

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

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**PROCEEDINGS**  
**Of The**  
**37th ANNUAL SESSION**

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**Convened With**  
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**Mountain Grove, Missouri**

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OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Assistant - Rev. Benj. Scott, 4238 Swan St., St. Louis, Mo.	
Clerk-Treasurer .....	Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Assistant .....	Mrs. Ella Dotson, Myrtle, Mo.
Statistician .....	Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo. ....	1951
Rev. LaVerne Miley, Kirksville, Mo. ....	1952
Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin, Mo. ....	1953
Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo. ....	1954
Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo. ....	1955

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The next annual session of this Association will be held at the Missouri State Youth Encampment Grounds near Niangua, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night following the Second Sunday in September, 1951.

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be delivered by Rev. Harvey E. Hill; Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, Alternate.

# PROCEEDINGS

## Tuesday Night

The Missouri State Association met in its thirty-seventh annual session with the Mountain Grove Church, Mountain Grove, Missouri, Tuesday night, September 12, 1950.

Meeting called to order by the host pastor, Rev. George Scott.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Bob Hill. Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Our Association was called to order for business by the Clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt, and Rev. O. T. Allred, the Moderator, was called to the chair. Scripture, Psalm 27 read by Bro. Allred.

Welcome address by host pastor, Rev. George Scott. Response by Mrs. Marie Hyatt.

Devotional period led by Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite. Psalm 37:3-7, 11 were used as Scripture lesson.

Introductory message was delivered by Rev. Benjamin Scott of St. Louis, Missouri. Scripture lesson, Revelation 3:1-6; text—"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain." Subject—"Strengthening for the Future" challenged F. W. B.'s to strengthen our efforts according to the Word for the Master as we serve Him in an united force to conquer the Devil and victoriously win with Christ in the salvation of lost souls.

A period of reconsecration and Christian fellowship in a handshake followed.

Benediction by Rev. John West.

## Wednesday Morning

Services opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Johnnie Vick. Prayer led by Rev. C. B. Dees.

Devotional period led by Rev. Harvey Hill, Assistant Moderator. Psalm 127, Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Jas. F. Miller.

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

Letters were read and delegates seated from Northeast Missouri, Central Western Missouri, Niangua, Indian Creek, Laclede, County, Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas, Cave Springs, Southeast Missouri, Mission, Liberty, and Harmony.

Prayer by Rev. Mark Lewis.

Officers elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Benjamin Scott, 4238 Swan St., St. Louis, Mo.; Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

Motion carried that the clerk be given the privilege of selecting an Assistant Clerk.

Motion carried that the Moderator be granted the authority of appointing a Committee on Committees. The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Committees: Rev's. Mark Lewis, Lloyd Jeffreys, Dea. Harry Filkins, Rev's. Albert Brook and Frank Linton.

Registration of ministers, deacons, visitors, associational clerks, delegates and ministers companions.

At this time the Auxiliary Convention met in its regular annual session.

### **Eleven O'Clock**

Motion carried to accept report of Committee on Committees.

### **Wednesday Afternoon**

Congregational singing led by Harold Baldwin.

Mrs. Ella Dotson chosen as Assistant Clerk.

A period of praise service led by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Benediction by Rev. Billie Rodgers.

### **Wednesday Night**

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Special music by Rev. Orville Jones and daughters, and the St. Louis Male Quartet.

Message delivered by Rev. Wm. Buster, Thebes, Illinois. Exodus 14:13-19, Scripture lesson; text, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward;" subject—"Go Forward." A message of power admonishing F. W. B.'s to accept the Great Commission as given in the Word and "go forward" in His great Kingdom work.

"The Rock of Ages," a play, presented by Southeast Missouri Auxiliary Convention vividly portrayed the saving power of the Gospel.

An offering of \$107.56 was given for Missions.

Benediction by Rev. Leonard Keys.

### **Thursday Morning**

Congregational singing. Devotional period led by Rev. Frank Linton. Psalm 23, Scripture lesson. Prayer by Bro. Linton.

Bro. Allred, Moderator, took charge.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Further registration of delegates, ministers, visitors, ministers companions and associational celrks.

Motion carried to accept report of State Executive Board..

Motion carried to accept report of our F. W. B. Gem Printing Office.

Motion carried to receive report of Youth Encampment Board.

Motion carried that this body endorse the plan of work contained in the report of the Youth Encampment Board.

Motion carried that time be garanted Rev. Harvey Hill to secure pledges and offerings for Youth Camp.

An offering of \$610.00 in cash and pledges for Youth Camp Fund was given.

Motion carried to receive report of Nominating Committee for Youth Camp Board member.

Benediction.

### Eleven O'Clock

Congregational singing. Prayer by Sis. Lorene Bowman.

Special music by St. Louis Male Quartet.

Message by Rev. John West, Tulsa, Oklahoma. John 12 was used as Scripture; subject—"Following Christ." A challenge was given to follow Christ, our Supreme example in accordance with teachings which are found in our doctrine of faith.

Benediction by Rev. Sam Marcum.

### Thursday Afternoon

Congregational singing. Devotional period led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Psalm 123 used as Scripture lesson. Prayer by Bro. Matthews.

A word of powerful testimony and admonition was given our body by Rev. Bruten Marler, an aged brother in Christ.

Special music by Rev. and Mrs. Noel Greenway.

Motion carried to receive and adopt report of Missions Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of State Treasurer, Marie Hyatt.

Motion carried that this body select the place for the 1951 session of Missouri State Association by vote from the floor. The Missouri State Youth Encampment was

selected as place for the 1951 Missouri State Association.

Rev. Harvey Hill elected to deliver the Introductory message at the 1951 session, with Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite as alternate.

Motion carried to receive report of State Statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner; also, grant him an honorarium of \$10.00. Rev. Turner re-elected as State Statistician.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee.

Prayer by Rev. O. T. Allred.

Motion carried to receive report of Publications Committee.

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

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

Motion carried to table Item No. 3 of Publication Committee.

Motion carried to table Item No. 4 of Publication Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5 of Publication Committee.

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

Motion carried to receive partial report of Business Committee.

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

Benediction by Rev. George Scott.

### Thursday Night

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. George W. Scott, Sr.

Special music rendered by Miss Erma Lee Barr, St. Louis Male Quartet, and Mountain Valley Sunbeam Class. Congregational singing.

Message by Rev. Harry Beatty. Scripture reading from John 14; subject—"The God I Will." A powerful evangelistic message of God's precious promises admonished Christians to be faithful unto Him and unsaved to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Rev. Kenneth Turner showed missionary pictures of Cuba and India.

Benediction by Rev. Harvey Hill.

## Friday Morning

Congregational singing. Devotional period led by Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam. Psalm 1 was used as Scripture lesson. Sentence prayers followed scriptural meditation.

