

**THE
MISSOURI STATE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1947

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
34TH ANNUAL SESSION**

**CONVENED AT
MACEDONIA CHURCH
NEAR MONETT, MISSOURI**

MINUTES
OF THE
34th Annual Session
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Macedonia Church

Near Monett, Missouri

Beginning on Monday night, September 16, 1947

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred Monett, Mo.
Ass't Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis Myrtle, Mo.
Clerk-Treas., Rev. Marie Hyatt Greentop, Mo.
Ass't. Clerk, Rev. Paul Williams Carterville, Mo.
Statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner Monett, Mo.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. C. B. Dees, Flat River, Mo. 1948
Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo. 1949
Dea. John Bough, Lockwood, Mo. 1950
Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo. 1951
Rev. Frank Dinton, Tunas, Mo. 1952

The Auxiliary Message on Monday night will be delivered by Mrs. Mary Wellbaum, Mrs. Melba White, alternate.

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be preached by Rev. John Roger, Rev. Archie Cooper, alternate.

The next annual session of this Association will be held in the Northeast Mo. Ass'n., church to be selected. Beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September, 1948.

Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri

PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Association met in its thirty-fourth annual session with the Macedonia Church, Monett, Mo., Tuesday night, September 16, 1947.

Meeting called to order by the host pastor, Rev. Frank Linton. Congregational singing by Bro. Floyd Inman and Rev. Selph Jones. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Weston. Congregational singing. Special music by the Flat River Quartet; Solo, Selph Jones.

Our Association was called to order for business by the Clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt, and Rev. Mark Lewis, Ass't. Moderator, was called to the chair.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Business-Manager of the Free Will Baptist College, was given time to bring information concerning our College. An offering of \$88.34 was given to our College.

Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo. Scripture text, John 15:16, was used as the basis of his message; Subject - "Producing Fruit". An inspirational message was given.

Solo - "The Love of God", by Mrs. Darlene Thomas was given before the message.

Benediction by Rev. Mark Lewis.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Meeting opened by singing. Prayer by Rev. Mark Lewis. Devotional led by Rev. John Long (Patton, Mo.) using Psalms 23 for Scripture lesson.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator, took charge.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following associations: Southeast Mo., Central Western Mo. & Southeastern Kans., Northwest Mo. & Northeastern Kans., Northeast Mo., Indian Creek, Liberty, Nian-gua, and Cave Springs.

Welcome extended to Rev. C. A. Fly of the Methodist Church and Mayme Shoemaker of the Church of God as visiting brethren.

Officers elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.; Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis,

Myrtle, Mo.; Clerk-Treas. Marie Hyatt, Greentop, Mo.
Motion carried that the Clerk be given the privilege of choosing her assistant.

Rev. Paul Williams chosen as Ass't. Clerk.

Motion carried that the Moderator be given authority to appoint the Committee on Committees.

The following were appointed as the committee: Rev's. Mark Lewis, Winford Davis, Archie Cooper, Woodrow Matthews and Melba White.

Moderator appointed the following as temporary Pulpit Committee: Dea. P. R. Henderson, Mrs. Gladys Fillmer, Dea. Ross Thomas, Bro. Jesse Peterson, and Mrs. Dorothy Coffey.

Registration of ministers, deacons, visitors, and ministers' companions.

At this time the State Association gave way for the S. S. Convention.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Motion carried to receive the report of the Committee on Committees.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Congregational singing. Testimony service. Special music - Duet - Rev. & Mrs. F. C. Zinn; Solo, Mrs. Darlene Thomas; Solo, Rev. D. Selph Jones.

Missionary pictures of F. W. B. Missions were shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Missionary message delivered by Rev. Damon Dodd. (2 Cor. 10:16).

One young lady dedicated her life to the service of God. Fellowship handshake followed a prayer of consecration.

An offering of \$154.45 was given to Foreign Missions. Benediction by Rev. O. T. Allred.

THURSDAY MORNING

Meeting opened by singing; devotional led by Rev.

Charles Moyer. Romans 8:1-5 was used as Scripture lesson. Prayer by Leonard Clark.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried that the Moderator be granted the privilege of appointing a Nominating Committee for Youth Encampment members and a member for the National Revision Committee.

The following were appointed as the above Committee: Rev. Paul Williams, Bro. Tony Davis, Rev. Albert Halbrook, Sis. Ella Dotson, and Rev. Melba White.

Motion carried that the report of the Youth Encampment be received and our Board be commended for their work.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Acting-Editor of the F. W. B. Gem, Rev. B. F. Brown.

Motion carried that a vote of thanks and appreciation be given to Bro. Brown for his work in behalf of the Gem.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Obituary Committee and comply with request contained therein.

Welcome extended to Rev. & Mrs. Harry Staires of Tulsa, Oklahoma as visiting brethren.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Nominating Committee for delegates to National Association.

Motion carried that the delegates to the National Association be given power to appoint proxies to serve if they are unable to attend in person.

Welcome extended to Rev's. Homer Smith and Albert Brooks of Union Association as visiting brethren.

Motion carried to adopt the report of Temperance Committee.

Greetings from Rev's. Brooks, Smith, Staires and Mrs. Staires.

Motion carried to receive the partial report of the Business Committee.

Adjournment until the call of the Chairman.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Albert Brooks. Special music : Solo, Marie Hyatt; solo, Rev. Winford Davis. Prayer by Rev. Damon Dodd. Special music by

Roy Alyea and a Mixed Quartet.

Message by Rev. Harry Beatty. 2 Cor. 6:14-18 was used as Scripture text. An inspirational and timely message was delivered.

Benediction by Rev. Virgil Greenway.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing. Devotional led by Rev. W. K. Weston. Prayer by Dea. J. B. Jefferson.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1. of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2. of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 3. of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 4. of Business Committee.

An offering of \$196.23 was given to Youth Encampment Fund.

Motion carried to receive report of Statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner, and give him an honorarium of \$10.00.

Rev. Kenneth Turner re-elected as State Statistician.

Motion carried to receive the report of State Treasurer, Marie Hyatt, and commend her for her splendid work.

Motion carried to receive the report of Nominating Committee for members of Youth Encampment Board and a member for National Revision Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1 of above Nominating Committee.

Rev. Harry Beatty elected as member of National Revision Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of Publication Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Education Committee.

Greeting from the F. W. B. Church, 2600 W. Nichols, Springfield, Mo. by Rev. Bert Hall, Pastor.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Executive Board.

Rev. Frank Linton elected as member of the Executive

Board for a five-year term.

Adjournment until call of the Chairman.

Benediction by Rev. Frank Linton.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. M. H. LaFollet. Devotional service in charge of Rev. Harvey Hill. Special music - Quartet, Macedonia Mixed Quartet; Solo-Jerry Davis; Duet, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Davis; Quartet, Flat River Male Quartet; Solo, Marie Hyatt; Solo, Helen Allred; Reading "The Starry Crown", Mrs. Ira Wayman.

