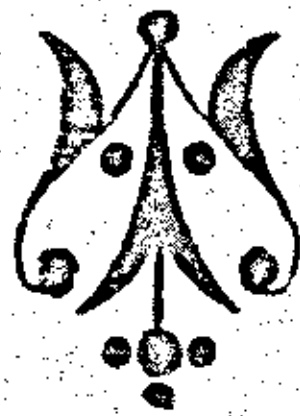


MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Sixth Annual Session
OF THE
MIDWAY ASSOCIATION
OF THE
Original Freewill Baptist of Georgia
HELD WITH
Live Oak Church
BAKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 1, and 2, 1944



Next session will be held with White Pond Church, Early County, Georgia on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1945. Session to open at 10:30 o'clock (EWT. Rev T. B. Mellette to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. W. F. McDuffie be his alternate.

REV. T. B. MELLETTTE, Moderator
W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Day's Session, 10 A. M.

Assembly of body for worship by the moderator.

Worship period conducted by the moderator or assistant moderator, or clerk.

Call for corresponding church letters from churches composing this body.

Appointment of reading clerks by the moderator.

Reading and adoption of all letters and the seating of all delegates, which is done by a majority vote of the delegate body.

Recess for the Introductory Message and refreshments.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional services by the moderator, or at his discretion.

Renewal of call for correspondence

Roll call of ministers.

Call for petitionary letters.

Invitation to visiting brethren from sister associations, and the hand of fellowship by the moderator.

Appointment of committees the moderator—Devotional, Nominating, Obituaries, Disbursement and Finance.

Appointment of delegates to sister associations as the body may choose.

Miscellaneous business and recess until second day.

Second Day's Session, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional service at per appointment.

Call to order by the moderator.

Reading correction and adoption of the first day's minutes.

Renewal of call for correspondence and visitors.

Call for committee reports.

Mid day service with worship and praise and prayer.

Recess for refreshments.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional—Worship period.

Renewing of call for committee reports.

Reports of Nomination committee, whose duty it is to make selection of place for next session of Association, and Introductory Messenger.

Report of finance committee.

Miscellaneous business.

Election of officers, including the executive committee, etc.

Report of Treasurer.

Appointment of new committees.

Completion of all unfinished business

Clearing of all unfinished business.

Clearing of the clerk's table.

Adjournment.

OFFICERS

REV. T. B. MELLETAE, Moderator Blakely, Ga.
RTV. J. N. BARNES, Assistant Moderator Blakely, Ga.
W. B. GRIFFIN, Clerk Leary, Ga.
R. B. PYLE, Assistant Clerk Cedar Springs, Ga.
A. D. IVEY, Treasurer Jakin, Ga.

EXLCUTIVE COMMITTEE

B. HOUSTON, Chairman Colquitt, Ga.
E. A. REED Cedar Springs, Ga.
A. D. IVEY Jakin, Ga.
W. P. RICHARDSON Colquitt, Ga.
W. B. GRIFFIN Leary, Ga.
R. B. PYLE Cedar Springs, Ga.
E. A. SANDERS Cedar Springs, Ga.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

REV. W. T. Wiley	REV. E. C. Williams
REV. C. C. White	REV. J. N. Barnes
REV. A. B. Mellette	REV. S. T. Shutes
REV. Cooper Fort	REV. L. A. MORRIS
REV. W. F. McDuffie	REV. J. L. Tedder
REV. H. G. Harvey	REV. W. H. Ely

LICENTIATES

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PROCEEDINGS

The 46 Annual Session of the United Freewill Baptist of the Midway Association. Met with Live Oak Church, Baker County, Georgia..

After singing by the congregation the Devotional was led by the Moderator, Rev. T B. Mellette. After which the Moderataor opened the sesion by calling for the letters from the various churches.

Rev. L. A. Norris and L. B. Duke was appointed read the letters as follows:

Patmos, delegates, L.B . Duke, Mrs. Ella Duke Mrs. Lillie May Hay Mrs. Grace Starr, W.B. Griffin.