Dea. John Bough was elected to succeed himself as Executive Board member.

Motion carried to receive further report of Business Committee.

Motion carried that Items No. 1 and 2 be taken from the table and recommitteed to Business Committee.

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

Motion carried that the Moderator act within his power and appoint a Committee to work with the State Executive Board.

Motion carried to receive report of Education Committee.

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

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

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

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 of Education Committee.

Rev's. Mark Lewis, Albert Brook and Rolla Smith appointed as Committee to work with State Executive Board.

Motion carried to adopt report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of State Superannuation Board.

Rev. Noel Greenway elected as member of State Superannuation Board.

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

Motion carried that a standing vote of thanks be given this church, association, and folk throughout the State for their financial support, and for their splendid hospitality shown in the entertainment of this session of the Association.

Motion carried to accept minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn until the 1951 session of the Missouri State Association.

Benediction by Rev. Albert Brook.

## Eleven O'Clock

Congregational singing. Special music by St. Louis Male Quartet. Prayer by Rev. Mrs. Opal Jeffreys. Duet, "It's Real," by Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

Message of the hour was delivered by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Director of F. W. B. Missions in India. "World-Wide Aspect of the Gospel" was the subject of her message. A challenge from our beloved missionary to hasten and press on by the King's command to "Go ye into all the WORLD and preach the gospel" was given to us.

Benediction by Rev. George Scott.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator  
Rev. Marie Hyatt, Clerk

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

Pianist—Mary Ruth Wisheart, Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. Noel Greenway, Ruth Peterson and Mrs. Jewel Campbell.

Song Leaders—Rev's. Bob Hill, Johnnie Vick, Noel Greenway, Virgil Greenway and Harold Baldwin.

Special Singers—Rev. Orville Jones and daughters, St. Louis Male Quartet (Bob Hill, Harvey Hill, Benjamin Scott, Johnnie Vick), Rev. and Mrs. Noel Greenway, Erma Lee Barr, Mountain Valley Sunbeam Class, and Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

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## REPORTS

### Superannuation Report:

We, your Board of Superannuation, wish to make the following report:

As there hasn't been any cause for the Board to be called together, our report consists of our financial figures.

#### (Financial Report)

Brought forward from last year .....	\$344.70
Received from State Treasurer .....	123.14
Total .....	\$467.84
Paid to National Terasurer .....	\$ 30.28
Amount in Terasury .....	\$437.56

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Sec'y.-Treas.



(Board of Superannuation)

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys .....	Monett, Mo.
Rev. Roy Alyea .....	Monett, Mo.
Rev. F. C. Zinn .....	Flat River, Mo.
Rev. Benjamin Scott .....	St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Noel Greenway .....	Monett, Mo.

**Treasurer's Report (September 1, 1949 - August 31, 1950)**

**State Unified Fund**

Total amount received .....	\$2,469.54
National Program Fund .....	\$1,231.26
National Headquarters Fund ....	61.57
Youth Encampment Fund .....	191.68
Superannuation Fund .....	123.14
State General Expense .....	861.89
Total amount disbursed .....	2,469.54

**Expansion Program Fund**

Total amount received .....	\$137.56
Total amount disbursed .....	137.56

**Co-Laborer Band Fund**

Total amount received .....	\$6.34
Total amount disbursed .....	6.34

**Jehoida Chest Fund**

Total amount received .....	\$17.00
Total amount disbursed .....	17.00

**Tennessee Orphanage Fund**

Total amount received .....	\$96.88
Total amount disbursed .....	96.88

**Mrs. Edwards Fund**

Total amount received .....	\$12.00
Total amount disbursed .....	12.00

**Youth Camp Fund**

Total amount received .....	\$15.00
Total amount disbursed .....	15.00

**Foreign Mission Fund**

Total amount received .....	\$3,021.76
Total amount disbursed .....	3,021.76

### Miss Barnard Fund

Total amount received .....	\$350.70
Total amount disbursed .....	350.70

### Missions Fund

Total amount received .....	\$3,902.34
Foreign Missions .....	\$2,731.64
Home Missions .....	1,170.70
Total amount disbursed .....	3,902.34

### State General Expense Fund

Balance brought forward .....	\$ .27	
Total amount received .....	938.44	
Total amount in fund .....		938.71
Total amount disbursed .....	520.78	
Balance in treasury .....		417.93

### State Entertainment Fund

Total amount received .....	\$724.44
Total amount disbursed .....	\$724.44

### Totals

Brought forward on all funds .....	\$ .27
Received on all funds .....	11,692.00
Paid out on all funds .....	11,274.34
Balance in treasury on all funds .....	\$ 417.93

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

### Youth Encampment Board Report:

We, your Youth Encampment Board, wish to make a report of our work for the year 1949-50.

At the close of the 1949 session of our State Association, the Board met to discuss plans for the years progress of the Youth Camp. Rev. Wm. Reeves was retained as caretaker.

The Board met November 27, 1949 to lay plans for the 1950 Camp session. At the same time plans were completed to build a cottage for caretakers home. The construction started immediately. A five room house, which is completed inside, valued at \$3,000.00 by the Insurance Company (\$2,000.00 insurance on house and \$4,100.00 on total property) was constructed at a cost of \$1,125.00. We have a nice lawn all around the house. There has been nearly 1,000 flowers and shrubbery set out on the premises. The kitchen and serving room of

the dining hall were rebuilt; water was piped in the kitchen and many improvements were made on the camp ground.

We are glad to report that this is the greatest year of our Youth Encampment movement with an enrollment of 67 students with faculty, cook, sponsors and other help making 81 present in Camp. Forty-seven students received diplomas besides the V.B.S. pupils. The spirit of co-operation couldn't have been better during the entire session.

We were glad to have the Woman's Conference, State League Convention and State Sunday School Convention meet at our Camp for their sessions. We extend invitations to all that would like to come at any time.

Seeing the need of acquainting our people of Missouri with our Youth Encampment work, with the unanimous support of Niangua Church and community, also, the Liberty Association, we, the Youth Encampment Board, ask for the next session of the Missouri State Association to convene at the Youth Camp grounds.

Your Youth Camp Board, after discussing the needs and possibilities of the future of our Youth Camp work, has decided to ask all churches and pastors that are supporting this part of God's work to continue their support and if at all possible to make a special offering at this time toward retiring the indebtedness on the caretaker's cottage which is due at the present time.

We also plan to put a representative or field worker on the field to contact our churches and pastors through Fifth Sunday Rallies and Quarterly Meetings to encourage financial support of the Youth Camp.

