

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**39TH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**OCTOBER 21-23**

**1947**

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**WHEN CONVENED WITH**  
The First Free Will Baptist Church  
Fourth and Patton Streets, Wewoka, Okla.

*Free Will Baptist Gen., Monett, Missouri*

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## TUESDAY NIGHT

Meeting called to order by singing "Doxology", led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Prayer by Rev. I. N. Pate of Antlers.

Special song by Ada Radio Quartet.

Special prayer for Rev. A. D. Marchant, Rev. M. M. McKee, and Sis. Dressler led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Special song by Wewoka Quartet.

Duet by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell and Sis. Ollie Melton.

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma City, was introduced by the Moderator to bring the introductory message. He used the 17th chapter of St. John for a scripture lesson, arriving at the text, "The Finished Course and Eternal Life". An inspirational message on the plan of our redemption and salvation.

Dismissed by Rev. Willard Day.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator, Rev. John H. West.

Song service led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell with Mrs. W. S. Mooneyham, pianist.

The 13th chapter of I Corinthians was read by Rev. C. D. Penton. Drumright, for devotional.

Prayer by Rev. Will Bean. Ripley.

Rev. O. H. Doss, host pastor, gave a hearty welcome to the body, after which letters from the various Associations were read and accepted.

Delegates were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Motion carried that the Moderator be given power to appoint the Pulpit Committee. The following were appointed:

Rev. O. H. Doss .....	First Mission
Bro. Tom Blackburn .....	First Oklahoma
Bro. F. F. Wall .....	Southeastern
Sis. Ozella Littlefield .....	Grand River
Sis. Daisy O'Donnell .....	First Mission

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Rev. John H. West
	833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.

Assist. Moderator ..... Rev. Melvin Bingham  
1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Clerk ..... Rev. W. S. Mooneyham  
406 N. Center, Shawnee, Okla.  
Assist. Clerk ..... Sis. Verdun Bingham  
1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Report of Pulpit Committee is that Rev. George W. Scott, Mountain Grove, Missouri, will bring the message at 11 o'clock. Rev. E. E. Morris, Ceres, California, will preach at 7:30 p.m.

Statistician's report given by Rev. John H. West.

Motion carried to accept the report. (See Reports.)

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Ada, elected as State Statistician by acclamation.

Motion carried that we retain the historian, Rev. W. A. Hearron, until he can complete a final report.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00 p.m.

Dismissed by Rev. Leonard Cröwder.

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## WEDNESDAY 11:00 A. M.

Opened by singing "I Love To Tell The Story", led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, with Mrs. LaVerda Mooneyham, pianist.

Prayer by Rev. B. C. Munkus, Pleasant Hill.

Rev. George W. Scott, Mountain Grove, Missouri, introduced by the Moderator to bring the morning message. Scripture text, Isaiah 54:2; subject, "Strengthening Our Stakes and Lengthening Our Cords". A soul-stirring message on the need of Free Will Baptist expansion.

Dismissed by Rev. James Franklin, Cushing.

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## WEDNESDAY 1:30 P. M.

Opened by singing "Blessed Assurance" led by Dow Thompson. Eula Mae Ewing, pianist.

Fourth chapter of II Corinthians read by Rev. Irvin Florence for devotional.

Letters read and accepted from Old Eureka, Dibble, and First Oklahoma Associations, and delegates seated.

Welcome given by Rev. Poe Williams, pastor of the Methodist Church, Wewoka.

Response by Rev. B. T. Kirby, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Motion carried that Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint committees.

Motion carried to receive the League petitionary letter and seat the delegates. (Letter on another page.)

League part of the afternoon program turned over to State Sponsor, Rev. Paul Purcell.

All leaguers called to the choir for the League Song, "Free Will Baptist Leaguers", led by Rev. W. S. Moon-eyham. Eula Mae Ewing, pianist.

Rev. Purcell gave a heart-warming talk on the young people at work.

Minutes of the State League Rally read and accepted.

Special song, "Is Your All On The Altar", by Donna Gale Tipton.

League message by State President, Rev. W. S. Moon-eyham.

Reading, "I Met The Master", by Donna Gale Tipton.

Song, "The Stranger Of Galilee", by Mary Sue Doss.

"There Is No Death", a play about the rich young ruler, was presented by the Bristow League.

The Spirit of God fell in a mighty way throughout the songs and play, and hearts were blessed.

Altar call extended.

Services were turned over to the Moderator.

The following committees were appointed:

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Rev. Virgil Bradford

Rev. B. T. Kirby

Sis. Glenara Staires

Rev. Orville Manning

Sis. Essie Hearron

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Rev. Earline Haskins

Sis. B. T. Kirby

Sis. John H. West

Sis. Rex Weatherman

Rev. I. W. Yandell

### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

Sis. Verdun Bingham  
Sis. Maudie Pollard  
Rev. J. H. Burr  
Rev. B. B. Bailes  
Sis. Maudie Sharp

### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

Rev. B. C. Munkus  
Rev. W. T. Roberts  
Sis. S. R. Russell  
Bro. B. C. Wilson  
Rev. Sadie Fincher

### **MUSIC COMMITTEE**

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell  
Rev. Charles Sapp  
Rev. Clarence Hearron  
Sis. Donna Gale Tipton  
Rev. Marion Caton

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Rev. B. F. Rogers  
Rev. H. E. Staires  
Rev. W. V. Wood  
Rev. Rex Weatherman  
Rev. Leonard Crowder

### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

Rev. W. A. Hearron  
Rev. Paul Purcell  
Rev. Willard Day  
Rev. Dewey Sharp  
Rev. J. W. Flounce

### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Rev. C. C. Wilson  
Rev. J. A. Franklin  
Rev. Bill Ketchum

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## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

Opened with prayer by Rev. John H. West.  
Song, "The Fight Is On", led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Eula Mae Ewing, pianist.