Macdonia, Fla., Represented by letter.

Bethlehem, delegates, Vivian Barfield, Ilan Aycock.

Zion, delegates, J. D. English, Mrs. W. T. Wiley, Mrs. T. B. Mellette.

Damascus, delegates, Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Mrs, Christine Ches hire.

Open Pond, delegates, S. T. Dunning, A. D. Ivey and wife, H. H. Reaves and wife, Mrs. W. T. Hudson.

Pineview, delegates, J. W. Widner, W. F, Norris

Cedar Springs, delegates, R. B. Pyle and wife.

Travelers Rest, delegates, Paul Irvin, A. B. Edmonds, G. R. Parker, Mrs.. C. Irvin, Sr., C. Rhodes.

New Light, delegates, J. L. Houston, Alvin Day.

Mt. Zion, delegates, C. G. Jordan and wife, N. M. Clower,

Live Oak, delegates, E. A. Sanders, Mrs. Moree Burch, Mrs, Veda May Phillips.

Oak Grove, delegates, S. F. Boyd and wife, O. F. Everson, Mrs. Alma McDonald.

Macedonia, delegates, W. P. Richardson, J, M. Craft,, Mrs. B. Houston H. McCann, John Richardson.

White Plains, delegates, F. E. Richardson, H. J. Cossby, L. J. White, S. A. White.

White Pond, delegates, Mrs. T. C. Hunt, Lewis Cleveland, Mrs. Mattie Moore.

Enterprise, delegates, L. W. Jenkins and wife, Lewis Harrell, Raymond Harrell.

The letters were read and adopted. Recessed for five minutes before preaching hour. Rev. W. T. Wiley brought the message from Gen. 22-14. A message on Faith and Sacrifice. Benediction by R. B. Pyle. Dismissed till 1:30 P. M. for lunch and refreshments

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The body was called to order by the Moderator. The devotion was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie. The Moderator called for petitionary letters. There was none.

Next invited visiting brethren from other churches and Associations. Rev. J. C. Harvey from the Union Association. Next session to convene with New Hope church 5 miles south of Moultrie, on Wednesday and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1945. Rev. H. L. Catrette, from the Martin, next session to convene with Cool Springs church at Faceville, on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1945.

Rev. W. S. Dreggers from the South Carolina Conference.

Brother Lester McDonald from the State Line Association.

Rev. W. T. Wiley, gave the hand of welcome in our session.

At this time the Moderator appointed the various committees on disbursements, Rev. S. T. Shutes, J. L. Houston, Mrs. Winnie Hudson, A. D. Ivey.

On devotions, E. A. Sanders, H. H. Reaves, Bill Richardson.

On nominations, Rev. J. N. Barnes, B. Houston, R. B. Pyle.

On Obituaries, Rev. L. A. Norris, O. F. Everson, Mrs. Alma McDonald.

The moderator called for a report from the delegates that visited other Associations.

They reported as follows: Rev. J. L. Tedder, Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. W. T. Wiley, to State Line Association. Rev. L. A. Norris, Rev. W. F. McDuffie to the South Eastern Association. Rev. S. T. Shutes to the Liberty Association of Florida. They all reported some progress except Rev. S. T. Shutes, he feels that the Brethren in the Liberty Association needs to be more Mission minded.

At this time the Moderator called for delegates to visit sister Associations. They volunteered as follows: To the Union, Rev. S. T. Shutes, A. D. Ivey. The State Line, Rev. J. N. Barnes, Rev. J. L. Tedder, A. B. Edmonds. The Martin, Rev. L. A. Norris, W. . Norris. To the State Association, Miss Dot Herring, R. B. Pyle, C. G. Jordan, Bill Richardson.

At this time the committee on devotions reported that Rev. J. N. Barnes conduct the devotional at 10:00 A. M. Thursday morning. and Rev. L. A. Norris to preach at 12 noon, with Rev. H. L. Catrette to conduct the devotion at 1:30 P. M.