#### (Financial Report)

Total amount of offerings received ..... \$1,766.07

#### Disbursed:

Caretaker .....	\$625.00	
Building, repair and improvements .....	600.80	
Paid on new house .....	500.00	
Total disbursements .....	\$1,725.80	
Balance .....		40.27
Received from Camp Session ....	\$ 33.28	
Received during Camp .....	751.39	
Total receipts from session .....	\$784.67	
Total disbursements .....	784.67	

Cost caretakers home .....	\$1,125.00	
Material on dining hall .....	60.35	
Total cost building and repairs .....	\$1,185.35	
Paid on building and repairs .....	500.00	
Balance due 9/30/1950 .....		685.35

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec'y.-Treas.

### Executive Board's Report:

The Executive Board met at grounds where State Meeting was held September 14, 1949 near Lebanon, Missouri and organized. Rev. F. C. Zinn elected Chairman and Rev. Harry Beatty elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The allocation of the 50% State Unified Fund thus: 70% for General Funds, 15% to State Youth Camp, 10% for Superannuation, and 5% to National Headquarters Fund.

October 11, 1949. Board met with members-Paul Williams, John Bough, F. C. Zinn and Harry Beatty. This meeting was at the Gem Office in Monett, Missouri.

1. Made contract with Bro. Davis as Editor-Manager as follows:

We, the State Executive Board of the Missouri State Association of the Free Will Baptist, parties of the first part, and

Winford Davis, the duly elected Editor-Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem, party of the second part, do on this day, October 12, 1949, enter into the following agreement:

First. That we terminate this day our agreement of the past, in keeping with the invoice of September, 1947.

Second. That the Editor-Manager be paid a salary of \$25.00 per week, and that he be required to spend the equivalent of half time with the work of the Gem enterprise.

Third. That the Editor-Manager be charged with the responsibility of management and general oversight of the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM printing establishment, and the employment and dismission of all employees.

Fourth. That the salaries paid all employees of the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM enterprise are to be designated by the State Board, party of the first part.

Fifth. That the State Executive Board have final say of approval of all that is done at, and in connection with, the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM printing establishment.

2. Motion carried to grant St. Francois Co. Quarterly Meeting \$100.00 to apply on new tent.

3. Motion carried to grant the Marble Hill Church in Ballinger County \$165.00.

4. October 12, 1949. Started to carry out plan of State Association to print league literature, to secure manuscript for Junior, Senior and Adult Quarterlies to be ready for sale December 15, 1949.

5. Advanced \$400.00 for present needs at Gem office.

The Missouri State Executive Board met in called meeting November 4, 1949 at Monett, Mo. Members present were F. C. Zinn, John Bough and Harry Beatty.

Rev. John West, chairman of National Sunday School Board was present and came before the board to counsel and explain the National Sunday School plan, seeking co-operation between the State of Missouri and the National work.

Rev. O. T. Allred was called into meeting for counsel and advice in regard to publishing league and Sunday School literature. After careful consideration and much prayer the Board deemed it wise to postpone the printing of League or Sunday School literature at this time.

Each employee of the Gem Office came before the Board. Due to rush of minute work, etc., Sister Gertrude Bove was to continue to December 1, 1949.

November 29, 1949. Called Board meeting with members Paul Williams, F. C. Zinn and Harry Beatty present. After prayer, called on Bro. O. T. Allred for information. Accepted resignation of Bro. Davis as Editor of Gem effective November 30, 1949.

Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys and Bro. Roy Alyea were called before the Board.

Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys elected Editor and contract signed as follows

We, the Executive Board of Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, parties of the first part, and,

Lloyd Jeffreys, the duly elected Editor and Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem, party of the second part, do this day, December 1, 1949, enter into the following agreement:

1. That the Editor-Manager be charged with the responsibility of management and general oversight of the Free Will Baptist Gem Printing Establishment, and the employment and dismissal of all employees.

2. That the salaries paid all employees of the Free

Will Baptist Gem Enterprise are to be approved by the State Board.

3. That the State Executive Board have final say of approval of all that is done at, and in connection with, the Free Will Baptist Gem Printing Establishment.

We recommend that the Missouri State Home Missions continue to underwrite the Gem establishment; also, that our present editor, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, be retained according to contract.

The Board has officially examined and put their approval upon the records of the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Marie Hyatt.

#### **(Financial Report of Home Mission Board)**

Received September 12, 1949 - 12, 1950 .....	\$1,170.70
Balance on hand September 12, 1949 .....	1,403.27
Total in Treasury .....	\$2,573.97

#### **Disbursements:**

Board travel expense .....	\$191.00
Gem Office supplies .....	647.69
Marble Hill Church .....	165.00
Foreign Missions - share of Roach	
Itinerary .....	143.19
Telephone calls .....	4.04
St. Francois Co. Quarterly Meeting, on tent .....	100.00
Total disbursements .....	\$1,250.92
Balance in treasury .....	\$1,323.05

Rev. Harry Beatty, Clerk-Treasurer

#### **Gem Office Report: (December 1, 1949 - August 31, 1950)**

I, Lloyd T. Jeffreys, submit the following report of the operation and financial status of the Free Will Baptist Gem Printing Office located at Monett, Missouri.

I assumed the responsibilities of Editor and Manager on December 1, 1949. At that time records revealed the following:

Cash on hand in the General Operational Fund .....	Zero
Equipment Fund:	
Cash on hand .....	\$376.59
Deficit owed by General Operating Fund .....	173.15
Total Equipment Fund .....	\$ 540.74
Bills (outgoing) due .....	440.85
Deficit in Equipment Fund (above) .....	173.15
Total cash deficit .....	614.00

Accounts Collectable .....	308.99
Total deficit in tangible assets .....	\$ 305.01

From December 1, 1949 to August 31, 1950 we offer the following summary:

Offerings:

Home Mission Board .....	247.69	
Missouri Treasurer (miscellaneous) .....	67.19	
Missouri Treasurer (Lino. mats.) .....	114.50	
Friends of the Press .....	169.62	
Total offerings from all sources .....		599.00

Received from operational output:

Subscriptions .....	686.60	
Commercial printing .....	1,105.52	
Sales tax collected .....	13.09	
Religious printing .....	1,241.88	
Books .....	292.57	
Miscellaneous .....	527.14	
Total output .....		3,866.80
Total income from all sources .....		4,465.80

Disbursed as follows:

Salaries .....	2,652.75	
Withholding and Social Security .....	43.60	
Printing supplies .....	762.65	
Office supplies .....	24.59	
Postage, freight and express .....	109.31	
Books .....	338.25	
Utilities .....	313.60	
Equipment (mats, etc.) .....	119.20	
Sales tax .....	18.48	
Miscellaneous .....	282.35	
Total expense for all causes .....		4,664.78

Cash deficit for above operation	198.98	
Original deficit in Equip. Fund	173.15	
Total cash deficit Aug. 31, 1950		372.13
Bills (outgoing) due .....	None	
Accounts receiveable .....	136.30	
Total deficit in assets Aug. 31, 1950 .....		235.83
The Equipment Fund stood as follows on Aug. 31, 1950:		
Cash on hand .....	170.61	
Deficit (incurred by general operations)	372.13	
Total Equipment Fund .....		542.74

Recapitulation:

Of the original deficit in tangible assets amounting to \$305.01, the State of Missouri Home Mission Board paid

\$247.69 leaving a remaining deficiency of \$57.32. At the end of operations August 31, 1950 the deficiency stood at \$235.83. This amount less the remaining deficit at the first of the year of \$57.32 leaves a net loss during the nine months period of \$178.51, or approximately \$19.84 per month deficit. When we further add the offerings from the friends of the press to this amount we find the deficiency jumping to \$348.13, or \$38.66 per month loss.