Quartet arranged by Rev. O'Donnell.

Duet by Bro. and Sis. Barney Goen.

Special song, "The Upper Window", by Wewoka Trio.

Special offering taken to go in the State Association.  
\$80.75 received.

Rev. E. E. Morris, visiting minister from Ceres, California introduced by the Moderator for the evening message.

Rev. Morris chose for a text, Hebrews 12:25-27, and the subject, "Things That Cannot Be Shaken". A wonderful spirit was felt throughout the entire service.

Altar call given and two precious souls saved.

Dismissed by Rev. J. A. Davidson.

## THURSDAY 9:00 A. M.

Opened by singing "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus" led by Rev. John H. West. Cleo Purcell, pianist.

Devotional led by Rev. W. A. Hearron, Sulphur. I Corinthians 15:1-11 read for a scripture lesson.

Report of Orphanage treasurer read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of Clerk read and accepted. (See Reports).

Service turned to Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. A wonderful report was given on the growth and expansion of the College.

A letter from Rev. R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary, was read. (Letter on another page).

The following were elected as delegates to the National Association:

Bro. Marvin Hawkins ..... Dibble Ass'n.

Bro. B. C. Wilson ..... First Oklahoma Ass'n.

Bro. W. W. Hunt ..... First Oklahoma Ass'n.

Bro. N. C. Ballew ..... Hopewell No. 2 Ass'n

Sis. C. D. Benton ..... First Mission Ass'n.

Report of the Pulpit Committee is that Rev. I. W. Yandell, Oklahoma City, will preach at 11:00 o'clock, and Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee, will bring the the evening message.

Dismissed by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Shawnee.

## THURSDAY 11:00 A. M.

Opened by singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" led by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Rev. Charles Sapp, pianist.

Song, "Sweet Hour Of Prayer".

Prayer by Rev. W. E. Warner, Tulsa.

Poem recited by Rev. John Bean, Oklahoma City.

Solo, "Must I Go Empty-Handed", by Mrs. Elva Tuttle, Shawnee.

Rev. I. W. Yandell took the stand for the morning sermon, choosing for a text John 16:4. Subject, "The Importance of a Dual Salvation". He delivered a very spiritual message on regeneration. God's spirit was wonderfully manifested.

Dismissed by Rev. Bill Ketchum.

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## THURSDAY 1:30 P. M.

Opened by singing "Loyalty To Christ" led by Rev. Clarence Hearron. Rev. Charles Sapp, pianist.

Devotional by Rev. B. C. Munkus, Pleasant Hill, reading the 23rd chapter of Psalms.

Prayer by Rev. S. R. Russell.

Motion carried to receive the list of recommended delegates by the associations to the National Association.

(List on another page).

Rev. O. H. Doss elected to fill vacancy on the Executive Board.

The Members of the Board now are:

Rev. O. H. Doss .....	5 years
Rev. H. E. Staires .....	4 years
Rev. Clay Richey .....	3 years
Rev. B. T. Kirby .....	2 years
Rev. W. V. Wood .....	1 year

Bro. W. W. Hunt elected to fill vacancy on the Orphanage Board.

Members of the Board now are:

Bro. W. W. Hunt .....	5 years
Bro. P. R. Armstrong .....	4 years
Bro. Jack Hopkins .....	3 years
Bro. Fred Barker .....	2 years
Bro. J. Crisp .....	1 year

Report of Obituary Committee accepted. Silent prayer closed by Rev. B. T. Kibby. (See Reports).

Report of Temperance Committee accepted. (See Reports).

Oral report given by Orphanage Field Worker, Rev. Virgil Bradford. (Detailed report on another page).

Bro. Jack Hopkins, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla., elected as Orphanage Treasurer.

Report of Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting by the President, Sis. Verdun Bingham.

The Auxiliary made a donation of \$72.68 to the State Association.

Motion carried that we accept the report with a vote of thanks.

Report of the Mission Board by Rev. D. B. Hellard was accepted. (Detailed report on other page).

Report of Children's Home Superintendent, Rev. Rex Weatherman, accepted. (See Reports).

Motion to elect a Foreign and Home Mission Board, with one to go off every year.

Board elected as follows:

Rev. D. B. Hellard .....	5 years
Rev. W. A. Hearn .....	4 years
Rev. Clay Richey .....	3 years
Rev. Will Bean .....	2 years
Rev. B. F. Rogers .....	1 year

Motion carried to extend the time, if needed, to finish all business today.

Telegram giving best wishes from Rev. and Mrs. Reford Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. Everett Hellard, and Bertha Faye Tuttle, Oklahoma students at the Bible College.

Report of Superannuation Board by Treasurer, Rev. Leonard Crowder, accepted.

Bro. R. B. Tipton elected to Superannuation Board.

Members of the Board now are:

Bro. R. B. Tipton .....	5 years
Rev. W. A. Hearn .....	4 years
Rev. W. A. McPhail .....	3 years
Rev. O. H. Doss .....	2 years
Rev. Leonard Crowder .....	1 year

Christian Education Committee report accepted. (See Reports).

Motion carried that Rev. Melvin Bingham be elected to head a Board of his choice to work out a plan to pay our

college indebtedness.

Music Committee report accepted. (See Reports).

Sunday School Committee report accepted. (See Reports).

Motion carried that a separate day from the State Association be set aside for a Sunday School Convention.

Sunday School Board elected as follows:

Rev. H. E. Staires

Rev. Virgil Bradford

Bro. W. W. Hunt

Rev. Clarence Hearron

Rev. J. H. West

Report of Business Committee accepted. (See Reports).

Committee to raise \$800.00 for our National Headquarters Fund elected as follows:

Sis. Verdun Bingham

Rev. Harry E. Staires

Rev. John H. West

Report of Auditing Committee. (See Reports).

Motion carried that we retain Bro. Virgil Bradford as Orphanage Field Worker.