Message of evening by Rev. Archie Cooper. Subject, "Get Going"; Text, Eze. 22:30. A challenge to Christian people to "get going" in winning souls to Christ.

Benediction by Rev. Henry Long.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Congregational singing; devotional led by Rev. Henry Long. Prayer by Rev. Arther Bailey. Scripture lesson, Psalms 1.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to receive the verbal report by Rev. Arther Bailey of Laclede County Association.

Motion carried that the 1948 session of Missouri State Association convene in Northeast Mo. Association, the church to be named at a later date.

Rev. John Rogers elected to deliver the introductory message at the 1948 session, with Rev. Archie Cooper as alternate.

Motion carried to accept the report and adopt the recommendations of the State Superannuation Board.

Rev. Paul Williams elected as member of State Board of Superannuation.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Foreign Mission Committee; also, to adopt the recommendation contained therein.

Motion carried to receive the final report of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 5 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 6 of Business Committee.

At this time 61 subscriptions and an offering of \$154.00 were given to the F. W. B. Gem. Pledges of \$430.00 were given to its support.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Congregational singing. Devotional led by Rev. Albert Halbrook. Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Turner. Specials: Solo, Carolyn Moyer; Mixed Quartet, Flat River Quartet.

Message, "Love of God", was delivered by Rev. Davie M. Combs. An inspirational message on love was delivered.

A period of Christian fellowship was a blessing to the entire congregation.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing. Devotional led by Rev. Mark Lewis. Scripture lesson, Phil. 2:1-11. Prayer by Marie Hyatt.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 7 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 8 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt the report of Home Mission Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of State Sunday School Convention.

Motion carried to receive the report of Woman's State Auxiliary Convention.

Motion carried to receive the report of State League Convention.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 9 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 10 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 11 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to accept minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn until the 1948 session of the Missouri State Association.

Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred

Clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt

Those who served during the sessions of the work as song leaders, pianists and special singers are as follows:

Song leaders— Floyd Inman, Roy Alyea, Leonard Clark, J. M. Alyea, Rev's. Selph Jones, Virgil Greenway, Harvey Hill, Paul Williams, and Dr. Elburn Smith.

Pianists— Virginia Inman, Dorothy Coffey, Imogene Dunklin, Anna Mae Tucker, Marie Hyatt, Thora Arbogast, Ruby Rickman, and Esther Peterson.

Special Singers— Flat River Quartet (F. C. Zinn, Cleo Black, Percy Henson, Roy Alyea) , Rev. D. Selph Jones, Marie Hyatt, Darlene Thomas, Nila Belle Wischart, Lucille Beatty, Ralph Davis, Gerald Rickman, Oleta Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Davis, Helen Allred, Jerry Davis, Harry Beatty, Rev. & Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Carolyn Moyer, Floyd Inman and Rev. Winford Davis.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We, your Board of Superannuation, submit the following report:

Having no business that would demand the attention of the entire board, there has been no meeting since the session following the State Association, 1946. The Board was organized at this time. Realizing the need of a sufficient fund to meet any emergency that might arise, we did not feel it wise to make any contribution this year.

Financial Report

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| Brought forward from last year | \$204.96 |
| Received from State Treas. by Marie Hyatt | 52.60 |
| Total | \$257.56 |
| Paid to Nat. Treasurer. | 13.00 |
| Amount in Treasury | \$244.56 |
| Secretary-Treasurer, F. C. Zinn | |

Board of Superannuation

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| Rev. Paul Williams | Cartersville, Mo. |
| Rev. Mark Lewis | Myrtle, Mo. |
| Rev. Frank Linton | Tunas, Mo. |
| Rev. F. C. Zinn | Flat River, Mo. |
| Rev. Harry Beatty | Fredericktown, Mo. |

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 1, 1946 to August 31, 1947

State Unified Fund

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| Bal. brought forward from last year | \$ 154.01 |
| Total amount received | 2483.54 |
| Total amount disbursed | 2317.56 |
| Balance | \$ 319.99 |

Foreign Mission Fund

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| Total amount received | \$4282.00 |
| Total amount disbursed | 4282.00 |

Cuban Girls' Dormitory Fund

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| Total amount received | \$160.00 |
| Total amount disbursed | 160.00 |

Cuban Building Fund

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| Total amount received | \$3.00 |
| Total amount disbursed | \$.00 |

Expansion Program Fund

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| Total amount received | \$42.00 |
| Total amount disbursed | 42.00 |

\$50,000 Co-Laborer Band Fund

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| Total amount received | \$11.00 |
| Total amount disbursed | 11.00 |

Jehoida Chest Fund

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| Total amount received | \$18.00 |
| Total amount disbursed | 18.00 |

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

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| Total amount received | \$90.62 |
| Total amount disbursed | 90.62 |

Home Mission Fund

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| Total amount received | \$26.20 |
| Total amount disbursed | 26.20 |

Superannuation Fund

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| Total amount received | \$7.00 |
| Total amount disbursed | 7.00 |

State Entertainment Fund

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| Total received | \$887.23 |
| Total amount disbursed | 887.23 |

TOTALS

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| Brought forward on all funds | \$ 154.01 |
| Received on all funds | 8553.72 |
| Paid out on all funds | 8233.73 |
| Balance in treasury on all funds | \$ 319.99 |

Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer

MO. STATE F. W. B. YOUTH ENCAMPMENT REPORT

We, your Youth Encampment Board, wish to make a report on the work done the past year:

Building Facilities Erected: A drilled well which is 212 feet deep with 150 feet of water and an 8 X 8 ft. well house, 2 cabins (14 X 20 ft.) with 14 double bunks.

A large part of the recreation ground is cleaned.

Financial Report

Received from Rev. Mark Lewis, October 12,

1946 \$1652.75

Borrowed from Mr. A. L. Helms, 2028 Nicholson

Place, St. Louis, Mo. 500.00

Received by offerings, pledges and donations .. 959.72

Total receipts \$3112.47

Disbursements:

General expense \$ 67.70

Traveling expense 208.72

Labor on camp 640.46

Building material 1690.83

Institute expense 268.30

Total disbursements \$2876.01

Bal. in Treasury, Sept. 15, 1947 \$ 236.46

Fifty (50) folding chairs were given to the Camp.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD'S REPORT

To the Missouri State Association when convened at the Macedonia Church September 15-19, 1947.

September 10, 1946

On September 10, 1946 the Executive Board met as

per agreement at Myrtle Church.

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Miller.

The only item of business was the discussion of the publication of the Gem.

At the close of the Association at Myrtle the Board met again and organized as follows: Rev. F. C. Zinn, Chairman; Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary-Treasurer. The Board agreed to meet at Monett November 5th or earlier if necessary.

Motion carried to allocate 10% of the State's part of the Unified Fund to the Superannuation Board and the remaining 90% to the General Fund.

Motion carried that the members of the Board receive 10 cents a mile one way travel expense.