Those acquainted with the functioning of the newspaper and printing industry recognize the following cardinal factors as absolutely necessary to a successful operation of any plant: (1) Sufficient volume in both circulation and in contract work. (2) A high volume of paid advertising in the primary publication. (3) Adequate machinery in good to excellent operating condition. (4) Sufficient secondary equipment such as job type, etc. (5) Trained help and enough of it.

Unfortunately, we find ourselves lacking in all these. As to volume we need and must eventually (soon) have at least 5,000 subscribers. This could be reached fairly easily. Our contract work is quite limited, not even grossing what religious printing does even though religious printing is usually for small orders and comes from wide areas. As to paid advertising we have virtually none. Although the past few years have seen a grand increase in machinery on the floor, yet we are short many needed items and must improvise, use antiquated machines, or do without. Our secondary equipment is woefully inadequate and is a vital reason for low grade and volume in the contract work. It is also a primary reason for a great bottleneck and general slowness of operation. Trained help, regardless of any religious affiliation, has been difficult to find and not obtainable at wages paid at our establishment. Trained help has been unavailable among the ranks of the Free Will Baptist. These are things that must be corrected before it will be possible to make the Gem self sustaining. Until then it will be necessary to underwrite, endow, or otherwise make available to the office unlimited funds to insure its uninterrupted operations.

Because the Gem finds itself with the above noted defects insofar as paying its own way is concerned, your Editor has worked many more than the required hours in an effort to overcome to some extent these reverses. Our time has often been 70 hours or more per week. Mrs.



Jeffreys has been on the job much of the time, most of which time was donated. Others have worked hard and contributed funds. Still others have often volunteered, but due to a lack of knowledge of the mechanics of printing shops were unable to actually be of use. We have, however, greatly enjoyed serving the Lord and His children, and our labor has been a pleasure because of the many friends of the work over the field.

With these few facts we humbly submit this report for the consideration of this body.

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Editor-Manager

## COMMITTEES

### Missions:

We, your Committee on Missions submit the following:  
We recommend

1. That the plan for the support of Missions be continued on the same basis—70% Foreign and 30% Home for another year.

2. That the State Association support the National Home Mission Board on their personal membership plan for church extension. Membership cards may be obtained from Rev. H. E. Staires, Rt. 2, Box 187B, Bristow, Okla.

3. That our churches of Missouri support the Missionary Conference to be held at the Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tennessee October 3-5, 1950; where possible to send their pastors.

4. Whereas there is another emergency in the National Foreign Mission Treasury, we recommend that the prayer meeting of each church during the week of October 9 - 14 be set aside as a special prayer meeting on behalf of the National Foreign Mission Funds.

5. Whereas the National Foreign Mission Board is recommending that local churches and local organizations such as Quarterly Meetings and Local Associations assume the responsibility of one or more missionaries salaries, we recommend that our people of Missouri consider their recommendation prayerfully and if the Lord so leads any of the above mentioned groups to assume such responsibilities; that they contact the National Foreign Mission Board and let their wishes be made known.

Committee { Mark Lewis      Kenneth Turner  
              { Frank Linton    Lowell Martin  
              { Evelyn Greenway

## Education:

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

1. That each church sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School during the year, in behalf of our youth.

2. Realizing that the growth of our Youth Camp depends upon support of each church, we recommend that all churches of Missouri State Association send a special offering annually for its support, and encourage attendance of their youth.

3. Since the National Association of Free Will Baptists has designated the first Sunday in October as special offering day for Expansion Program of the Bible College, we recommend that each church in the Missouri State Association do this, or on any Sunday in October most convenient for church.

4. We recommend that each church in the Missouri State Association support the College through some systematical plan.

Committee { Johnnie Postlewaite  
Lorene Bowman  
Mildred Gilliam

## Temperance:

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

1. We recommend that our Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists urge our people to take a definite stand against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks. Also, in order to protect our influence as a Christian we shun the very appearance of evil.

2. We further recommend that the Missouri State Association go on record as a body of Christian believers in taking a stand against Sunday baseball. Also, against any other sports on the Lord's Day.

Committee { F. C. Zinn  
Leslie Eaton  
Ross R. Thomas

## Publication:

We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following recommendations:

1. That every pastor appoint a representative from his church to secure subscriptions to the "Gem."

2. That we constantly urge the use of our own F.W.B. literature in our Sunday Schools and Young Peoples

Leagues. Also, that we take advantage of the increasing supply of all other religious books, tracts, etc., written by our people.

3. That this body give serious consideration to raising subscription price of the "Gem."

4. That we urge all our people to send their job printing to the Gem Office.

5. That this body give Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys a standing vote of thanks for his faithful service in the Gem Office this year.

Committee { Harvey E. Hill  
Mrs. Eunice Miller  
Mrs. Jewell Campbell

### Obituary:

We, your Obituary Committee, find that God in His infinite love and wisdom has called from our midst a number of our brothers and sisters in Christ, our devoted and faithful members from the following Associations: Southeast Missouri, 12; Northwest Mo. and Northeast Kansas, 8; Laclede County, 10; Cave Springs, 4; Indian Creek, 11; Liberty, 8; Mission, 7; Niangua, 9; Central Western Missouri, 10; Northeast Missouri, 10.

Be it resolved that this body stand in prayer in reverence to their memory and to the submission of God's will. Prayer to be led by Rev. George Scott.

Committee { Rev. Mary Wellbaum  
Mrs. Gussie Hamblen  
Mrs. Minnie Thompson

### Nominating Committee: For Youth Encampment Board

Because of the love and respect the children have for him and his tireless efforts for the promotion of the Youth Camp since it's beginning, we recommend Rev. Harvey Hill be elected to succeed himself.