Motion carried that we retain Rev. and Sis. Rex Weatherman as Orphanage superintendent and matron.

Motion carried that Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Ass't. Clerk compose the Program Committee for the next State Association.

Report of Resolutions Committee accepted. (See Reports).

Ada Free Will Baptist Church, Ada, Oklahoma, was selected by acclamation for the fortieth session of our Association, Tuesday night before the 3rd Sunday in October. (October 2-15, 1948).

Rev. Clay Richey elected to bring the introductory message.

Rev. James Franklin elected as alternate by acclamation.

Motion carried that we give Sis. Ethel Armstrong a rising vote of thanks for her service as Orphanage Treasurer.

Motion that 1500 minutes be printed. Carried.

Motion carried that the Clerk designate a place to have minutes printed. Motion carried that the Executive Board and Clerk approve minutes before printing.

Motion carried that the Clerks be paid \$20.00 for services.

Motion carried to adjourn and discharge temporary committees.

The next Association will convene October 12-15, 1948 at Ada.

Dismissed by Rev. W. V. McPhail.

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## THURSDAY NIGHT

Opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Sis. Harold M. Phillips at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Rex Weatherman, Ringling.

Solo, "The Stranger Of Galilee", by Mary Sue Doss, Wewoka.

Testimony service conducted by Rev. O. H. Doss.

Solo, "The Wayfaring Pilgrim", by Rev. E. A. O'donnell.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced by the Rev. O. H. Doss, host pastor, for the evening message.

Rev. Melvin chose for a text Hebrews 1:1-3, and for a subject, "About Jesus". A wonderful message about our Saviour.

Dismissed by Dev. Wade Jernigan, Shawnee.

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## REPORTS

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Being requested by the National Association to send a delegate to meet with a committee to revise the treatise, be it resolved by this Association that our representative be instructed to oppose any and all revisions of the doctrinal points of the said treatise, and that they remain as they are without any additions or subtractions thereto.

2. We recommend Elder I. W. Yandell as delegate to represent the State Association of Oklahoma on the revision of the treatise at Nashville, Tennessee, at the time designated by the National Association.

3. We recommend that the State Association accept the responsibility of raising \$800.00 for the National Headquarters fund of Free Will Baptists.

4. We recommend that a committee be elected to raise the \$800.00.

Signed, Committee

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved, that we give the money back to the Associations who did not receive minutes of the last State Association.

2. Be it resolved that we extend to this church and to the city of Wewoka our appreciation and thanks for their kindness and hospitality.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amount received for minute money .....	\$110.00
Amount received for National fees .....	35.00
Received in special offering .....	80.75
Received from Auxiliary .....	72.68
Received from First Mission Ass'n. for Nat'l.	
Registration Fee not paid last year .....	5.00
Amount received from former treasurer .....	17.20

Total .....	\$320.63
Refunded to Hopewell No. 1 .....	10.00

Balance .....	\$310.63
The host rec'd for registration fees .....	\$177.00

We recommend that this body reimburse Rev. John H. West:

Entrance fee to National Association .....	\$45.00
Program for State Association .....	15.00
Envelopes and paper .....	2.50
Postage for Statistics .....	4.60

Total .....	\$67.10
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We suggest that this body give Rev. West a standing vote of thanks for his generous donation of \$50.00 spent preparing the statistical report.

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have checked the orphanage treasurer's books and have found them in excellent condition.

We have checked the orphanage field worker's books and have found them correct.

Signed, The Auditing Committee

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

We recommend and ask that the State Association have a State Sunday School Convention, having the same set-up as the National Convention, consisting of a president and a five-man Sunday School Board; and that this State Meeting give the time for the convention.

We find that we have 78 Sunday Schools reported in the State, with a total membership of 2,398. We desire a full report of our Sunday Schools next year in the letters.

Signed, The Sunday School Committee

## **MUSIC COMMITTEE**

We recommend that our churches use hymnals in their church services, and that our choirs be given training in singing the old songs, giving special emphasis on the value of spirituality.

We further recommend that each church promote choir training for the purpose of improving the music department of the church and that pastors cooperate more fully with their choir leaders to improve their musical programs.

Signed, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Chairman

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

We urge, and insist, that Oklahoma liquidate our obligation immediately to our Free Will Bible College — the sum of \$4,343.99, as was allocated to the state as our obligation in financing said college.

We suggest that this Association allocate this amount to each subordinate Association, as "per capita", and to pursue whatever course best to liquidate the amount.

We recommend this college to each of our ministers.

Signed, Rev. I. W. Yandell, Chairman

## **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

God, in His infinite wisdom, called from us the following:

Center Ass'n. ....	1
Eureka Ass'n. ....	18
Southwestern Ass'n. ....	2
Dibble Ass'n. ....	4
Grand River Ass'n. ....	4
First Oklahoma Ass'n. ....	2
Hopewell No. 2 Ass'n. ....	2
Hopewell No. 1 Ass'n. ....	1

Canadian Ass'n. ....	2
Roberts-McGee Ass'n. ....	None Reported
First Mission Ass'n. ....	1
Signed, Rev. B. C. Munkus, Chairman	

### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

We recommend:

That this State Association go on record as opposing beer and liquor in any form.

That each church go back home with a stronger determination to keep our good old state of Oklahoma dry.

That each child of God write his district representative expressing his objection to any law making our state "wet".

That this body write the President of the United States commending him for his effort to cut the use of grain in such rotten stuff.

We recommend that we, as Christians, should follow the teachings of the Bible and be temperate in all things. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby, is not wise".

We urge that the women of this denomination work in the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

We urge that each pastor preach at least three sermons each year on temperance.

Signed, The Temperance Committee

### **THE ORPHANAGE FIELD WORKER**

From July 1, 1947 to October 23, 1947, I have spent ten weeks on the field. Have taken in \$1,640.47, or an average of \$164.00 per week.

We feel like the Lord has really blessed our efforts, and we give Him thanks.