The body adjourned till 10 A. M. (E.W.L.) Thursday. The singing was conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes and benediction by Rev. J. C. Harvey.

THURSDAY MORNING

According to adjournment the Moderator called the body to order.

The devotion was led by Rev. J. N. Barnes from Gen. 11:1-4, a good lesson on building. The business program was resumed. The minutes of the previous day was read corrected and adopted.

The Moderator called for the reports of the various committees.

The committee on Missions reported the report was discussed, and was adopted—See report

The committee on Temperance reported, the report was discussed and adopted—See report.

It being time for preaching the body had 10 minutes recess after which Rev. L. A. Norris brought the message from Acts 1:8. Benediction by Rev. S. T. Shutes. The body adjourned till 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After the refreshments and fellowship one with another the Moderator called the body to order and Rev. H. L. Catrette conducted the devotion. After which the Moderator renewed the call for committee reports.

The committee on Christian Education reported. The report was discussed and adopted—See report.

The committee on Sunday Schools and F. W. B. L. read and discussed and adopted—See report.

The committee on Obituaries read, their report. It was adopted—See report.

The committee on Nomination, recommend that the next session of the Midway Association be held with White Pond Church and that Rev. T. B. Mellette preach the Introductory Sermon and that Rev. W. F. McDuffie be his alternate. The body adopted their recommendations.

The committee on State of Churches and Character of Ministers made their report, the report was adopted—See report.

The report No. 1 also No. 2 of the finance committee was read and adopted—See report.

There was a motion and second that Rev. W. H. Eley's name be placed on the list of ordained ministers and was carried by a standing vote.

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The Executive Committee made their report, it was read and adopted as follows:

The Executive committee of the Midway Association met at Oak Grove Church to investigate the conduct of one W. S. Driggers upon evidence received a motion was carried that he (W. S. Driggers) resign his pastoral work in the Midway Association for twelve months. After that time, if he has proven himself worthy he may again accept and serve churches in the Midway Association—Oct. 8-44.

The treasurer made his report which was adopted—See report.

The Moderator declared the body ready for miscellaneous business.

There was a motion and second that the minutes of the Union meetings be printed in the minutes of the Association, and was adopted.

There was a motion carried that Rev. T. B. Mellette be elected as Moderator, with J. N. Barnes as assistant Moderator.

Another motion and second that W. B. Griffin be elected as clerk with R. B. Pyle as assistant.

A motion carried that A. D. Ivey be elected as Treasurer and that he be paid \$15.00 for his services. To be paid out of the treasury.

A motion was made and carried that this body adjourn subject to call at the next Union Meeting and that the delegates to the Union Meeting have the authority to act for the Association.

The body gave a standing vote of thanks to Live Oak church and community..

There was a motion and second that the Moderator appoint the Executive committee, and he appointed them as follows: Beachamp Houston, chairman; W. B. Griffin, W. P. Richardson, E. A. Read, R. B. Pyle, A. D. Ivey, E. A. Sanders.

The Moderator appointed the following committees.

Christiandu Education, Open Pond Church and Pastor.

Mission, Macedonia Church and Pastor.

Temperance, Zion Church and Pastor.

Sunday School and Leagues, Pineview Church and Pastor

A. D. Ivey was elected as a delegate to the National Association with B. Houston as his alternate.

Motion to adjourn till Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1944.

REV. T. B. MELLETTE, Moderator,

W. B. GRIFFIN,

FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your finance comittee beg to report the following.

REPORT NUMBER 1

Balance in treasurer from 1943 session	\$211.00
Amount paid in at 1944 session	\$318.00
Paid to treasurer by Open Pond Church	79.64
Total	\$698.64

We recommend disbursements as follows:

National Association Fee	\$5.00
Delegates Expense	\$50.00
Minutes	35.00
Clerk	15.00
State Association Fee	10.00
Tenn. Orphanage	20.00
South Carolina Orphanage	20.00
North Carolina Orphanage	20.00
Alabama Orphanage	20.00
Moderator	10.00
State Association Unified Program	30.00
Total aid Out	\$505.00
Balance in Lreasury	103.64
Pledged by Travelers Rest Church	\$30.00
Total	\$133.64