Committee { Mrs. Iva Black  
Mrs. Lucille Beatty  
Mrs. Eunice Edwards

### Nominating Committee: For National Ass'n. Delegates

We, the Nominating Committee for delegates to the National Association, recommend the following: Deacon Joe K. Stevens, Jewell Campbell, Dorcas Weisman, Jewell Turner, Juanita Burcham, Thelma Lewis, Lucille Beatty, Agnes Smith, Genella Scott, Cleo Black, Goldie Black,

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI

	Indian Creek	Southeast Missouri	Nor'east Missouri	Cave Springs	Laclede County	Harmony
No. Churches July 1, 1949	9	16	11	21	7	6
No. Shurches reporting	9	16	8	20	7	5
No. Churches w/out. pastor						1
Membership July 1, 1949	827	1,484	288	1,310	72	420
New Churches received	1		1			2
Members received	39	169	19	53	7	36
No. Baptized	43	107	30	29	5	35
No. dismissed by letter	14	46	10	20		1
No. Excluded	4	33				
No. Deceased	10	12	9	4	1	1
Resident Members	488	1,472	241	984	65	299
Non-Resident Members	375	90	90	355	12	121
No. Churches July 1, 1950	10	16	12	21	1	8
Total M'ship. July 1, 1950	855	1,562	368	1,339	77	454
No. Tithers	98	252	16	26		
No. Prayer Meetings	9	16	6	6		6
No. Leagues	5	12	3	2		1
League Membership	124	495	64	50		45
No. Auxiliaries	5	8	4			
Auxiliary Membership	98	121	61			
No. Sunday Schools	9	16	7	19		8
Total S.S. Membership	450	1,533	295	824	42	250
No. Officers	45	82	28	52	3	40
No. Teachers	48	111	35	81	32	32
No. Ordained Ministers	24	29	5	22	12	12
No. Licensed Ministers	3	12	2	2		
No. Ordained Deacons	32	52	21	46	25	24
Amount Paid Pastors	\$ 5,001.90	\$ 21,179.00	\$ 2,737.75	\$ 3,438.30	\$ 2,224.38	\$ 1,000.00
Amt. Evangelistic Work	882.14	3,493.73	900.63	445.52	541.00	400.00
Amt. for Bldg. & Repairs	1,126.44	5,953.96	2,734.70	630.90	242.28	500.00
Amt. for Incidentals	1,161.74	10,147.33	532.58	232.54	335.50	150.00
Value of Church Property	23,300.00	155,106.00	8,700.00	12,050.00	20,500.00	15,000.00
Amt. for Foreign Missions	491.32	3,313.96	427.62	54.55	80.00	
Amt. for Home Missions	370.02	840.07	430.64	121.49	18.00	
Amount for Education	104.00	596.38	268.87	198.58	25.00	
Amt. for Superannuation		14.35				
Amt. for Publication	437.54	2,037.92	382.52	268.40	172.60	300.00
Amt. for Unified Fund	152.62	1,873.13	187.00	163.27		
Amt. of Budget	52.00	72.00	13.50	45.70	35.00	5.00
Amt. for Orphanage		216.70	116.73	119.00		
Amt. for Youth Camp		640.49	10.00			

Rev. Kenneth Turner, Statistician—

# MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Harmony	Nor'west Missouri	C. W. Missouri	Niangua	Liberty	Mission	Missouri State
6	6	6	6	11	15	116
5	5	6	5	11	15	109
1	2		1		1	5
420	230	568	455	850	1,077	8,291
2		1				6
36	20	23	29	72	20	556
35	13	6	33	67	13	428
1	5	28	2	12	30	174
					3	40
1	8	10	9	8	8	89
299	143	281	260	566	754	6,143
121	123	261	188	324	302	2,354
8	6	7		11	15	116
454	266	542	448	901	1,056	8,571
	17	24	4	10	18	469
6	1	5	4	5	8	67
1	1	5	1	4	5	39
45	30	87	10	153	242	1,300
	2	1		3		23
	26	12		30		348
8	4	7	5	9	15	107
250	104	282	195	466	550	5,374
40	13	33	15	18	39	395
32	11	31	19	40	59	499
12	7	11	6	12	23	169
	2				1	23
24	11	27	14	37	51	340
\$1,000.00	\$ 872.60	\$1,876.16	\$ 983.25	\$3,865.06	\$5,482.00	\$ 48,615.32
400.00	357.30	252.43	376.46	700.15	1,264.00	9,613.36
500.00	177.32	1,435.35	57.00	1,965.67	994.00	15,817.63
150.00	61.12	736.48	244.88	554.26	752.00	14,906.43
15,000.00	11,000.00	14,450.00	7,300.00	27,700.00	39,000.00	334,106.00
	160.81	651.16	135.42	443.59	528.00	6,286.43
	8.43	269.71		134.66	129.00	2,322.02
				86.60	254.00	1,533.43
						14.35
300.00	131.00	268.60	124.79	278.49	612.00	5,013.86
					40.00	2,416.02
5.00	4.10	14.29	40.00	36.50	52.00	370.09
						452.43
						650.49

Evelyn Greenway, Eunice Miller, Georgie Hill, Christine Dees, and Fannie Weston.

Committee	{	Mrs. Will Gates	Mary Ruth Wischart
		Mrs. Alta Mikel	Mrs. Goldie Black
		Crissie Carvens	

### Committee on Committees:

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

Pulpit Committee—Rev. George Scott, Deacons Ned Rhodes and J. K. Stevens.

Business Committee—Rev's. Jas. F. Miller, Rolla Smith, Albert Brook, Lloyd Jeffreys and Grover Pingleton.

Obituary Committee—Rev. Mary Wellbaum, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen and Mrs. Minnie Thompson.

Missions Committee—Rev's. Mark Lewis, Kenneth Turner, Frank Linton, Lowell Martin and Mrs. Evelyn Greenway.

Publications Committee: Rev. Harvey Hill, Mrs. Jewell Campbell and Mrs. Eunice Miller.

Education Committee: Rev's. Johnnie Postlewaite, Mildred Gilliam and Miss Lorene Bowman.

Temperance Committee—Rev. F. C. Zinn, Deacons Leslie Eaton and Ross Thomas.

Nominating Committee for delegates to National Association—Mrs. Will Gates, Mrs. Goldie Black, Rev. Alta Mikel, Miss Mary Ruth Wischart, and Mrs. Crissie Carvens.

Special Music Committee—Rev's. Bob Hill, Noel Greenway and Miss Erma Lee Barr.

Youth Camp Board Member Nominating Committee—Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Iva Black and Rev. Eunice Edwards.

Committee	{	Mark Lewis	Lloyd Jeffreys
		Harry Filkins	Albert Brook
		Frank Linton	

### Business:

We, your Business Committee, beg to submit the following: We recommend that the delegated body to this Association be instructed to return to their respective churches and inform them of the actual conditions which

exist at the Gem Office, in view of arriving at a sound financial basis of operation for the Gem Office, that a period of three months be given to determine whether such a plan of operation can be found that the people of our Association will accept. We further recommend that the following propositions be considered by the Executive Board and a Special Committee to be appointed by the body: (1) Moving to a larger city to increase the volume of business, (2) Electing a special representative to solicit subscriptions and business, and (3) that the Board and Committee be instructed to exhaust all means to find a sound operational basis, and if no such basis be found within the three months period that they be instructed to liquidate the property and all equipment and seek a contract to have the Gem paper published commercially and that any money received in liquidating the plant above expense of liquidation be retained in full to be disposed of by this body in next regular session.