November 5, 1946

On November 5, 1947 the Mo. State Executive Board met at Monett, Mo. with the following members present: Rev's. F. C. Zinn, B. F. Brown, Harry Beatty, C. B. Dees, and Dea. John Bough.

Scripture reading by Rev. Harry Beatty. Prayer by Bro. John Bough.

Discussion opened relative to the opening of the Gem.

Motion to adjourn for lunch; to return at 1:30.

Meeting resumed at 2:00 o'clock with prayer by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Motion carried that the Board ask for donations and pledges to be used to pay for the present stock in the publishing house. The said stock to become the property of the Missouri State Association and the incoming Editor to be ever responsible to the Missouri State Association for the amount of the stock.

Motion carried to publish the following:

EDITOR MANAGER WANTED

Inasmuch as the Free Will Baptist Gem, formerly published at Monett, Mo. was compelled to suspend publication because of the lack of an editor, and being desirous of resuming publication, we wish to contact some person, qualified and desiring to become Editor-Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem at Monett, Mo. Anyone desiring this position please call or write Rev. C. B. Dees, 740 Rinker Ave., Aurora, Mo. or Rev. F. C. Zinn, 306 Cedar St., Flat River, Mo.

Done by order of the Missouri State Executive Board

while in session at Monett, Mo. This 5th day of November, 1946.

After much discussion about the possibilities of the Gem and the task of getting someone to take over after its having been idle for so long, the Board arrived at the following decision.

Motion carried that we resume the publication of the Free Will Baptist Gem with the December issue, under the auspices of the Missouri State Executive Board.

Motion carried that we adjourn until the call of the chair.

January 28, 1947

On, January 28, 1947 the Missouri State Executive Board met at the Free Will Baptist Gem Office with the following members present: Rev's. Harry Beatty, B. F. Brown, C. B. Dees and Dea. John Bough. In the absence of Rev. F. C. Zinn, Rev. O. T. Allred was seated as his proxy.

Motion carried that Rev. O. T. Allred be elected as Chairman pro tem for this meeting.

Prayer by Rev's O. T. Allred and Harry Beatty.

Letter read from Rev. Sherman Oakes of North Carolina as to being Editor of the Gem.

Motion carried to borrow money to purchase the stock of the former Editor.

Adjournment for lunch.

Business resumed by prayer by Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys.

Motion carried that money be borrowed at the bank to pay the amount of the inventory over and above the standing note to the Church Extension Fund of \$410.

Motion carried that we cancel the note for \$410. now standing against C. B. Dees, and that the Board make a new note for the said amount to the Church Extension Fund.

Inventory of the stock taken at the Gem which amounted to \$852.26. Balance due of this amount, \$442.26; \$34.26 was paid in cash. Arrangements were made to borrow \$408.00 to satisfy the balance.

Motion carried that Bro. Brown be appointed Acting-Editor of the Gem until the State Association or until another Editor is secured.

June 20, 1947

On June 20, 1947 the Missouri State Executive Board

met at the Free Will Baptist Gem Office in Monett, Mo.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. O. T. Allred. In the absence of Rev. Harry Beatty, Bro. Allred was seated as proxy. Bro. J. B. Jefferson was seated as proxy for Rev. C. B. Dees. Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys was seated in council.

Motion carried to accept the invitation of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church to entertain the Missouri State Association.

Motion carried to delegate Rev. F. C. Zinn, as Chairman of the Board, to write cards to as many Church Clerks and ministers as possible to prompt their support in defraying the cost of the entertainment of the Association.

Motion carried to make the Gem office responsible for the printing of programs and badges for the State Association.

Motion carried for Rev. O. T. Allred to work in cooperation with the Gem Office to prepare a program for the State Association.

Motion carried to make Rev. B. F. Brown responsible to have repairs made on the Gem building as funds are available and repairs necessary.

Rev. O. T. Allred by his own request disqualified himself temporarily from the Board; Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys replaced him as proxy.

Motion carried to endorse the Youth Encampment Board to borrow money, if necessary, not to exceed \$500.00 for the preparation of the Youth Camp to entertain this year's session.

Balance on and in the Church Extension Fund \$449.24.

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Chairman
Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary

REPORT OF THE ACTING-EDITOR

(From December 3, 1946 to September 15, 1947)

At the time of our last State Meeting, our Gem paper had no Editor, and was not being printed. But our State Executive Board, after due consideration, decided to resume the publication of our paper and I agreed to act

as Editor until we could install a regular Editor or until the 1947 session of the Missouri State Association.

We began work at the Gem Office on the third day of December, 1946 and put out nine issues of the Gem to this date. Most of the nine issues have been eight page papers because of the lack of manuscript to make a larger paper and because there was a lack of money. The Board guaranteed my expenses and promised to cooperate and allow me up to 25 cents an hour for time worked if that much was left above expenses, and if the amount of income more than paid the expenses and 25 cents an hour for the time employed at the Gem Office, the balance should go to the incoming Editor.

Last December there were about 1,000 names on the mailing list; but near 700 of these names have expired and at least 600 of them failed to renew, leaving around 400 names on the old list. During the nine months we have received 413 subscriptions making about 800 who are getting the Gem.

Financial Report

Receipts

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| 413 subs @ \$1.00 | \$413.00 |
| Gifts from friends of the Gem | 32.10 |
| S. S. Supplies, Books, Blanks, etc. sold | 120.86 |
| Cash received for job printing | 36.05 |
| Amount due us for job printing | 40.25 |
| Total income for the nine months | \$625.26 |

Disbursements

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| Expenses paid in cash | \$329.86 |
| Unpaid repair bill (estimated) | 30.00 |
| 100 Treatise (not paid for) | 22.00 |
| Gem Office stock used and sold | 62.81 |
| Total expenses | \$444.67 |
| Total income above expenses | \$197.59 |
| Time employed — 921 hours. | |

B. F. Brown, Acting Editor

Gem Stock Fund

At the State Executive Board Meeting held at the Gem Office January 28, 1947, the Board agreed to purchase the Gem Office stock from Rev. C. B. Dees. It was found that Bro. Dees' equity in said stock amounted to \$442.26. Up to that time I had received \$34.26. We paid

Bro. Dees the \$34.26, leaving a balance of \$408.00 which we borrowed at the bank. Bro. O. T. Allred and all the Boardmembers signing the note.

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| Note given to Bank | \$408.00 |
| Received and paid on note | 324.73 |
| Balance unpaid on note | 83.27 |
| Interest on note at 6% | 24.48 |
| Total unpaid balance | \$107.75 |

B. F. Brown, Acting Editor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foreign Missions—

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg to submit the following recommendations:

No. 1. Be it resolved that we approve the Foreign Mission Extension Campaign as recently launched by the National Foreign Mission Board.

No. 2. Whereas the National Foreign Mission Board has appointed Rev. Damon Dodd, Director of Foreign Missions for this State, be it, therefore, resolved that we cooperate with him in the Promoting of the Foreign Mission work.