Signed, Rev. Virgil Bradford  
State Orphanage Field Worker

### **ORPHANAGE BOARD**

We, your Orphanage Board, beg to submit the following report:

We have held four meetings during the associational year, three of which were held at the Home, the other at Oklahoma City jointly with the Executive Board.

We find that the Children's Home is getting along fine, and many improvements have been made. We are well pleased with the work the Superintendent and Matron

are doing at the Home.

This is only a temporary report since our clerk and chairman are absent.

Signed, The Orphanage Board

### **THE ORPHANAGE SUPERINTENDENT**

I beg to submit the following report, as I have been trying my very best to serve you as superintendent of the Orphanage.

We are doing our best to improve the home, which has been and will be for sometime, a very big job. We feel, however, that God is helping us to move along gradually with our work.

We have some improvements since last year. We have started a young orchard and set our 37 young fruit trees. We have a new driveway into the Home, and feel that we will have a paved road from town to the gate in the near future. The County Commissioner, Rotary Club, and all the business people in town are asking and trying every way to influence the state to get the job done.

We have quite an increase of cattle over last year since our people from some of the Associations see the need of getting the place stocked with cattle.

We have received one nice, young cow and calf from the Dibble Church; one young heifer from Bro. Jack Hopkins, Dibble Church; one young heifer from Bro. Luther Hudson, Dibble Church; one very nice cow and calf from the Dibble Association; and one nice cow from the Clemscott Church, Hopewell No. 2 Association.

We now have fourteen head of cattle, four hogs, fifty chickens, one horse, 300 bales of hay, and fifty bushels of corn.

Signed, Rev. Rex Weatherman  
Superintendent of Children's Home

### **THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION BOARD**

We have met and organized and elected the following officers:

Rev. B. F. Rogers ..... Chairman

Rev. D. B. Hellard ..... Secretary-Treasurer

Signed, Committee

# **Secretary-Treasurer of the Home and Foreign Mission Board**

## **Foreign Mission Report:**

11- 6-1946	Shawnee Church	\$ 8.51
12- 3-	" "	8.00
1- 7-1947	" "	5.06
2- 4-	" "	5.56
4-15-	" "	21.67
4-15-	" "	2.69
5- 8-	" "	5.72

Total amount from Shawnee Church ..... \$ 57.21

11- 6-1946	Blue Bell	\$ 2.50
12- 5-	" "	2.50
2-17-	" "	2.50
2-26-	" "	9.00
3 28-	" "	2.50
4-30-	" "	2.50
5-26-	" "	2.50
6- 2-	" "	2.50
7- 1-	" "	2.50
7-30-	" "	2.50
9- 2-	" "	2.50
10- 1-	" "	2.50

Total amount from Blue Bell Church ..... \$ 49.00

11- 8-1946	Sis. Fincher	2.00
12-30-1946	Okla. F. W. B. Woman's Aux.	4.50
4-28-1947	Aux. of Tulsa Church	6.00
4-28-	From Mrs. W. E. Keifer for Aux.	25.22
5-31-	Mrs. W. E. Keifer for Dormitory	148.00
7- 7-	Bristow Aux.	8.88
7-30-	Mrs. W. E. Keifer for Aux.	87.00
9-25-	Mrs. W. E. Keifer for Aux.	3.00

Total amount from Aux. .... \$282.60

1- 8-1947	First Church of Oklahoma City	55.27
2-23 1947	Rev. Bradford Mission Ass'n.	6.53
6- 2-	Rev. Bradford	18.46

Total from Rev. Bradford ..... \$ 24.99

5- 9-1947	North Heights Church	3.00
7- 9-	North Heights Church	3.00

Total from North Heights Church ..... 6.00

7-30-1947	Wewoka Church reports	198.00
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## **Home Mission Report**

Reported from Wewoka Church .....	\$190.05
Total on my book .....	\$863.12
Total from the State - other sources .....	\$527.08
Grand Total .....	\$1390.20

D. B. Hellard, Secretary-Treasurer

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the State Executive Board of Oklahoma, beg leave to report as follows:

We have traveled approximately 5,000 miles in the work this fiscal year.

The board has met five times during the year in different parts of the state. Two meetings were held jointly with the Orphanage Board.

The Executive Board met at the First Church of Oklahoma City, May 12, 1947, and hired Rev. Virgil Bradford as field worker for the Orphanage.

The board met at the First Oklahoma Ass'n. Campground at Shawnee, and voted to authorize Mrs. Ethel Armstrong, Orphanage Treasurer, to raise the percentage of pay from 25% to 35% effective August 28, 1947, up to the State Meeting.

We, the Executive Board, make the following recommendation: That the State Ass'n. retain Rev. Virgil Bradford as our field worker.

Signed, Rev. B. T. Kirby, Clerk

### STATE ORPHANAGE TREASURER

Report of State Orphanage Treasurer to the Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Wewoka, Oklahoma.

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Balance on hand (10-20-46) .....	\$ 371.78
Cash received (10-20-46 to 10-20-47) .....	7,432.71
Total .....	\$7,804.49
Expenditures (10-20-46 to 10-20-47) .....	7,020.97
Balance on hand (10-20-47) .....	\$ 783.52

Ethel Armstrong, Treasurer  
Drumright, Oklahoma

## THE ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK

### Receipts—

	NAT'L	STATE
First Oklahoma Ass'n. ....	\$5.00	\$ 10.00
Southeastern Ass'n. ....		10.00
Eureka Ass'n. ....		10.00
Hopewell No. 2 Ass'n. ....	5.00	10.00
Canadian Ass'n. ....	5.00	10.00
Center Ass'n. ....	5.00	10.00
Hopewell No. 1 Ass'n. ....		10.00
Roberts McGee Ass'n. ....		10.00
First Mission Ass'n. ....		10.00
Dibble Ass'n. ....		10.00
Grand River Ass'n. ....		10.00
Balance carried forward (1945) .....		10.00
Special offering .....		36.20
Ladies Auxiliary .....		5.00
Total .....		\$181.28

### Disbursements—

Paid out for Nat'l. Fee (Ethel Armstrong) ....	\$ 40.00
Printing minutes .....	97.00
Printing of Programs (1946) .....	16.80
For Ribbons (Rev. John West) .....	5.20
Nat'l. Fee (Rev. John West) .....	20.00
Total .....	\$179.00

Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 2.20
Received from First Okla. Ass'n. (State Minutes, 10.00; Nat'l Fee, \$5.00) .....	\$ 15.00
Grand Total .....	\$17.20

Arthur Hearn, Clerk  
4601 Metrose Lane,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Note— Not having the books, we checked this report and find it accurate.