Committee	{ James F. Miller	Rolla Smith
	{ Albert Brook	Lloyd T. Jeffreys
	{ Grover Pingleton	

## ENROLLMENT

### DEACONS

A. E. Agee, Burnice Lawson, Eugene Swisher, Ross Thomas, Leslie Eaton, William Gates, John S. Hickman, Lee Stilley, J. K. Stevens, Walter Klingensmith, Mrs. May Adee, John Bough, W. N. Dodgen, J. E. Cockrell, Oral Buchanan, Robert L. Sharp, Austa Reeves, John Baker, Wess Housley, Raymond Dickey, Harry Filkins, Burl Halliburton, Otto Parrish, J. L. Carter, E. H. Freeman, Elmer Patton, Charlie Franklin, W. O. Martin, Ernest Maxwell, N. H. Rhoades, Lloyd Henderson, Melvin Schaffer, Macy Gregory, Oscar Yeager, W. L. Chandler, W. D. Robinson, A. W. Hartley, J. W. Coffman, R. J. Wisheart, Ed Hamilton.

### MINISTER'S COMPANIONS

Mrs. Willie Atherton, Mrs. Henry Long, Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. Fred Winn, Mrs. Grace Royster, Mrs. W. K. Weston, Mrs. Roy Alyea, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. Raymond Smith, Mrs. Albert Brook, Mrs. Ezra Butts, Mrs.

Johnnie Postlewaite, Mrs. John Mace, Mrs. Noel Greenway, Oma L. Scott, Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, Mrs. C. E. Butts, Mrs. Winford Davis, Mrs. D. Self Jones, Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Mrs. L. A. Ferguson, Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Mrs. A. J. Kelsey, Mrs. Mildred Butts, Mrs. G. J. Pingleton, Mrs. Lee Maxwell, Mrs. G. W. Scott, Mrs. Benjamin Scott, Mrs. Howard G. Barr, Mrs. Harry Beatty, Mrs. Bessie Hogue, Mrs. A. M. Halford, Mrs. C. B. Dees, Mrs. Jas. F. Miller, Mrs. Mark Lewis, Mrs. Julia Easter, Mrs. Stanley Letterman.

### ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS

Braxine Evans, Georgia McDaniels, Evelyn Alyea, Lloyd Walls.

### DELEGATES

Harold Baldwin, Eula Vick, Johnny Vick, Izola Zellmer, Earl Agee, Velta Mae Agee, Elizabeth Patton, Verla Bittick, Hope Eaton, Christine Fryman, Mary Ruth Wisheart, Gussie Hamblin, Melvin Shaffer, Hazel Scott, Martha Clayton, Raymond Helsley, Wilma Lawson, Elizabeth Hesselmeier, Ozella Wilson, Nettie Harrell, Iva Black, Dorcas Weisman, Betty Swisher, Mabel David, Bertha Dennis, Mrs. Will Gates, Theo Bough, Lena Johnson, Lorene Bowman, Virgelene Ragsdale, Martha Hickman, Chrissie Cravens, Laura Starnes, Nola Yeager, Jewel Wagner, Mrs. Mary Wagner, Thora Arbogast, Emma Bebout, Ella Dotson, Willie King, Fred King, Mrs. G. W. Coffman, Mr. Bebout, Francis Harbison, Elba Harbison, Katherine Boyd, Naomi Campbell, Laverne Wisheart, Lola Botkin, Goldie Black, W. E. Pirtle, Anna Buchanan, Delpha Young, Ralph Stout, Martha Buchanan, Margaret Walls, Frank Davis, Lee DeWitt, Avery DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fultz, Leslie Logsdon, Iva Curtis, Gertie Butler, Leona Thompson, Adelma Newcomer, Eldon Starnes, Mrs. J. E. Cockrell, Atha Bertnech, Jim Moore, John Thompson, Mrs. John Thompson, Vesta Cruse, Effa Savage, Perl Peterson, Alba Peterson, Ruth Peterson, William D. McFarland, Floyd Hesselmeier, Earn Williams, Sarah Smith, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Homer Elam, Dewey Burtchett, Mrs. Dewey Burtchett, Burla Parish, Glen Kiser, Nora Young, Lucy Carpenter, Ernie Millsap, Florine Silvey, Luther Cooper, Virgil Wisheart, Mary A. Wisheart, Ollie Wisheart, Ava Freeman, Emma Peterson, Mrs. Virgil Cantrell, Virgil Cantrell, Javan Cantrell, Mrs. Javan Cantrell, Mrs. W. L. Powell.



## MISSIONARIES

Miss Laura Belle Barnard—Director of Missions in India.

## VISITORS

James Henson, John W. Henson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Autery, Mrs. Ed Sircum, Peggy Ann Linton, Vera Marie Linton, Joan Marie Midkiff, Doris Kellerman, Etta Logsdon, Mary Regh, C. C. Butler, Mrs. W. N. Dodgens, Mr. and Mrs. Williard Darnell, Helen, Gamblin, Mrs. Rosa Sharp, Bertha Souden, Mrs. Madeline McFarland, Miss Elizabeth Schaffer, Amy Emerson, Mrs. John H. West, Freda Hale, Mrs. Julia Gammon, Mrs. Gladys Fillmer, Dora Reese, Mrs. Sam Marcum, Alta Starnes, Marie Jones, Mrs. Blanch Blevins, Eunice Silvey, E. L. Jones, Mrs. E. L. Jones, Priscilla McCall, Glenn McGowan, Mrs. Glen McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Shannon, Fern Doons, Hattie Walker, Lula McCoy, Verda Stilley, John McCart, Joan Gilliam, Mrs. Ed Hamilton, Mary Halliburton, W. L. Powell.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. John H. West, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. L. W. Roderick, Tipton, Missouri; Rev. Wm. Buster, Thebes, Illinois; Rev. Sam Marcum, St. Joseph, Missouri; Rev. N. E. Snyder, Huggins, Missouri.

