brought by Bro. Cecil Walker. His subject was, "Where Is The Source of Power for the Twentieth Century Church?" He used for his text Ephesians 3:16-21. This was a Spirit filled message. We then sang "When We All

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Get to Heaven" and had a handshake. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Fisher.

Saturday, 9:30 A. M., June 22.

Services were opened by congregational singing. We then stood for prayer by Bro. James Coulson. Congregation then sang, "Showers of Blessing."

Credentials Committee appointed by the chair were: Bro. James Coulson, Bro. Byford Campbell, and Geraldine Lewis.

Devotions were by Sis. Blanche Horn, using for her Scripture Matthew 5:1-12.

The moderator read the By-Laws and Constitution. Letters were then read by the clerk.

Motion made we receive letters as read and seat the delegates. Second and carried.

Minutes of previous Yearly read by the clerk and approved as read.

The Auditing Committee was appointed by the chair. Those appointed were: Sis. Roberta Bain, Bro. Arthur Jones, and Sis. Madge Fisher.

Necrology Committee appointed were: Sis. Marie Williams from Ina, Bro. Roberts from Johnston City Church, and Bro. Jack Williams from Harmony (W.F.) Church.

Nominating Committee came next. A motion was made that we give the Moderator power to appoint the Committee rather than being nominated from the floor. Motion second and carried. The moderator then appointed: Bro. Drennan from New Hope, Sis. Adams from Ina, and Sis. Helen Parks from Harmony (W.F.).

The Treasurers report was then given by Sis. Betty Hampleman.

June 16, 1962 balance brought forward --	\$ 21.11
June 16, 1962, dues S. Cent. Q. meeting ----	100.00
June 16, 1962, dues Northern Q. meeting ----	30.00
Total in Treasury -----	\$ 151.11

Paid Out:

June 16, 1962, Irene Sullivan, clerk fee --	\$ 25.00
June 16, 1962, Betty Hampleman, treas. fee -	25.00

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June 16, 1962, Ill. St. Assoc. (\$5 from 13 Ch) ----- 65.00
Total Paid Out ----- **\$ 115.00**
June 17, 1962, balance in treasury ----- **36.11**

Motion was made we accept report as read.
 Motion second and carried.

Foreign Mission report given by Bro. Leon McBride. Motion made we receive this report as information and commend Bro. McBride for the report. Motion second and carried.

Promotional Secretary's report was given by Bro. George Waggoner.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Roberts.

Saturday, 11:00 A. M.

Service opened by singing "Love Lifted Me" followed in prayer by Bro. Tom Malone. The trio from Arnold View then sang, "Dear Jesus, Abide With Me," and "Teach Me Lord to Wait."

The message, "Results of Power from God", was brought by Bro. George Ritter. Bro. Ritter used for his Scripture Acts 1:8 telling us the twentieth century church will Witness, Evangelize, enjoy fellowship and grow as a result of God's Power. This was a wonderful message.

Dismissal prayer and blessing on the food then prayed by Bro. C. J. Ketteiman.

Saturday, June 22, 1:30 P. M.

Opened by congregation singing, "When I See the Blood" and "Standing on the Promises" followed in prayer by Bro. Fox.

Devotional given by Bro. James Coulson. Scripture used was I Thessalonians 2:.

Auditing Committee report was read by the Moderator. Report as follows: "We, the auditing committee, find the Treasurer's books accurate and in order."

Signed Committee,

Roberta Bain, Madge Fisher, A. R. Jones

Motion made we accept committee report and release same. Second and carried.

(Thirty-Four)

Necrology Committee report then read by Moderator. Report as follows: Deceased Members: Webbs Prairie, (1) Barney Taylor; Harmony, W.F., (1) Ralph Hoffart; Johnston City (2) Othel Hammock and Ella Hammock; Arnold View (1) George Camden (Deacon); New Hope (1) Pauline Neal; Ina (1) Robert Head; Union (2) Fred Reed and Annie Isaacs; St. Charles (1) Walter Overstreet.