Signed, The Auditing Committee

### MISSION REPORT

Cottage prayer meetings .....	209
Chapters read .....	6,608
Service hours .....	1,961
Sick calls .....	2,576
Hospital calls .....	188
Meals in bereaved homes .....	16
Flowers for the sick .....	\$40.80

Quilts made .....	19
Money received .....	141.93
Paid to Woodward relief fund .....	25.00
Paid to Foreign Missions .....	37.75
Paid to Orphanage .....	85.00
Amount paid to other activities .....	100.24
Total paid out .....	\$222.99
Signed, Rev. W. E. Warner, President	
Sis. Ida Dressler, Vice-President	
Sis. C. D. Benton, Sec.-Treas.	

## LIST OF RECOMMENDED DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Bro. R. B. Tipton .....	First Mission Ass'n.
Bro. George Campbell .....	Canadian Ass'n.
Sis. Margie Weatherman .....	Hopewell No. 2 Ass'n.
Sis. Melvin Bingham .....	First Oklahoma Ass'n.
Sis. S. R. Russell .....	Dibble Ass'n.
Sis. Bertha Barker .....	Center Ass'n.
Sis. Laura Arnold .....	Grand River Ass'n.
Bro. J. D. Burr .....	Hopewell No. 1 Ass'n

## ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS

### HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION NO. 2

To the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Wewoka Church:

We send, as delegates, our beloved sisters: Margie Weatherman, Myrtle Ballew, Ruby Brown, Eileen Melton, and Alice Rose Christian. Alternates, Sisters, Edna DeHart, Ines Howell, Odessa Roberson, Tessie Williams, and Ora Slate whom we pray you will receive to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received, 27; dismissed, 11; number deceased, 2; number of churches, 6; total membership, 434; number ministers, 7; number deacons, 21; Sunday Schools, 6; leagues, 3; auxiliaries, 3.

Paid pastors, \$2,565.00; paid evangelist, \$234.45; value of church property, \$9,800.

Enclosed is \$10.00 for printing of State Minutes and \$5.00 for registration fee to the National Meeting.

We are recommending Sis. Margie Weatherman as our

delegate from this Association to the National Association.

Eld. J. O. Hudson, Moderator  
Sis. Myrtle Ballew, Clerk

### **CENTER ASSOCIATION**

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Wewoka Church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We send, as delegates, Sisters: Valeta Hileman, Oleta Pate, Lois Lamb, and Effie O'Donnell whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

We voted to send \$10.00 as minute money; \$5.00 to the National Association.

I am sorry to say, I am unable to give you a full statistical report in this letter as I have sent the manuscript off to be printed and don't have that information. I hope some of the delegation that is present with you can give you the information you want by word of mouth.

We have had a very good year with some of the churches doing some wonderful work and gaining several new members.

We have centralized the Association and bought a plot of land for a camp ground. It is located on Highway 13, twelve miles northwest of Ada. We have built one building on it which is a place of meeting. We are determined to build a girls' dormitory and cafeteria this year.

Our Moderator is Rev. F. M. Wood, 816 North Cherry, Ada, Oklahoma.

May God's blessings rest upon you and may you have a wonderful Association.

Your Brother in Christ,

Virgil Hunt, Clerk  
Center Association

### **DIBBLE ASSOCIATION**

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists, which convened with the Wewoka Church at Wewoka, Oklahoma, October 21, 1947:

We send, as delegates, our beloved brethren: Bro. Lee Hawkins, Sis. S. R. Russell, and Bro. Thomas Browning, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 23; baptized, 15; dismissed, 18; died, 4; total membership, 433; condition of Sunday School, good; average No. of pupils, 253; home mission, good; membership, 75, enclosed for minutes, \$10.00.

Done by order of this Association assembled in conference this 13 day of September, 1947.

Rev. Arthur Hearron, Moderator

Sis. Vicie Hopkins, Clerk

Remarks: We recommend Sister S. R. Russell as our delegate to the National Association.

### **GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION**

To the State Association we send greetings:

We, the Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists, while in our regular conference, elected the following delegates to represent us in the State Association whom we pray you to seat to aid in all your deliberations: Bro. Cecil Wilson, Bro. F. F. Mann, Bro. McGhee, Sis. Ozella Littlefield, and Sis. Maudie Pollard.

Statistical Report:

Sunday School, good in all churches; prayer meeting, fair; many churches have reported good revival meetings; membership, 1190; ordained ministers, 36; deaths, 4.

We sincerely pray that this session of the State Association will be the best on the account of many souls being saved.

Rev. Virgil Florence, Moderator

Sis. Rosa Estes, Ass'n. Clerk

### **SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION**

From Southeastern Oklahoma Ass'n. of the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptist.

To the State Association of Oklahoma when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Dear Brethren:

We send as delegates to your body, Rev. J. A. Davidson, Rev. M. M. McKee, Rev. I. N. Pate, Rev. Orville Manning, Rev. John Bullard, Rev. C. B. Bumps, and T. F. Walls.

Statistics:

Total membership, 550; church property value, \$24,-

000; minute funds, \$10.00.