Inasmuch as the Foreign Mission Board is asking our churches to take the support of the students in the Cuban School of Missions at the rate of \$15.00 per month for each student; we, therefore, recommend that all our churches in this state, who can and will, take the support of one of these students.

No. 3. Be it resolved that we approve the Free Will Baptist Missionary Review, which is being distributed among our people.

No. 4. Be it resolved that we endorse the book written by one of our missionaries to India, Laura Belle Barnard, and urge our people throughout the State to avail themselves of this splendid book.

No. 5. Be it resolved that Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions be taught in all our Daily Vacation Bible School work.

No. 6. Inasmuch as our State Mission Director has designated the month of November as Special Mission-

ary month for Missouri, be it therefore resolved: That each church in the State take a Special Missionary offering sometime during the month. This offering is to be over and above what the church may be already giving to Foreign Missions.

Committee
Vinita Broyles Alberta Davis
Winford Davis

Home Missions—

We, your Committee on Home Missions, wish to submit the following recommendations:

Whereas, the need of Home Mission work has become acute in our State, we request that the present Home Mission Board (The Executive Board) give us a workable plan in behalf of Home Missions.

Committee
Davie N. Combs Albert Halbrook
Virgil Greenway

Education—

We, the Committee on Education, present the following recommendations:

1. That each church give a Daily Vacation Bible School during the year in behalf of our youth.
2. That each Sunday School Superintendent and pastor encourage the young people to take advantage of our Youth Encampment.
3. That each church encourage their youth to take advantage of the Christian training offered them at our F. W. B. Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee and support them with prayer and finance.

Committee
Ella Dotson Christina Halbrook
Ora George

Temperance—

We, your Temperance Committee, beg to submit the following report:

We recommend that our Missouri State Association of

Free Will Baptists urge our people to take a definite stand against the manufacture of intoxicating drinks and the danger of smoking cigarettes, of reading ten-cent novels, and buying those damnable comic books.

We further recommend that our ministers be urged to launch forth an effort to educate our people to the effects of using these things (or may we say this stuff?).

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| Committee | Mary Wellbaum |
| Marguerite Darnell | Archie Cooper |

Publication—

We, your Committee on Publication, report as follows:

At the last year's session of our State Association, we were wishing our Gem paper could again be published each month; at this year's session we are rejoicing that it is again making its regular monthly visits.

Now that the publication of our paper is resumed, we urge that it be considered the binding duty of each Free Will Baptist pastor to present to his church the needs of our publishing house and urge his members to subscribe to the Gem.

We recommend that all of our churches follow the example set by Hazel Creek Union Church; for this church has responded with 54 subscriptions to the Gem. We say, "Go thou and do likewise".

Since there is such an abundance of unwholesome literature available for young and old, it behooves us to guard our young people against the destructive influence of such literature and provide them with wholesome literature that will help to build noble character.

Believing that unselfish loyal support of our denominational enterprises will enable our denomination to grow and flourish to the glory of God, we urge that all of our people do all they can in the support of all our denominational enterprises, and not forget that our Free Will Baptist Gem is indispensable in bringing about the accomplishment of these ends.

Committee
Alta Mikel

B. F. Brown
Olson Lincoln

Obituary—

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in His wisdom has called from our midst a number of our beloved brothers and sisters from the following Associations:

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| Northeast Missouri | 3 |
| Indian Creek | 4 |
| Cave Springs | 6 |
| Southeast Missouri | 20 |
| Liberty | 12 |
| Niangua | 6 |
| Central Western Missouri & Southeastern Kansas | 5 |
| Northwestern Missouri & Northeastern Kansas | 6 |

Be it resolved that this body stand in silent prayer in humble submission to God's will and in memory of our beloved departed ones.

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| Committee | Ozella Wilson |
| Lillie Sarrell | Mrs. W. K. Weston |

Nominating Committee (For Youth Encampment Members and a Member of the National Treatise Revision Committee)—

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

Item No. 1. — Youth Encampment members:

Rev. O. T. Allred - 5 years.

Dea. Ira Walton - 4 years.

Item No. 2. — Member of Treatise Revision Committee: Rev. Harry Beatty.

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| Committee | Paul Williams |
| Ella Dotson | Tony Davis |

Nominating Committee (For delegates to the National Association)—

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following names as delegates to the National Association which convenes at Pocahontas, Ark., July, 1948: Jewell Campbell, Ella Dotson, Lucille Beatty, Gladys Filmer, Mil-

ford House, Jesse Peterson, John Bough, Burnice Davis, Ora George, Thelma Lewis, Gussie Hamblen, Alta Mikel, Herman Miley, Cristina Halbrook and Georgie McDaniel.

Committee
Lucille Beatty

Burnice Davis
Gussie Hamblin

Committee on Committees—

We, the Committee on Committees, submit the following report:

Divvine Service— P. R. Henderson, Gladys Fillmer, Ross Thomas, Jesse Peterson, Dorothy Coffey.

Business— Mark Lewis, Harry Beatty, W. K. Weston, Lloyd Warren, Junior Evans.

Obituary— Ozella Wilson, Lilly Sorrel, Mrs. W. K. Weston.

Foreign Mission— Winford Davis, Alberta Davis, Vinita Broyles.

Home Mission— Albert Halbrook, Davie Combs, Virgil Greenway.

Nomination Committee (for delegates to National Association)— Gussie Hamblin, Lucille Beatty, Burnice Davis.

Special Music— Frank Linton, Harvey Hill, Nita Belle Wischart.

Publication— B. F. Brown, Alta Mikel, Olen Lincoln.

Education— Christina Halbrook, Ella Dodson, Ora George.

Temperance— Mary Wellbaum, Mrs. Willard Darnell, Archie Cooper.

Committee
F. C. Zinn
Melba White

Mark Lewis
Archie Cooper
Winford Davis

Business—

We, your Business Committee, submit the following

report:

1. Let us call your attention to the accepted notice of the proposed Constitutional change:

"We recommend that this session of the Association accept a notice of a proposed change of the Constitution in Art No. 4 to read as follows: 'The officers of this Association shall be, a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator and a Secretary-Treasurer, said officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of each session and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified; a board of trustees of five members whose term of office shall be as follows: One for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, one for three (3) years, one for four (4) years, and one for five (5) years; and at the expiration of these terms one is to be elected for a term of five years and who shall hold office until his successor is elected; and further, if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next Association; who shall perform the following duties: First shall be the legal corporation of the Association with the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists; to be a Board of Missions and Church Extension, to secure, hold and convey money, homes or lands for the propagation of the gospel in connection with the Free Will Baptist denomination. Second, to receive, hold, manage, use, control, or convey any property entrusted to the Association for and in accordance with the donor's purpose. Said Board of Trustees shall also compose the Home Mission Board. They may be chosen from ministers, deacons, or delegates.' Proposed change to be voted upon at the next regular session of the Association."

2 Recognizing the request of the Indian Creek and Central Western Mo. & Southeastern Kans. Associations: Be it resolved that we go on record as opposing any trend or movement toward our Bible College becoming a liberal arts or fully accredited Institution.