## MINISTERS

Rev's. Noel Greenway, Monett; George Scott, Mountain Grove; A. A. Hogue, Cabool; Henry Long, 1501 West High St., Springfield; Rolla Smith, Kirksville; Fred Wynn, Mountain Grove; W. K. Weston, Monett; Homer Smith, Mountain Grove; Raymond Smith, Huggins; Albert Brook, Mountain Grove; Kenneth Turner, Monett; Ezra Butts, Huggins; Johnnie Postlewaite, Willow Springs; Lee Maxwell, Huggins; Stanley Letterman, Mountain Grove; W. L. Atherton, Huggins; Glen Jones, Lebanon; Hubert Vandivort, Cabool; Jim Miller, Fredricktown; Billy Rogers, Thayer; Harry Beatty, Fredricktown; C. B. Dees, Flat River; John Mace, Springfield; Alice Dickey, 3914 Norledge, Kansas City; G. E. Hutsell, Mountain Grove; Woodrow Matthews, Mine LaMotte; C. E. Butts, Climax Springs; J. J. Postlewaite, Mountain Grove; Bob Hill, 8905 Flavia, Berkeley City; Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay; Albert Tucker,

River Mines; Wm. Reeves, Niangua; L. A. Ferguson, Fredericktown; Dale Jones, 728 S. Jefferson, Lebanon; F. C. Zinn, 306 Cedar, Flat River; Arthur Bailey, Plad; A. J. Kelsay, Hartville; Eunice Edwards, Desloge; G. J. Pingleton, Thayer; Lowell Martin, Greenfield; G. W. Scott, Mountain Grove; W. F. Millard, 217 VanBuren, Lebanon; Effie Matthews, Desloge; Howard G. Barr, Cabool; John Moore, Grove Springs; Vernie Wellbaum, Haddam, Kansas; Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kansas; J. B. Easter, Mountain Grove; A. M. Halford, Mansfield; Mark Lewis, 201 Buckley, Flat River; Mildred Gilliam; Greentop; Alta Mikel, 206 Euclid, Greentop; Opal Jeffreys, Monett; Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett; Paul Williams, Route 1, Joplin; Benjamin Scott, 4238 Swan, St. Louis; O. T. Allred, Monett; Frank Linton, Branch; Jess K. Moore, Grove Springs; Widd McClanahan, Grove Springs; Mary Wester, Marshfield; George Miller, Fredericktown; D. Selph Jones, Aldrich; T. B. Marler, Ava; Virgil Greenway, Wentworth; Winford Davis, Monett; Lester Lawler, Hartville; Marie Hyatt, Centerview.

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## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PROCEEDINGS

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The Missouri State Woman's Convention met with the Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri, September 13, 1950. The clerk, Evelyn Alyea, called the president, Lucille Beatty, to the chair.

Congregation singing led by Agnes Smith; pianist, Georgia Hill. Prayer by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

The president declared all auxiliary members as delegates. A special number in song was given by the officers of the Missouri State Woman's Convention.

Message by Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards. "The Great Commission" was her subject using Matthew 28:18 as her text.

The president appointed the following committees: Business—Eunice Edwards, Jewell Campbell and Georgia Hill. Nominating—Helen Gamblin, Marie Hyatt and Alta Mikel. Obituary—Mary Wellbaum, Thelma Lewis and Agnes Smith.

Benediction.

## Wednesday Afternoon

Services opened by singing led by Erma Lee Barr, pianist, Georgia Hill.

Devotional by Rev. Marie Hyatt. Ezekiel 3:16-21.

Our responsibility was laid before us by Rev. Mary Wellbaum in "Telling the Wonderous Story."

President's message, "Hypocritical People."

Special by St. Louis Male Quartet.

Motion carried to accept the combined report of the Woman's Auxiliaries.

Motion carried to adopt the Treasurer's report.

Motion carried to accept the Business Committee's report and adopt item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 1.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 2.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 3. Offering was \$46.77.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 4.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 5.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 6.

The report of the the Woman's Editor was read by Eunice Edwards.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 7.

Motion carried to receive the report of Obituary Committee. Prayer by Georgia Hill.

Motion carried to receive report of Nominating Committee.

Motion carried to give \$15.00 to Missions, \$15.00 to the Bible College, and \$10.00 to our president.

Rev. Eunice Edwards was elected as editor of our Woman's Auxiliary pages in the Gem.

A standing vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Edwards for her services.

Delegates elected to the National Convention are: Jewell Campbell, Thelma Lewis, Janell Scott, Lucille Beatty, Jewell Turner, Evelyn Alyea, Eunice Miller, May Adee, Georgia Hill and Alta Powell.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Nominating

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

President, Agnes Smith, Kirksville; First Vice President, Eunice Edwards, Desloge; Second Vice President, Lucille Beatty, Fredericktown; Third Vice President, Jewell Campbell, Wheaton; Fourth Vice President, Burnice Davis, Monett; Fifth Vice President, Georgia Hill, 132 E. Loretta, Lemay; Secretary-Treasurer, Evelyn Alyea, Monett.

Committee { Helen Gamblin  
Alta Mikel  
Marie Hyatt

### Business

We, your Business Committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that the Free Will Baptist Gem be paid \$5.55 for printing of our programs.

2. That we reimburse Marie Hyatt \$13.75 which she paid personally for expense of the Woman's Conference.

3. That an offering be taken today to help defray the expense of this Convention.

4. Inasmuch as the intermediate girls are in school at this season, we recommend that the rules governing the declamation contest be expanded to include any woman in our organization.

5. Because we feel the need of further information concerning our Woman's work, we recommend that a day and place be designated by the Executive Committee for study, worship and fellowship sometime during the year. That they also be charged with the responsibility of arranging a program for the day's activities.

6. That we continue our use of two pages in the Gem for our Woman's work and that we continue with the same financial plan as last year.

7. That we constantly endeavor to gain new subscriptions to the Gem.

Committee { Eunice Edwards  
Jewell Campbell  
Georgia Hill

### Obituary:

We, your Obituary Committee, find that God in His infinite love and wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst

a number of our members. We bow in humble submission to His will and feel what has been our loss has been Heaven's gain.

Committee { Mary Wellbaum  
Agnes Smith  
Thelma Lewis

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance from last year .....	\$ 18.77
Dues from Indian Creek .....	12.75
Dues from Northeast Missouri .....	8.00
Dues from Southeast Missouri .....	27.03
Dues from Faith and Hope Auxiliary .....	2.20
Dues from Mountain Grove Auxiliary .....	6.00
Offering taken at State Auxiliary Convention .....	46.77
Total Receipts .....	\$121.52
Amount paid out:	
Programs .....	\$ 5.55
Marie Hyatt .....	13.75
Lucille Beatty .....	10.00
Missions .....	15.00
Bible College .....	15.00
Clerk Fee .....	10.00
National Convention Dues .....	27.99
Total amount paid out .....	97.29
Balance on hand for printing of Minutes .....	24.23
Amount in Declamation Fund .....	10.00

Evelyn Alyea, Sec'y.-Treas.

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## LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

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The Missouri State Free Will Baptist League Convention was called to order by the president, Rev. Benjamin Scott.