Our Association met on Thursday night before the first Lord's day in September, 1947 A. D. with Archie Church.

We had 40 conversions and 35 additions to churches.

Rev. C. A. Sledge, Moderator  
T. F. Walls, Clerk & Treasurer  
Spencerville, Oklahoma

### FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

From First Mission Association to the thirty-ninth session of Oklahoma State Association.

We send as delegates: Sisters, Myrl Wilson, Daisy O'Donnell, Bessie West, Glenna Staires, Bro. L. Y. King, whom we pray you to receive to aid you in your deliberations.

Statistics:

Number of churches, 24; parsonages, 11; resident members, 1583; non resident members, 790; total membership, 2373; average S. S. attendance, 1545; number of leagues, 13; woman's Auxiliaries, 7; missions circles, 11; value of church prop., \$107, 250; amt. paid pastors, \$23,562.59; amt. paid evangelist, \$2,473.38; amt. building & repair, \$9, 635.32; amt paid home mission, \$867.40; for education, \$1953.09; total paid for all phases of work, \$38,491.78.

Number of Ministers ..... 78  
Number of Deacons ..... 69

We are sending \$10. for minutes; \$5. for National Ass'n.

Rev. B. F. Rogers, Moderator

Willard Day, Clerk

Alternates: Sister Maud Moore

Sister Perkins

Bro. Judd Tipton

### ROBERTS MCGEE ASSOCIATION

State Association, Free Will Baptist Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

We, the Free Will Baptist Churches of the Roberts-McGee Association, while in our 47th Annual Session at Poteau, Oklahoma, send greetings to the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Free Will Baptist Church of Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Statistics are as follows:

Number of members, 394; number of churches, 10; number of ministers, 13; value of church property, \$3,600; paid pastors, \$970; we send \$10 for State Minutes.

We send as delegates, Bro. E. McCause, Bro. J. P. Brewer, Bro. O. D. Wickham, and Sis. Dora Johnson.

Eld. Ward Fellabaum, Moderator

Howe, Oklahoma

Sis. Maud Rice, Clerk

Poteau, Oklahoma

### OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION

We, the Old Eureka Association of God, denominated Free Will Baptists, while in our regular session, elected the following delegates to represent us in the State Association when convened with the Wewoka Church whom we pray you to seat to aid you in all your deliberations to wit: Rev. H. O. Turner, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. C. N. Rose, Rev. Tommie Roberts, and Bro. and Sis. Bob Bailes.

#### Statistical Report:

The Association consists of 26 churches with a total membership of approximately 2,100. There are 33 ordained ministers and 104 ordained deacons; Sunday School attendance is good in all churches. Prayer Meeting, fair; league work is progressing nicely in most all churches. There were 13 deaths reported in our Association this year. The report of contributions to our Orphans' Home is incomplete at this time and we can not make our final report. There have been four new churches organized by the Association Evangelist this past year.

We send \$10. as minute money. We wish to report to the Association that the Old Eureka Association did not receive any State Minutes last year and if there can be an adjustment of any kind made on this, we will appreciate it.

The next session of the Old Eureka Association will convene Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1948 A. D. We always welcome delegates from other associations.

The Youth Camp meeting will convene one week before the Association begins. The location of our camp ground is one mile south and one mile west of Keota, Oklahoma.

May God richly bless this session of the State Association.

Rev. C. N. Rose, Moderator

Sis. Dovie LaFave, Ass'n Clerk  
West Main Street  
Stigler, Oklahoma

### **HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION NO 1**

We, the Church of God, denominated Free Will Baptists met in regular session of the Hopewell Association convened with the Folsom Church and elected delegates to represent us in the State Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Wewoka Church, whom we pray you to seat to aid you in all your Godly deliberations.

To wit: Rev. A. D. Marchant, Rev. J. H. Burr, and Bro. Bob Speaks.

Statistics:

Number of churches, 4; number of members, 350; number of ministers, 9; value of property, \$6,000; paid pastors, \$854.25; paid evangelists, \$185.50.

We send \$10 for minute money.

Rev. J. W. Fulce, Moderator  
409 W. Washington, Denison Texas  
Hattie Williams, Clerk  
Atoka, Oklahoma, Rt. 4

P. S.— We did not receive the State Minutes last year.

### **CANADIAN ASSOCIATION**

We, the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, send greetings to the Annual session of Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for the cause of Christ.

We have in our membership, 5 churches, 270 members, 8 ordained deacons, 5 Sunday School, and 3 Auxiliaries. Paid pastors \$720.00; paid evangelist, \$256.19; value of church property, \$5200.

We have sent \$45.31 to the Children's Home. Some of our churches sent individual contributions for minutes.

We have chosen Sis. Lila Wilson, Sis. W. M. Stevenson, and Bro. Calvin Cody as alternates to represent us in the annual state session on October 21, 1947.

Done in Conference, August 15, 1947.

Eld. J. T. Champion, Moderator  
Okemah, Oklahoma  
Sis. Clara Caton, Clerk

We, the Canadian Association recommend Bro. George

Campbell from our Association to represent us in the National Association. We send \$5.00 as registration fee.

### **FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION**

To the Oklahoma State Association we send as delegates from First Oklahoma Association: Sisters Verdun Bingham, Opal Kirby, Dorothy Waddle, Eileen Ward and Sis. Vallance; alternates: Sisters Vard Woods, Nettie Barnett, and Bro. Will Yeager and W. W. Hunt whom we pray to sit with you and aid you in your deliberations.

Our Association is still progressing; we have built another new dormitory. We recommend Sis. Verdun Bingham as National Delegate.

#### **Statistics:**

Value of property, \$8,575; paid pastors, \$101.44; paid evangelist, \$10.15; number of leagues, 7; number of auxiliaries, 4.

Sent on August 24, 1947, \$15. for State Minutes and National Registration Fee.