3. Viewing request No. 2 from the Indian Creek Association pertaining to the authorization of this State's elected member of the Treatise Revision Committee: Be it resolved that the officers of this Association, the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk, be empowered

ed to instruct and advise the elected person on any and all doctrinal points.

4. Be it resolved that this body grant the request of the State League and Sunday School Conventions to convene at the Youth Camp.

5. After much prayer and careful consideration, we recommend that Rev. Winford Davis be elected Editor-Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem paper with final contract to be arranged between Bro. Davis and the Executive Board.

6. Since the Gem is at a low ebb financially: Be it resolved that the delegation present at this session advise their local church of this condition and the election of the new Editor-Manager, and solicit funds to help put the work on sound operating basis.

7. Be it resolved that this body intreat all pastors within the bounds of the State to advocate and teach the need of the support of the State Unified Fund to their churches.

8. We recommend that the Executive Board be instructed to consider the need for funds to establish our National Headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.; also that they be empowered to allocate any available funds from the State Fund for this purpose.; further, that they have the privilege to reach the \$2,000. goal for Missouri, suggested by the National Association.

9. Inasmuch as Rev. Keithly has donated the tent for the use of the Association during this session: We recommend that he be given a standing vote of thanks for his kindness, and that our Clerk be instructed to write him a letter of appreciation with this item to be included.

10. We recommend that the officers of the Association be given a standing vote of thanks for their efficient and untiring service during this session.

11. We recommend that the Macedonia Church and Community be given a standing vote of thanks for their kind hospitality in the entertainment of this session of the State Association; also, that we declare by a vote of the body, the entertainment to be generous indeed.

Committee
Harry Beatty
W. K. Weston

Mark Lewis
Lloyd Warren
Junior Evans

VISITORS

Betty Jo Shipley, Mrs. Tony Davis, Charles McFarland, Ronald McFarland, Ray Martin, Cleo Black, Edwin Eugene Black, Mrs. Cleo Black, Hazel Laverne Black, Anna Mae Tucker, Carolyn Moyer, Ora Weurfele, Freda Hall, Mary Lee Coffey, Mrs. Quenton Thomas, Mrs. Curtis Coffey, Mrs. Leslie Whitley, C. C. Bebout, Donald Greenway, Joyce Whitley, Roy Alyea, Mr. & Mrs. Olen Lincoln, Sandra Lewis, Mrs. Myrtle Alyea, Dr. T. V. Poole, Ella Atwell, Nettie Harrell, Thomas Ray LaShum, Jo Ann Jones, Billie Jean Powell, Clell D. Pruett, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Lackey, Mrs. Ora Maberry, and Mrs. Harry Staires.

DEACONS

Wendell Sevits, J. W. Hollingsworth, Tom Lewis, Stanthews, J. B. Jefferson, Junior Evans, Ross R. Thomas, ley Baker, Fred L. King, Lloyd Warren, John Bough, J. K. Stephends, N. H. Rhoades, John Sharp, Blaine Mat-
P. R. Henderson, Lawrence Davis, John Starnes, and
Audra Dill.

DELEGATES

Eva LaShum, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Adelma Newcomer, Gussie Hamblin, Maisie Sevits, Mary McFarland, Dolly Lewis, Emma Bebout, Minnie Hunt, Tony Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Shaffer, Iva Eichman, Bertha Souden, Alberta Davis, Martha Clayton, Ozella Wilson, Mary Rebh, Jessie R. Stout, W. D. McFarland, Curtis Coffey, Mrs. John Sharp, Allie Peterson, Dorothy Coffey, Mrs. Ed Jones, Francis Harbison, Leona Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Ance! Alexander, Esther Peterson, Stella Walton, Marguerite Darnell, Willard Darnell, Janie Wheatley, Georgia McDaniel, Alta Powell, Leonard Clark, Clyde Smith, Alma Alexander, Gertie Dudley, Quentin Thomas, Mrs. Will Gates, Theo Bough, Pauline Warren, Lena Johnson, Mrs. Lewis Greenway, Gladys Fillmer, Thelma Hilton, James Lane, Otha Lahman, Evelyn Alyea, Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Butler, Dora Fugate, Alta,

Swank, Ethel Gladden, Percy Henson, Gilbert Percival, Eula Wischart, Julia Inman, Neta Belle Wischart, Cora Wischart, Mrs. Jodie McKeel, Elba Harbison, Jesse Peterson, Lillian Sorrell, Finis Sorrell, Oleta Davis, Ella Dotson, Ora Maberry, Thora Arbogast, and Gweneth Talley.

MINISTERS' COMPANIONS

Mrs. Charles Moyers, Mrs. D. S. Jones, Mrs. Faye George, Mrs. Albert Halbrook, Mrs. O. T. All ed, Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. Paul Williams, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Mrs. Harry Beatty, Mrs. Mark Lewis, Mrs. Virgil Greenway, Mrs. Winford Davis. Mrs. Belva Zinn, and Mrs. Henry Long.

MINISTERS

Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
Mark Lewis, Myrtle, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Archie Cooper, Kirksville, Mo.
Albert Halbrook, Mine LaMotte, Mo.
Paul Williams, Carterville, Mo.
Marie Hyatt, Greentop, Mo.
B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.
John Rogers, Fredericktown, Mo.
John Long, Patton, Mo.
George LaShum, Monett, Mo. (Licensed)
A. J. Kelsay, Hartville, Mo.
Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta Ave., Lemay, Mo.
Wm. Reeves, Irondale, Mo.
Arthur Bailey, Plad, Mo.
F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo.
Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
Davie Combs, Couch, Mo.
Charles Moyer, Flat River, Mo.
H. A. Tucker, Rivermines, Mo.
Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.
Virgil Greenway, Monett, Mo.
R. E. Nutting, Iantha, Mo.
Woodrow Matthews, Mine LaMotte, Mo.

James Friend, Neosho, Mo. (Licensed)
D. Selph Jones, Aldrich, Mo.
Cecil Campbel, Wheaton, Mo.
Alta Mikel, Greentop, Mo. (Licensed)
O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
Rosa Thomas, Purdy, Mo.
Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.
Vinita Broyles, Grove Springs, Mo.
Ben Henderson, Purdy, Mo.
Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kans.
Damon Dodd, Flat River, Mo.
Frank Linton, Tunas, Mo.
Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Bert Hall, 2510 W. Nichols, Springfield, Mo.
Henry Long, Phillipsburg, Mo.

VISITING MINISTERS

Harry Staires, Homer B. Smith, Albert W. Brooks,
W. F. Goodnight, C. A. Fly, Mayme Shoemaker, Lloyd
Hamblin.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Auxiliary Convention met with
Macedonia F. W. B. Church Monday night, September
15, 1947.

Song service led by Marie Hyatt. Devotional led by
Gladys Fillmer with prayer by Mrs. Mary Wellbaum.

The President, Marie Hyatt, called the house to order
for business.