Session was opened by singing led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Prayer by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. Sterling Tucker. Scripture read from Proverbs 22:6.

A special, "All the Day Long," was given by the Hannon Mixed Quartet.

Reports were read and delegates seated from the fol-

lowing: Southeast Missouri League Convention, Central Western Missouri Convention, Texas County Convention, Indian Creek Convention, and Mountain Grove League.

The president appointed the following committees: Business—Rev's. Mark Lewis, Harvey Hill, Lowell Martin, Mrs. Georgia Hill and Mrs. Elliot. Nomination—Rev's. Harry Beatty, LaVerne Miley, Bro. Dobkins, La-verne Wischart and John Bough.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by the secretary at this time.

Report of the promotional worker was read and motion carried to accept report.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews directed a congregational song followed by a parise service led by Bro. F. C. Zinn which was filled with thanksgiving to God for His love and many blessings.

Report of Nominating Committee read and motion carried to elect Rev. Benjamin Scott as president.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite as Vice-President.

Miss Lena Marie Reed was nominated from the floor for Secretary-Treasurer and was elected.

Motion carried to elect Jewell Campbell as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion carried to accept the Executive Committee's report.

The Hannon Quartet sang two selections, "Joyfully I Travel On," and "Somebody Called My Name."

Topic, "The Leagues Responsibility in Training Living Epistles," was very ably given by Miss Lucy Wischart.

Report of Business Committee read and motion carried to adopt it item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 1.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 2.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 3.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 4.

Motion carried to adopt Item number 5.

An offering was taken at this time to help on the expenses of the Convention. The offering was \$29.78.

Bro. William Hill was nominated and elected as promotional worker for the coming year.

Several special numbers were enjoyed at this time which included a solo, "He'll Understand and Say Well Done," by Ramona Bough; "I Just Steal Away and

Pray," by Mary Dobkins, and "Let Me Lose Myself and Find It Lord in Thee," by Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite.

Minutes of the session were read and approved.  
Benediction.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Business:

Item No. 1. We recommend that Section 3 be added to Article 6 of the Constitution to read as follows: "All officers are to be elected by nomination from the floor with all elections to be closed by a standing vote."

Item No. 2. That the above item go into effect at the close of this session.

Item No. 3. We recommend that Item No. 1 of the Business Committee's report of 1949 be made a permanent practice.

Item No. 4. We recommend that Item No. 2 of the 1949 Business Committee's report be re-adopted for the coming session.

Item No. 5. We recommend that a free will offering be taken to defray expenses of this session.

Committee	{ Mark Lewis	Harvey Hill
	{ Lowell Martin	Georgia Hill
	{ Mrs. Elliot	

### Nominating:

We, your Nominating Committee, recommend the following as officers for our League Convention the coming year: President, Benjamin Scott; Vice President, Lorene Bowman; Secretary-Treasurer, Jewell Campbell; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Lena Marie Reed.

Committee	{ Harry Beatty	LaVerne Miley
	{ Howard Dobkins	Laverne Wisheart
	{ John Bough	

### Promotional Worker's Report:

I have written 45 letters. There has been only three Leagues organized to my knowledge since last year's Convention and there are good prospects for one more now very soon.

There is much to be done in the field of League work as there are many churches that do not have Leagues.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. William J. Hill

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance carried over .....	\$14.76
Dues from Southeast Missouri .....	\$10.00
Dues from Indian Creek .....	5.00
Dues from Central Western Missouri .....	4.40
Offering taken at Convention .....	29.78
Total in Treasury .....	\$63.94
Paid out for expenses .....	29.78
Balance in Treasury .....	\$34.16

Lena Marie Reed, Secretary-Treasurer

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS

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The Missouri State Sunday School Convention met at the Youth Camp on June 20, 1950. President called house to order. Sister Georgia Hill was appointed by secretary as assistant secretary pro tem.

Congregational singing led by Rev. F. C. Zinn. Scripture reading, Psalm 19, by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Prayer by Bro. Darnell.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws by Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Letters read and delegates seated from the following Conventions: Madison County, Triumphant and Myrtle Sunday School.

Motion carried that all Sunday School co-workers be seated as delegates.

Reading of minutes of 1949 Convention and Treasurer's report accepted by vote.

Appointment of Committees as follows: Nominating—Sister Martin, Bro. Darnell, Sister Matthews, Bro. Beatty and Sister Thomas; Promotional—Bro. Reeves, Bro. Scott, Sister Barr, Sister Postlewaite and Bro. Zinn; Business—Sister Bowman, Bro. Matthews, Bro. Dawkins, Sister Scott and Bro. Postlewaite.

10:00 A. M.—Specials and Fellowship Hour. Solo, "Jesus and Me," by Erma Lee Barr. Scripture reading by Lucy Wischart. Praise service led by Lucy Wischart. Solo, "A Child of the King," by Lucy Wischart.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Promotional Report read and approved by vote item by item.

No. 1. We recommend that the Teacher's Training Course be recommended to our local Conventions.

No. 2. We recommend that we have report blanks printed.

No. 3. We recommend that we have our Constitution and By-Laws printed.

No. 4. We recommend that our promotional work be continued until completed.

Business Committee's Report read and approved by vote item by item.

No. 1. That due to the uncertainty of the time of the next year's Youth Encampment, the time and place of next Convention be designated by the Executive Committee.

No. 2. That the president appoint delegate-in-chief to the National Sunday School Convention.

Rev. Mark Lewis was appointed delegate-in-chief to the National Sunday School Convention as per Item 2 of report.

Nominating Committee's report was accepted by vote as a whole.

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the election of the following officers: President, Rev. Harvey Hill; Vice President, Lorene Bowman; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Rolla Smith; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Ruth Wischart; Promotional Worker, Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Business was completed by reading and accepting by vote the minutes of this session.

Recessed at 10:50 A. M.

### Eleven O'clock Service

House called to order by President.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Postlewaite. Devotional by Rev. LaVerne Miley. Scripture, Matthew 28:16-20.

Topic, "Teaching Them to Observe All Things," by Lorene Bowman. A very inspirational message was given. Convention closed with fellowship handshake and prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Balance in Treasury .....\$72.27

Rolla Smith, Secretary-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 for the salvation of souls.

3. The 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 office 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 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, 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, 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 honorarium of thirty-five (\$35.00) dollar 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.

## 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. I Tim. 3:16.

2. **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Perserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey. I 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. St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:4-6.

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, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires. Ps. 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, inherit 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, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith. I John 2:2.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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. II 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. I Tim. 2:4.

**10. Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, 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 promise of eternal salvation. St. John 15:6; II 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, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers: Mark 16:15; II Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

**14. Tithing.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2).

**15. 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.

**16. Resurrection, Judgment 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 will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

## 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 all 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 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 Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake 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.

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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.