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Moderator  
Sis. Mildred Cash, Clerk

### **LEAGUE PETITIONARY LETTER**

To the Oklahoma State Association, when convened with Wewoka Church on October 22, 1947.

We, the Oklahoma State League Rally, send greetings. We wish to request that our delegates be seated and given a voice in the State Association.

We send as delegate, the following:

Sis. Vesta Sparks, Sis. LaVerne Lee, Bro. N. R. Smith, and Sis. Dorothy Christian. As alternates: Bro. Clarence Hearron, Sis. Donna Gale Tipton, Bro. Ray Wood, and Sis. Eileen Melton.

We send \$5.00 as minute money.

We request an interest in your prayers that our State League Work will continue to grow in the work of the Lord.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, President  
Donna Gale Tipton, Cor. Sec.

### **LETTER FROM REV R. B. CRAWFORD**

To the Moderator, ministers, members, and messengers of the thirty-ninth annual session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists,  
Greetings in the Lord:

For the past four years it has been a blessing to attend your annual meeting. My heart aches as I realize, in person, I cannot be with you this year. Bro. Henry Melvin will be present in interest of your Bible College — but he also will be happy to answer questions you might have concerning any phase of our denominational work. I represented our denominational work before you different times.

I am praying that this year will bring the largest response from you that you have ever given, at this session and all through the year ahead of you.

The Lord is calling — He is depending upon you.

In His fellowship,

Robert B. Crawford

## ROLL OF MINISTERS

Bean, Rev. John .....	Ripley, Okla.
Bean, Rev. W. L. ....	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Benton, Rev. C. D. ....	309 Ohio, Drumright, Okla.
Bingham, Rev. Melvin ....	1904 S. Central, Okla. C., Okla.
Bradford, Rev. Virgil .....	Box 967, Wetumka, Okla.
Burr, Rev. J. H. ....	No Address
Carter, Rev. W. A. ....	615 E. 2nd, Bristow, Okla.
Caton, Rev. M. L. ....	No Address
Crowder, Rev. L. C. ....	Box 533, Stigler, Okla.
Crouch, Rev. W. A. ....	No Address
Davidson, Rev. J. A. ....	Antlers, Okla.
Dixon, Rev. T. H. ....	No Address
Day, Rev. Willard .....	Rt. 9, Box 498, Tulsa, Okla.
Doss, Rev. O. H. ....	401 Patton, Wewoka, Okla.
Dressler, Rev. Ida .....	Rt. 2, Box 252, Bristow, Okla.
Franklin, Rev. James .....	Cushing, Okla.
Fulce, Rev. J. W. ....	409 W. Washington, Denison, Tex.
Haskins, Rev. Earlin .....	No Address
Hearron, Rev. Arthur ....	4601 Melrose, Okla. City, Okla.
Hearron, Rev. Clarence ....	1302 W. 13th, Sulphur, Okla.
Hearron, Rev. W. A. ....	1302 W. 13th, Sulphur, Okla.
Hellard, Rev. D. B. ....	604 S. Oklahoma, Sapulpa, Okla.
Hood, Rev. C. C. ....	No Address
Hudson, Rev. J. O. ....	Clemscott, Okla.
Jernigan, Rev. Wade .....	1819 N. Park, Shawnee, Okla.
Ketchum, Rev. Bill .....	No Address

Kirby, Rev. B. T. .... 2212 S. W. 31st, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Lane, Rev. R. G. .... Box 1053, Bristow, Okla.  
 Manning, Rev. Orville, ..... No Address  
 Mayfield, Rev. Leona ..... Dawson, Okla.  
 McKee, Rev. M. M. .... Soper, Okla.  
 Mephail, Rev. W. V. .... Rt. 9, Box, 498, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Mooneyham, Rev. W. S. .... 406 N. Center, Shawnee, Okla.  
 Mounce, Rev. R. L. .... No Address  
 Newman, Rev. Hattie ..... Jennings, Okla.  
 Munkus, Rev. B. C. .... Rt. 1, Norman, Okla.  
 O'Donnell, Rev. Dennis ..... Cromwell, Okla.  
 O'Donnell, Rev. E. A. .... 420 S. Ash, Ada, Okla.  
 Pate, Rev. I. N. .... Antlers, Okla.  
 Purcell, Rev. .... Box 997, Bristow, Okla.  
 Purcell, Rev. Paul ..... Box 997, Bristow, Okla.  
 Reid, Rev. Arthur ..... No Address  
 Richey, Rev. Clay ..... Blanchard, Okla.  
 Roberts, Rev. W. T. .... No Address  
 Rogers, Rev. B. F. .... Rt. 9, Drumright, Okla.  
 Rose, Rev. C. N. .... Keota, Okla.  
 Russell, Rev. S. R. .... 2522 S. W. 31st, Okla. City, Okla.  
 Sapp, Rev. Charles ..... 1819 N. Park, Shawnee, Okla.  
 Scott, Rev. W. P. .... Holdenville, Okla.  
 Sharp, Rev. Dewey ..... No Address  
 Staires ..... 1922 N. Lewis, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Taylor, Rev. George ..... Snomac, Okla.  
 Turbyfield, Rev. Gus ..... No Address  
 Tuttle, Rev. Noah ..... Care of O. B. U. Shawnee, Okla.  
 Warner, Rev. W. E. .... Sapulpa, Okla.  
 Weatherman, Rev. Rex ..... Ringling, Okla.  
 West, Rev. John H. .... 833 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Wilson, Rev. C. C. .... 6801 E. Pine, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Wilson, Rev. W. E. .... Box 103, Holdenville, Okla.  
 Winfrey, Rev. Gene ..... Tulsa, Okla.  
 Wood, Rev. Weldon, ..... Ada, Okla.  
 Wood, Rev. W. V. .... 129 S. Draper, Shawnee, Okla.  
 Yandell, Rev. I. W. .... Oklahoma City, Okla.