The following committees were appointed:

Appreciation—Melba White, Mrs. Clayton, Maisie
Sevits.

Obituary—Alta Mikel, Alta Powell, Gussie Hamblin.

Business—Evelyn Alyca, Mary Wellbaum, Hazel
Scott.

The following were elected as the Nomination Commit-
tee: Orpha Greenway, Melba White, Gussie Hamblin,
Burnice Davis, Effie Matthews.

Solo, "I'm a Child of the King", by Marie Hyatt.

The Convention Message, "Exalt Ye The Lord", was

delivered by Mrs. Alta Mikel. Text of the message, Psalms 34:3. A very inspirational message was given.
• Benediction by Rev. Frank Linton.

TUESDAY MORNING

Theme— "Exalt ye the Lord our God and worship at His footstool."

Devotional led by Mrs. Christina Halbrook. Prayer by Mrs. John Long. Special prayer for Bessie Staires' recovery led by Bro. Alred. Special music by Flat River Quartet.

Special welcome given to Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of the F. W. B. Bible College.

Greetings from the State brought by Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator.

President's Message, "Exalt ye the Lord", given by Mrs. Hyatt.

Through Christian Education — Mrs. Evelyn Alyea.

Through Missions — Mrs. Alta Powell.

Through Stewardship — Miss Melba White.

Through Personal Service — Mrs. Gussie Hamblin.

Through Enlistment — Mrs. Jewell Campbell.

Solo, "After the Shadows", by Rev. Winford Davis.

Report of National Auxiliary Convention given by Marie Hyatt.

Reports read from Indian Creek Auxiliary Convention, Fredericktown Mission, Fellowship Auxiliary with verbal reports from N. E. Mo. Mission and N. W. Mo. & N. E. Kans. Missions.

Motion carried to receive reports and seat all Auxiliary workers as delegates.

Motion carried to receive the report of Appreciation Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to pay proportionate part on printing of minutes.

Delegates elected to National Women's Auxiliary Convention were: Jewell Campbell, Gussie Hamblin, Burnice Davis, Alta Powell, Belva Zinn, Lucille Beatty, Evelyn Alyea, Imogene Dunklin, Christina Halbrook, and Opal Williams.

Motion carried to receive the report of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of Business Committee.

Rev. Mary Wellbaum elected to deliver the next Convention message; Rev. Melba White, alternate.

Motion carried to adopt report of Nomination Committee.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Mrs. Ozella Wilson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business—

We, the Business Committee, present the following:

1. That we continue the Co-laborer Band plan as a means of financial giving, according to the National Auxiliary Convention plan.

2. We urge that all money received through the Auxiliary work be sent through the Missouri State Treasurer.

3. Be it resolved that our State and local officers work more co-ordinately together in making and sending reports.

Committee Mrs. Roy Alyea
Rev. Mary Wellbaum Hazel Scott

Nominating—

We, your Committee on Nominations, prayerfully submit the following names for State Officers in 1947-48:

President — Alta Mikel, Greentop, Mo.

1st Vice Pres. — Jewell Campbell, Wheaton, Mo.

2nd Vice Pres. — Lucille Beatty, Fredericktown

3rd Vice Pres. — Melba White, Plattsburg

4th Vice Pres. — Burnice Davls, Monett
 5th Vice Pres. — Gussie Hamblin, Flat River
 Sec.-Tres. — Imogene Dunklin, Monett
 Field Worker — Alta Mikel, Greentop

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| Committee | Orpha Greenway |
| Melba White | Melba White |
| Gussie Hamblin | Burnice Davis |

Obituary—

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God has not called any of our sisters from our midst.

Be it resolved that this body stand in silent prayer in thanksgiving to God for His watchful protecting care, and pray for His guidance through the coming year.

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| Committee | Alta Powell |
| Gussie Hamblin | Alta Mikel |

Appreciation—

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the Macedonia Church and all others who contributed to our comfort, both temporal and spiritual.

We thank Rev. Alta Mikel for the inspiring message and those who brought God very near us with special numbers.

May God's richest blessings be upon the officers this year and may the Lord lead them out into greater fields of endeavor.

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| Committee | Melba White |
| Maisie Sebits | Martha Clayton |

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| On hand | \$48.51 |
| Received from Flat River | 2.70 |
| Paid out: | |
| National Convention dues | \$16.18 |
| Printing of minutes | 8.00 |
| Total paid out | \$24.18 |

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| On hand at beginning of Auxiliary Con. | \$27.03 |
| Received from Indian Creek Ass'n. | 10.60 |
| Received from Fredericktown Mission | 3.60 |
| Received from Northeast Mo. Mission | 14.50 |
| Total amount in Treasury | \$55.73 |
| Imogene Dunklin, Treasurer | |

LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

Executive Board

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| John Rogers | 1950 |
| Cleo Black | 1949 |
| Bob Hill | 1948 |

The Missouri State League Convention met with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, September 16, 1947.

Song service conducted by Rev. Winford Davis. Devotional led by Rev. Paul Williams. Prayer by Rev. Cecil Campbell.

The President, Rev. Paul Williams, appointed the following committees:

Nominating—Harvey Hill, Lloyd Warren, Imogene Dunklin.

Business—Wm. Reeves, Albert Halbrook, Ross Thomas, O. T. Allred, Mary Wellbaum.

Solo, "The Glory of His Presence", by Marie Hyatt. Message, Matthew 5:13-16, was delivered by Rev. Harvey Hill.

Benediction by Mrs. Ozella Wilson.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Rev. F. C. Zinn. Devotional led by Rev. John Rogers. Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Meeting called to order for business by President, Paul Williams. League reports read and delegates seated.

Motion carried that all league members be seated as delegates to this convention.

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee, thus electing the following officers: President, Rev. Paul Williams; Vice. President, Rev. Harvey

Hill; Secretary-Treasurer, Evelyn Alyea; Executive Board Member, John Rogers.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Business Committee and adopt it item by item.

Motion carried that we consider dropping the Executive Board in revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Motion carried that the program for next year be left in the hands of the Committee.

Motion carried that we pay our proportionate part of minutes.

Motion carried that the League Convention give \$5.00 for the Youth Encampment.

Program of the Afternoon

Theme — "Youth for Christ".

Talk by Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of the F. W. B. Bible College.

League Song — "Onward Christian Leaguers".

Topic 1. — "Winning Youth for Christ" by Rev. George LaShum.

Special music — Flat River Quartet.

Topic 2. — "The Youth's Place in the Church", by Olen Lincoln.

Motion carried that we pay the Clerk \$5.00.

Minutes read and accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Report of Business Committee

We, your Business Committee for the League, present the following recommendations:

1. That this body co-operate with the State Sunday School Convention and Youth Encampment Board in securing a field worker to promote these three phases of our work.

2. Be it further resolved that this individual be selected by the Executive Boards of these organizations.

3. Seeing the need of advancing our work among the Youth, that we petition this State Association that we

be granted the right to convene at our Youth Camp.