We the Necrology Committee recommend that the above deceased members of the Southern Illinois Yearly Conference be remembered in silent prayer and meditation.

Signed Committee,

Marie Williams, Vard Roberts, Jack Williams

Motion was made we accept the report. Second and carried. A moment of meditation and silent prayer was then given in their memory.

The Credentials Committee report was then read by the Moderator. Report as follows:

June 22, 1963

We, the Credentials Committee, have duly examined the letters of request and reports of ministers of the Northern Quarterly and the South Central Quarterly and find Sis. Bernice Goddard and Sis. Pauline Osborn have failed to preach the required 12 sermons due to ill health, and Sis. Irene Sullivan failed to preach the required 12 sermons, but she being active as clerk of Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting as well as clerk of the South Central Quarterly we recommend as requested by the quarterlies, these be granted cards of good standing.

One report from the Northern Quarterly was unsigned and therefore unable to act on it. We recommend it be discarded, and that the request from the Aurora Church to examine Rev. Mooneyham's Credentials be referred on to the State meeting as requested.

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The names of the ministers recommended for cards of good standing are attached.

Signed Committee,
Byford Campbell, James Coulson, Geraldine Lewis

Motion made we accept this report as read.
Second and carried.

Business Committee report then read by the Moderator. These were taken item by item to be acted upon. Report as follows:

Item 1: "We, the business committee, recommend that in the future the program committee inform each church helping serve at Yearly Meeting, the part of the Menu it is to furnish."

Motion was made, seconded and carried that we accept this recommendation.

Item 2: "We further recommend that our churches encourage the pastors to attend the National Association, and help him financially to do so, and if possible to represent direct to the National with a delegate."

Motion was made, seconded and carried that we adopt this recommendation.

Item 3: "We further recommend that this body give the F. W. B. Sunday School Alliance the sum of \$10.00 for the use of the facilities here."

Motion was made, seconded and carried that we accept this recommendation.

Item 4: "We also recommend that this body pay \$15.00 to the Illinois State Association to help pay for our part in the Associational Minutes."

Motion was made, seconded and carried that we accept this recommendation.

Signed,

Cecil Walker, Leon McBride, George E. Ritter

The delegates to State Association were then appointed. Motion made to send the following delegates from the Southern Illinois Yearly Conference to the Illinois State Association of F. W. B. which convenes at Benton, Illinois, June 28, 29, 1963. Motion seconded and carried. Those appointed

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were: Sharon Hamilton, Liberty; Bill Allender, Highland; Margaret Buster, Aurora; Cora Newman, St. Charles; Irene Hall, Des Plaines; Sis. Marlow, Faith; Marie Williams, Ina; A. E. Drennan, New Hope; Leonard Fox, Webbs Prairie; Esther McCormack, Johnston City; James Thompson, Harmony, W.F.; Paul Knight, Mt. Olive; Blanche Horn, Union Grove; Billie Plumlee, Union; Mrs. Theodore Parks, Arnold View; Mary Plaster, Plaster Grove.

Nominating committee report then read by the moderator. Report as follows:

"We, the nominating committee, submit the following for your confirmation:

Moderator: Bro. Jack Kettelman.

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Tom Malone.

Clerk: Irene Sullivan.

Treasurer: Betty Hampleman.

Business Committee: Cecil Walker.

Credentials Committee: Bro. James Coulson, full term, and Bro. Claude Hampleman for one year.

Program Committee: Bro. Terry, Bro. Dwight Dame, and Bro. Tom Malone.

Signed,

A. E. Drennan, Mrs. Nolan Adams,
Mrs. Helen Parks

All were duly elected without opposition except the clerk. For clerk, Blanche Horn was nominated from the floor. Motion made that nomination cease and we proceed to elect. Motion carried. The vote was then taken with Sis. Irene Sullivan being elected.