REPORT OF BUDGT COMMITTEE NO. 2

We recommend the 1945 Budget as follows:

Blakely	\$15.00
Bethlehem	20.00
Cedar Springs	25.00
Damascus	17.00
Enterprise	15.00
New Enterprise	10.00
Live Oak	25.00
Mt. Zion	20.00
Macedonia	35.00
New Light	30.00
Open Pond	35.00
Pine View	17.00
Travelers Rest	35.00

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Patmos	30.00
Oak Grove	25.00
White Pond	20.00
Phite Plains	25.00
Zion	25.00
Macedonia, Florida,	20.00

Com. S. T. SHUTES, Chr.

REPORT OF TREASURER RECEIVED NOV. 1ST, 1944

1943 MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

Nov. 4 Balance brought forward	\$212.00
Nov. 4 Received from Association	230.50
Nov. 21 Received from Open Pond	8.65
Dec. 19 Received from Open Pond church	5.35
Jan. 16, 1944, Received from Open Pond Church	8.21
Feb. 19 Received from Open Pond Church	7.86
Mar. 20 Received from Open Pond Church	6.91
April 16 Received from Open Pond Church	6.74
May 21 Received from Open Pond Church	6.22
Sept. 17. Received from Open Pond Church	23.46
Oct. 29 Received from Open Pond Church	6.18
Total Received	\$521.14
Total Paid Out	200.00
Balance on Hand	\$321.14

EXPENDITURES

1943

Nov. 4 Paid Clerk, W. B. Griffin	\$10.00
Nov. 17 Paid State Association for Midway Asso.	10.00
Nov 17 Paid State Association Dues for Midway Asso.	10.00
Nov 17 Paid State Association Home Missions	50.00
Nov. 20 Paid F. S. Vanhouse, National Treasurer	\$100.00
Nov. 22 Paid Tenn Orphanage	25.00
Total Paid Out	200.00

MISSION REPORT

We your committee on Missions make the following report:

That we do all we can in our local churches in support of the National Association Mission Program. We urge each church to take as much as two offerings a year for Missions. We also urge that our pastors preach and teach Missions in their church program,

that we may keep Jesus' command to go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We also urge each church to send all Mission offerings to our State Treasurer, Rev. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga. So our State can get full credit for our work.

MT. ZION CHURCH

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We find a clause in the definition of Temperance; "A persons disposition as it affects his acts, words." So we would like for a study of the word, then add Temperance, which means, "Moderation in eating, drinking, showing feeling, 2 Moderation in drinking intoxicating liquors; also complete avoidance".

Further we suggest that each one sstrive to be Temperate in word, thught and acts, that the channel of our lves may be open for the full flow of the Lord's work and Grace.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Patmos church and pastor beg leave to report that as a people we exhort our brethern to continue in the Faith once delivered to the Saints, and continue to teach and preach Jesus. Beginning first in our homes, second in our Social life ad third in our churches with all of its auxiliaries. Fourth in our schools and colleges.

And we recommend and expect our pastors and teachers to press the question of the need to support the National School, State School and our church School. For we feel that this is the best way to present the Bible and God's word to the youth of our day.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee find that God has seen fit to take from our midst the following:

New Light Church, Brother Noah Mc. Avary and sister Grace Davis

Oak Grove Church, L. L. Houston.

Open Pond Church, Mrs. Marion Moseley.

Live Oak Church, Mrs. Charlie Barrett.

White Pond Church, Erin Lewis.

Macedonia Church Msr. Minnie Westbrook, Mrs. Ona Richardson, Louise Joiner.

White Plains Church, J. C. Harris, W. C. Houston.

New Enterprise Church, Willie Perry.

Cedar Springs Church, John Mercer.

Travelers Rest Church, Wash Musgrove, Coleman Edmonds,

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The latter being killed in action.

May each of the bereaved be able to say with Psalmist, The Lord Giveth and the Lord taketh away.