4. That we ask our State Officers to revise and amend our Constitution and By-Laws to meet our present need.

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| Committee | Wm. Reeves |
| Albert Halbrook | Mary Wellbaum |
| Ross Thomas | O. T. Allred |

Treasurer's Report

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| On hand, September 16, 1947 | \$ 6.42 |
| Received with letters | 10.85 |
| Total in Treasury | \$17.27 |
| Paid out: | |
| Youth Encampment | \$ 5.00 |
| Printing of minutes | 5.00 |
| Total paid out | \$15.00 |
| Balance in Treasury | \$ 2.27 |

Evelyn Alyea, Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Called to order by President, Rev. Albert Halbrook.
Singing led by Rev. Vigil Greenway: Anna Mae Tucker at the piano.

Devotional led by Rev. Harvey Hill. Prayers by Rev. Combs and Rev. Bailey.

The President appointed the following committees:

Nominating— Woodrow Matthews, Alta Mikel, and Mary Regh.

Business— Wm. Reeves, Jesse Peterson, John Rogers, Tom Lewis, and Mrs. Ina Eichman.

Special music by the Flat River Quartet.

Message, "Prayer," (based on Eph. 6:11-18) was delivered by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. He brought a soul-stirring message.

An invitation was given to the lost to seek Christ.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Service opened by singing led by Rev. Charles Moyer.

Devotional led by Rev. Halbrook. Scripture, Psalms 100.
Prayer by Rev Alta Mikel and Rev. Harvey Hill.

Letters were read from St. Francious Co., Triumphant, Madison Co., and Northeast Mo. Conventions. These letters were received.

Local Sunday School reports were read from Monett, Macedonia, Carlow, Mt. Zion, Centerpoint, Union Third Fork, Hannon, Hickory Grove, (Archie, Mo.) and Hickory Grove (Haddam, Kans.).

Motion carried to receive reports and seat delegates.

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Nomination Committee, thus electing the following officers: President, Rev. Harvey Hill; Vice President, Rev. Frank Linton; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Officers were installed and took charge.

Report of one Field Worker, Rev. Albert Tucker, was given.

Report of Rev. Woodrow Matthew, Treasurer of the Promotional Program, as follows:

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| Total amount received | \$177.74 |
| Total paid out | 24.95 |
| Balance | \$147.79 |

This report was accepted.

Business Committee report read and received for discussion.

Item No. 1. We recommend that this body cooperate with the State League Convention and State Youth Encampment Board in securing a field worker to promote the three phases of our work. Adopted.

Item No. 2. Be it further resolved that this field worker be chosen by the Executive Boards of the three organizations. Adopted.

Item No. 3. That this body petition the State Association for the right to convene at our Youth Camp. Adopted.

Item No. 4. (Addition to Article 2 of By-Laws) Where there is no local convention, local Sunday Schools may report to the State Convention by written report and one elected delegate from laity and by complying with Article No. 3 of the By-Laws. Adopted.

Item No. 5. That we extend a Standing vote of thanks to this church and surrounding communities for their splendid hospitality in the entertaining of this State As-

sociation. Adopted.

Motion carried to leave the finances in the hand of the Board.

Motion carried to give the Clerk \$5.00.

Program

Topic — "Bibical Examples of how God can and has used our Youth".

— "Life of Joseph", by Clyde Smith.

— "Life of Samuel", by Jo Ann Jones.

— "Life of David", by Tommie LaShum.

— "Life of Jesus", by Billie Jean Powell.

Summary of the Topic was given by Rev. Mark Lewis.

These talks were appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Minutes read and approved.

President, Rev. Harvey Hill

Secretary-Treas. Rev. Wm. Reeves

Financial Report

Brought forward from 1946 \$73.53

Received:

Triumphant S. S. Convention 10.00

St. Francious Co. S. S. Convention 9.00

Madison Co. S. S. Convention 11.00

Northeast Mo. S. S. Convention 5.00

Hickory Grove S. S. (Archie, Mo.) 1.00

Hannon S. S. 1.00

Hickory Grove S. S. (Haddam, Kans.) 1.00

Macedonia S. S. 1.00

Monett S. S. 5.00

Total receipts \$44.00

Total in Treasury \$117.53

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Treasurer

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

2. The object of this Association shall be for the bringing

together of the Free Will Baptists of the State of Missouri in one great annual gathering, so they can get better acquainted with each other, and for the upbuilding of the Free Will Baptist churches of Missouri, and for the salvation of souls.

3. This Association shall be composed of duly elected delegates, elected by the bodies holding membership in this body.

4. The officers of this Association shall be, a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, said officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of each session and hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified; a board of trustees of five members whose terms of office shall be as follows: One for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, one for three (3) years, one for four (4) years and one for five (5) years; and at the expiration of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years who shall hold office until his successors are elected; and further if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association, the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next Ass'n.; who shall perform the following duties: First, shall be the legal corporation of the Association with the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists; to be a Board of Missions and Church Extension, to secure, hold, use and convey money, homes or lands for the propagation of the gospel in connection with the Free Will Baptist denomination. Second, to receive, hold, manage, use, control or convey any property entrusted to the Association for and in accordance with the donor's purpose. Said Board of Trustees shall also compose the Home Mission Board. They may be chosen from ministers, deacons or delegates.

5. This Association shall not usurp any authority over the Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings, or Associations that shall be under its supervision, but shall be an advisory body to help them.

6. Seven or more ordained ministers or deacons from two or more bodies, belonging to this Association shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

7. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, and in their absence, the senior minister in age, shall call the Association to order for business, and call the Moderator or Assistant Moderator to the chair, and if neither Moderator nor Assistant Moderator is present, then the senior minister in age shall act as moderator. On taking his chair, the Moderator shall call for the reading of

the letters from the different bodies composing this Association, and after letters are read he shall seat the delegates. After the delegates are seated, the election of officers shall be in order.

8. Any organized Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association of Free Will Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session, through a letter or delegates by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

9. This Constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote of all members present, after written notice of the contemplated change has been published in the official paper three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

By-Laws

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's Word and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committees, but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any member, but cannot be discussed, unless by a vote of this body.

3. No one shall speak more than five minutes or more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

4. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association, and by a majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

5. No one shall leave the Association without the consent of the Moderator.

6. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise and say, "Brother Moderator, but shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

7. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it is likely to lead to discord and division.

8. The officers of this body shall submit, at every annual session, a report of the work done for this Association.

9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions; be responsible for all funds received

and disbursed; shall superintend the printing of the Minutes and shall receive an honorium of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year.

10. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by standing vote unless otherwise requested or ordered by the body.

12. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all the members of the committee who favor them; and if the names be not a majority of all members of such committee, then the Clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

13. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a two-thirds vote of this body.

14. All business coming before this Association shall be decided by secret ballot when there is any opposition or objection.

15. A majority of all votes shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the Constitution, receive Quarterly Meetings or associations, and the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

16. The number of delegates to the State Association shall be one delegate for the association and in addition, one delegate for every fifty resident members or major fraction thereof.