The Moderator then thanked the churches for serving the noon meal.

Motion then made we adjourn until next yearly session 1964. Seconded and carried.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Taylor from Harmony.

Moderator, Claude Hampleman

Assistant Moderator, Dwight Dame

Clerk, Irene Sullivan

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**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1961-1962
ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST
SUNDAY SCHOOL ALLIANCE**

RECEIPTS:

Balance brought forward Nov., 1961	---	\$1,030.72
Dues from churches	-----	225.00
Memberships:		
Oak Valley, Hoits Addition, Union Grove	---	210.00
Offering: April Alliance	-----	34.89
Illinois State Association	-----	1,036.75
Bear Point Auxiliary	-----	42.78
School lunch milk program	-----	40.88
Youth Rally		
(reimbursement for song books)	-----	352.00
Offering: October Alliance	-----	20.20
Insurance (hail damage to roofs)	-----	906.50
Balance from youth camp	-----	182.09
Bill Waggoner (mortar mix)	-----	10.80
Jack Kettelman (tithes on labor)	-----	17.00
Mary Martha Loyal Workers Auxiliary	---	99.84
Reimbursed by General Telephone Co.	-----	1.27
Total receipts plus balance	-----	\$4,210.72

DISBURSEMENTS:

Speaker S. S. Alliance (April)	-----	25.00
George Waggoner (200 hymnals)	-----	352.00
C. I. P. S.	-----	95.30
Central Ill. Rural Gas & Worsham Gas	---	227.75
Williams Hardware	-----	5.73
West City Water Dept.	-----	91.25
Hoe Supply (2 furnaces)	-----	648.37
Newhouse Lumber Co.	-----	462.20
Peyton's Concrete	-----	46.75
Benton Community Bank (checks printed)	--	4.08
J. E. Rose (shale)	-----	18.00
Labor: J. Kettelman, D. C. Rhine,		
Herbert Smith, Kenneth Abbott	-----	378.73
Song Book Racks	-----	93.75
Camp Programs printed (George Ritter)	---	6.50
P. & E. Sports Center	-----	12.48
General Telephone	-----	15.48

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Jane Norris (playing piano—youth camp) --	30.00
Jesse Webb (phone calls) -----	4.00
Allen Lumber Co. -----	612.63
D. C. Rhine -----	25.10
Cox Transit -----	8.79
Insurance -----	510.69
Total Disbursements -----	\$3,674.58

Balance on hand as of Oct. 15, 1962 ----- \$536.14

TREASURERS' REPORT FOR YOUTH RALLY **1961-1962**

RECEIPTS:

Balance forward, Oct. 30, 1962 ----- \$122.53

Receipts from Youth Rally:

Nov. -----	\$34.33	May -----	29.51
Dec. -----	18.77	June -----	28.39
Jan. -----	15.71	July -----	No Rally
Feb. -----	32.26	Aug. -----	22.52
Mar. -----	56.80	Sept. -----	22.67
Apr. -----	24.85	Oct. -----	15.80

Total Receipts ----- \$301.61

Total Receipts and Balance ----- \$424.14

Disbursement (song books) ----- 352.00

Balance on hand October 27, 1962 ----- \$72.14

Corrections and Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws from Last Year's Minutes.

Constitution.

Article XI, Section 1. Ministers. This State Association recognizes the right of any quarterly meeting, which is a member of this body by virtue of its being a member of a district association or a yearly meeting which compose this body, to license and ordain ministers, and will issue ministers' certificates upon request of said quarterly meeting. (This substituted for the original).

Constitution

Article XII, Seal. The Corporation shall provide a Corporate seal which shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation and the words "Corporate Seal, Illinois." (Correction of mistake in printing.)

By-Laws.

Article V, Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the State Association shall begin on the first day of May and end on the last day of April in each year. (This is a substitution for the original.)

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