May we ask that the church letter carry a report of the deceased so we may have all the names.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. L. A. NORRIS, Chairman.

**REPORT ON CHARACTER OF MINISTERS AND
STATE OF CHURCH**

We your committee on Character of Ministers and State of Churches beg to make the following report.

As far as we know all of our Ministers and Churches are in good standing. But we find that some of our churches are not going forward, they seem to be just standing still. We urge that we all put more in our church work.

J. M. ETHREDGE, Chairman.

W. F. NORRIS,

J. D. ENGLISH.

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S MEETING

We met with White Plains Church on October 27, 1944. The devotion was led by the Moderator.

The report of the churches was called for. Only 10 churches reported. Five ministers and seventeen deacons were present.

The finance committee was appointed as follows: J. F. Griffin, S. F. Boyd, H. J. Cosby Recess for preaching and noon hour.

Rev. W. T. Wiley preached from Luke 19-41.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotion led by Rev W. F. McDuffie. Topic for discussion was Pastor, Deacons. What is your church doing for the advancement of the cause

At this time there was a collection taken for the Bible School at Nashville, Tenn., to the amount of \$38.00.

It was voted that the ministers and deacons meeting be the last meeting before the Association. And the officers be elected at this meeting. The moderator appointed O.F. Everson and W. B. Griffin as delegates to the State Association.

The finance reported a collection of \$52.50. It was voted to meet with Cedar Springs Church in December, 1944. The topic for discussion will be led by Rev T. B. Mellette, namely. Doctrinal Views. The Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. J. N. Barnes.

In April we will meet with Open Ford Church. Topic for discussion, Womans Work and Place in the Church, led by Miss Dot Herring.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. W. F. McDuffie July Union to meet with Mt Zion Church. Rev. T. B. Mellette to preach the introductory sermon.

Do we have interesting program for our young people in our church. Discussed by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

September, Union will meet with Oak Grove church. Rev. W. T. Wiley to preach the Introductory Sermon. The topic for discussion Do we have a National Unified Program? If not Why Not? Discussed by Brother A. D. Iveny.

W. B. GRIFFIN, Moderator.

O. F. EVERSON, Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE MIDWAY**MINUTES OF UNION MEETING**

Our first Union Meeting met with Patmos Church, Baker County Georgia on January 28, 1944.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. The devotion was led by Brother A. D. Ivey. The call was made for reports from the churches. Seventeen reported, 34 delegates present. They were seated, visitors were invited to seats with us.

The finance committee was appointed as follows: J. M. Ethredge, Ralph Parker, Williams Clowers.

Recess for the preaching services and noon hour. Rev. L. A. Morris preached the Introductory Sermon from Gal. 2:16-20.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotion by Brother C. G. Jordan. Ministers present six

The program for discussion was announced. What we need for our denomination to go forward.

The finance committee reported \$63.35 collected and recommended that the next session meet with Travelers Rest Church. It was voted to pay 50 per cent to the Superannuates, 40 per cent to state Treasurer and 10 per cent to be kept in the treasurer of the union.

Rev. T. B. Mellette to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Rev. J. N. Barnes as alternate.

Adjourned to meet with Travelers Rest Church in April.

W B. GRIFFIN, Moderator.

O. F. EVERSON, Clerk.

UNION MEETING JULY 28, 1944

Union meeting met with Travelers Rest Church, July 28, 1944. Devotion led by W. B. Griffin, prayer by W. P. Richardson.

Fifteen churches reported with 31 delegates. A finance committee was appointed which were as follows: J. F. Griffin, Paul Irvin, T. W. Jenkins. Rev. J. N. Barnes brought an inspiring message at the eleven o'clock service

Adjourned for noon hour and all enjoyed delicious lunch prepared by the church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Call for other correspondence. Topic for discussion was "What Shall I do with Jesus Who is called the Christ". Discussed by C. G. Jordan and others.

The Union voted to have minutes of Union Meetings printed with the Association Minutes.