17. The standing delegates to this Association shall be all ordained ministers and their companions, provided the companion is a member in good standing in some Free Will Baptist Church belonging to this State Association; all ordained, deacons; and Associational Clerks.

18. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE — The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2 Timothy 3:16.

2. GOD. — There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son, and Holy

Ghost yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore, and obey.

1. Cor. 8:6; Matt. 28:19.

3. CHRIST. — Christ is God manifest in the flesh: in His divine nature truly God; in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man. Once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

St. John 1:1-12.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT. — The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:46.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. — God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare of man requires.

Psalms 22:28; 97:2.

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. — Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.

Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. — The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the grounds of salvation by faith.

1. John 2:2.

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION. — The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

2. Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

9. ELECTION. — God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ men become His elect.

1. Tim. 2:4

10. FREEDOM OF WILL. — The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

Joshua 24:15.

11. SALVATION FREE. — God desires the salvation of all. The Gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will, may come and take of the water of Life freely.

Rev. 22:17.

12. PERSEVERANCE. — All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

St. John 15:6; 2 Peter 2:20-22.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. — *Baptism*, or the immersion of believers in water and the *Lord's Supper* are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; *Feet Washing*, is an ordinance teaching humility and is of universal obligation to be administered to all true believers.

Mark 16:15. 2. Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. — The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

Gen. 2:3; Exod. 20:8-11.

15. War. — War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament; therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. — The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They, that have done good, will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

From July 1, 1946

To July 1, 1947

| | Indian Creek | Southeast Missouri | Northeast Missouri | Cavesprings | Laclede County |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| No. Churches July 1, 1946 | 9 | 15 | 11 | 21 | 12 |
| No. Churches reporting | 9 | 15 | 9 | 20 | 10 |
| No. Churches without pastor | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Membership July 1, 1946 | 618 | 1,250 | 351 | 1,008 | 637 |
| New Churches received | | | | | |
| No. Churches disbanded | | | | | |
| Members received | 86 | 123 | 9 | 96 | 41 |
| No. Baptized | 40 | 40 | 10 | 78 | 11 |
| No. Dismissed by letter | 13 | 24 | 5 | 12 | |
| No. Excluded | 3 | | | 5 | 1 |
| No. deceased | 4 | 20 | 3 | 6 | |
| Resident Members | 473 | 927 | 289 | 899 | 461 |
| Non-Resident Members | 221 | 408 | 133 | 294 | 206 |
| No. Churches July 1, 1947 | 9 | 15 | 11 | 21 | 11 |
| Total Membership July 1, 1947 | 694 | 1,309 | 422 | 1,198 | 671 |
| No. Tithers | 96 | 221 | 15 | 30 | |
| No. Prayer Meetings | 7 | 15 | 2 | 5 | |
| No. Leagues | 3 | 9 | 1 | 6 | |
| League Membership | 112 | 407 | 11 | 258 | |
| No. Auxiliaries (Home M.) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | |
| Membership (Auxiliary) | 86 | 30 | 80 | 60 | |
| No. Sunday Schools | 9 | 15 | 9 | 17 | |
| Total S. S. Membership | 293 | 1,014 | 290 | 851 | 305 |
| No. Officers | 34 | 75 | 32 | 51 | 12 |
| No. Teachers | 39 | 75 | 32 | 66 | 21 |
| No. Ordained Ministers | 25 | 24 | 3 | 19 | 23 |
| No. Licensed Ministers | 4 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| No. Ordained Deacons | 28 | 40 | 16 | 48 | 21 |
| Amount Paid Pastors | \$ 3,224.50 | \$13,951.41 | \$ 1,541.75 | \$ 2,455.90 | \$ 449 |
| Amount for Evang. work | 946.57 | 1,365.48 | 995.35 | 857.34 | 229 |
| Amount for Bldg. & Repairs | 1,025.65 | 4,377.03 | 312.70 | 167.67 | 834 |
| Amount for Incidentals | 999.04 | 5,074.81 | 576.73 | 88.00 | 229 |
| Value of Church Property | 22,000.00 | 64,170.00 | 7,000.00 | 11,650.00 | 10,400 |
| Amount for Foreign Mis. | 653.61 | 713.24 | 394.85 | 120.95 | |
| Amount for Home Mis. | 216.13 | 35.54 | 166.64 | 279.54 | |
| Amount for Education | 207.73 | 55.00 | 175.93 | 60.00 | |
| Amount for Superannuation | 12.00 | 5.00 | | | |
| Amount for Publication | 301.25 | 885.41 | 319.24 | 252.96 | 334 |

| Harmony | Northwest Missouri | S. W. Mo. & S. E. Kans. | Niangua | Liberty | Missouri State |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| 12 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 108 |
| 8 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 92 |
| 1 | 2 | | 2 | | 7 |
| 550 | 220 | 680 | 346 | 596 | 6,256 |
| | | 2 | 2 | | 4 |
| | 4 | 17 | 30 | 7 | 413 |
| | 3 | 17 | 23 | | 224 |
| | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 76 |
| | | | | | 10 |
| 2 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 61 |
| 270 | 156 | 260 | 239 | 376 | 4,358 |
| 229 | 124 | 342 | 177 | 227 | 2,364 |
| 12 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 104 |
| 499 | 280 | 602 | 416 | 603 | 6,698 |
| | 221 | 25 | | | 609 |
| 5 | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 45 |
| | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 26 |
| | 24 | 56 | 31 | 78 | 977 |
| | 3 | | | | 14 |
| | 56 | | | | 312 |
| 7 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 85 |
| 235 | 90 | 237 | 165 | 180 | 3,660 |
| 17 | 16 | 34 | 20 | 11 | 302 |
| 13 | 14 | 32 | 15 | 17 | 328 |
| 16 | 8 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 145 |
| | 3 | 6 | | 1 | 31 |
| 14 | 7 | 24 | 18 | 22 | 238 |
| \$ 115.00 | \$ 675.00 | \$ 1,704.64 | \$ 956.70 | \$ 1,457.90 | \$ 26,529.19 |
| 460.35 | 142.00 | 305.16 | 153.51 | 150.80 | 5,601.56 |
| 90.00 | 184.34 | 80.00 | 262.05 | 469.53 | 7,868.61 |
| 23.04 | 69.75 | 343.47 | 123.02 | 119.05 | 7,641.91 |
| 5,100.00 | 12,700.00 | 10,000.00 | 9,600.00 | 8,900.00 | 161,520.00 |
| | 77.33 | 685.66 | 23.38 | 489.87 | 3,158.89 |
| | 7.00 | 154.91 | | 25.00 | 884.76 |
| | 23.00 | 98.00 | | | 620.66 |
| | | | | | 17.00 |
| | 142.35 | 229.53 | 73.00 | 96.80 | 2,625.48 |
| | | | | 13.00 | 2,681.94 |
| | | 27.95 | | 17.25 | 159.52 |

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 over 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 education 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.