Elected officers for the year as follows: W. B. Griffin, Moderator; O. F. Everson, Clerk; L. W. Wiley Treasurer. Voted to pay \$5.00 and to send the proceedings of this meeting to the Freewill Baptist Press, to be published in Freewill Baptist paper.

Mt Zion church and pastor were appointed program committee for another year.

Voted to hold Minister's and Deacon's meeting with White Plains church on October 27, 1944.

W. B. GRIFFIN, Moderator.

O. F. EVERSON, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2

Churches	Sunday School Superintendent and Secretaries	No. Classes	No. Enrolled	F. W. B. League, Presidents and Secretaries...	Group Leaders	No. Enrolled	Ladies Aid President and Secretaries...	No. Enrolled
Blakely	J. L. Houston, Blakely	3	40				Mrs. W. S. Drigger, Blakely, Ga.	16
	Jaunita Day, Blakely						Mrs. Brink Hoover, Blakely, Ga.	
Enterprise								
Macedonia	E. Houston, Damascus, Ga.	4	31					
	J. M. Craft, Colquitt, Ga.							
Mt. Zion	C. G. Jordan, Arlington, Ga.	4	35					
	Mack Sword, Arlington, Ga.							
Live Oak								
Patmos	J. T. Griffin, Leary, Ga.	4	50	Billie Sheffield, Leary, Ga.	3	30	Ms. Sallie Woodard, Leary, Ga.	20
	Christine Griffin, Leary, Ga.			Burnice Campbell, Leary, Ga.			Mrs. Hubert Davis, Leary, Ga.	
Oak Grove							Mrs. S. F. Boyd, Colquitt, Ga.	10
							Mrs. Pony Mock, Colquitt, Ga.	
Pine View								
White Plains								
New Light	G. L. Bryan, Shellman, Ga.	4	75					
	Joe Mac Paul, Morgan, Ga.							
Cedar Springs	E. A. Reed, Hilton, Ga.	4	30	J. A. Mercer, Cedar Springs, Ga.	4	30	Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Hilton, Ga.	8
	E. A. Reed, Jr. Hilton, Ga.			Clarence Cashwell, Hilton, Ga.			Mrs. E. A. Reed, Hilton, Ga.	
Damascus	L. B. Perry, Damascus, Ga.	3	25	Mrs. Christine Cheshire, Damascus, Ga.	3	40		
	Mrs. Eula Wily, Damascus, Ga.			Mervine Sammons, Damascus, Ga.				
Open Pond	S. J. Duning, Jakin, Ga.	4	56	Eveline Reeves, Jakin, Ga.	3	30	Miss Dot Harvey, Jakin, Ga.	12
	T. G. Pace, Jakin, Ga.			Mrs. B. E. Herrington, Jakin, Ga.			Mrs. W. T. Hudson, Jakin, Ga.	
Zion	W. T. Wiley, Hilton, Ga.	4	80	Mrs. Dennis Johnson, Hilton, Ga.	2	50	Mrs. J. D. English, Hilton, Ga.	18
	Margarett Johnson, Hilton, Ga.			Vandine Merkerson, Hilton, Ga.			Mrs. Dennis Johnson, Hilton, Ga.	
Bethlehem	W. F. Ferguson, Shellman, Ga.	4	42					
	Mrs. Earline Jones, Shellman, Ga.							
Macedonia Fla.	B. M. Yates, Drifton, Fla.	3	25	Mrs. B. M. Yates, Drifton, Fla.				
	Mrs. Fulford, Monticello, Fla.			Eula Sheffield, Drifton, Fla.				
Travelers Rest	G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga.	4	91	George Parker, Newton, Ga.	2	50	Mrs. S. J. Irvin, Newton, Ga.	8
	Mrs. G. R. Parker, Newton, Ga.			Agnes Collins, Newton, Ga.			Mrs. Melia Irvin, Newton, Ga.	
White Pond				Leroy Haddeck, Damascus, Ga.	4	51		
New Enterprise				Miss Bonnie Lewis, Damascus, Ga.				

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1

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