## OKLAHOMA STATE LEAGUE RALLY

The Oklahoma State League Rally of the Free Will Baptists, met in their 6th annual meeting June 18, 19, 20, 1947 at the First Mission Association Camp Grounds

near Drumright, Oklahoma.

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## WEDNESDAY 10 A. M.

Services were opened by singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Younder" led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, LaVerne Lee at the piano.

Meeting called to order by Rev. Paul Purcell in the absence of the President, Rev. Reford Wilson.

Prayer by Sis. Everett Hellard.

Welcome by Sister Eula Mae Yoakum of Sapulpa.

Response by Sis. Eileen Melton of Healdton.

Devotional service was led by Sis. Gene Lane.

A solo, "God's Tomorrow", by Donna Gale Tipton of Wewoka.

Solo by Sis. Barbara Arnold of Tulsa.

A quartet from Tecumseh sang a special number.

Prayer by Rev. Orbin Doss.

Rev. Everett Hellard delivered a very inspirational message, using for a text, Acts 1:6-11. Subject, "This Same Jesus".

Dismissed by Bro. Charles Sapp.

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## WEDNESDAY 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon services opened by singing led by Donna Gale Tipton, with Gene Lane at the piano.

Meeting called to order by the President, Rev. Reford Wilson.

Devotional led by Rev. Wade Jernigan of Bladenboro, N. C., reading Psalms 121.

Letters from First Mission, and Hopewell No. 2 Associations were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report made and accepted.

Election of officers were as follows:

Sponsor ..... Rev. Paul Purcell, Drumright, Okla.  
President ..... Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Shawnee, Okla.  
Vice. Pres. .... Rev. Everett Hellard, Sapulpa, Okla..  
Rec. Sec. .... Eileen Melton, Healdton, Okla.  
Corres. Sec. .... Donna Gale Tipton, Wewoka, Okla.  
Treasurer ..... Gene Lane, Bristow, Okla.

## LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. Harry Staires .. 1922 N. Lewis Ave. Wewoka, Okla.  
Rev. O. H. Doss ..... 401 Patton Ave. Wewoka, Okla.  
Bro. Judd Tipton ..... Box 1275, Wewoka, Okla.  
Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, ..... 420 S. Ash, Ada, Okla.  
Rev. Reford Wilson .... Nashville, Tenn. care of B. College

The following committees were selected:

### PULPIT COMMITTEE

Rev. Paul Pursell - Chairman, Naoma Thompson, Gene Lane, Barbara Arnold, and Dorothy Christian.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. Reford Wilson - Chairman, Lissie Chaudoin, Helen Epperson, Wanda Guinn, and Sis. Glen Seaton.

Sis. Cleo Pursell and Sis. Everett Hellard were elected as Girls' Dormitory sponsors for the next year, and Rev. Orbin Doss and Rev. R. C. Hampton were elected as Boys' Dormitory sponsors.

Meeting dismissed for 15 minutes to allow the committees to report.

Meeting reassembled by singing "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Letter from Center Association read and accepted.

Resolution accepted that this Rally make a petition to the National League Board for a National League Convention.

Resolution accepted that this body make a request to the National League Board for a Denominational Publication devoted exclusively to our young people.

Report by Rev. R. B. Crawford on tithing to the National League Board.

Motion carried that all Local Rallies tithe to the State Rally and that the State Rally tithe to the National League Board.

Rev. Reford Wilson was elected to serve as assistant sponsor of the Boys' Dormitory for the remainder of this Rally.

Meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday.

Dismissed by Rev. R. G. Lane.

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Grove services were held preceeding the regular 7:30

services in which two precious souls were saved.

Services were opened by singing "Just Over In The Glory Land" led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Sis. Eula Mae Ewing at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Phillips.

Special song by Gene Lane, Eula Mae Ewing, Reford Wilson, and Rev. E. A. O'Donnell.

Devotional led by Sis. Barbara Hancock.

A special song was rendered by the Tulsa Quartet.

Gene Lane sang "Pearly White City".

The speaker for the evening was Rev. Reford Wilson, using for a text, Lam. 1:12, "It is nothing to you, all ye that pass by", followed by Rev. Wade Jernigan, using "The Buglar". Ezekiel 33:1-10.

At the close of the service one soul was dedicated to special service for the Lord.

Dismissed by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

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## THURSDAY 9 A. M.

Services opened by singing led by Gene Lane. Bertha Faye Tuttle, pianist.

Bro. Charles Sapp read the scripture lesson from Psalms 100 and led our hearts in prayer.

Rev. R. B. Crawford took charge of the services and brought us a lesson on "Personal Evangelism".

Business meeting called to order by Bro. W. S. Mooneyham.

Rev. Harry Staires introduced the following delegates from Mo. Rolla Smith, Agnes Smith, Burl Halliburton, Mary Halliburton, Hershel Freeman, Austin Robertson, B. R. Scott, and Johnnie Postalwait.

Rev. Charles Sapp was elected to bring the introductory message at the next Rally, with Rev. Reford Wilson as alternate.

Motion carried that the next League Rally be convened with the First Oklahoma Association at the Shawnee Camp Ground.

Motion carried that the President appoint delegates to the State Ass'n.

The following delegates were appointed:

Vesta Sparks ..... Center Ass'n.  
La Verne Lee ..... First Mission Ass'n

N. R. Smith ..... Hopewell No. 2 Ass'n.  
Dorothy Christian ..... First Oklahoma Ass'n.  
Meeting adjourned until 1:00 p.m. ....  
Dismissed by Rev. Reford Wilson.

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## THURSDAY 11 A. M.

Services opened by singing led by Rev. Wade Jernigan, with Gene Lane at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

Rev. R. B. Crawford brought the message, using for a text Josh. 24:29. Subject, "Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord".

Dismissed by Rev. Johnnie Postalwait.

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## THURSDAY 1 P. M.

Services opened by singing led by Rev. Wade Jernigan, with Charles Sapp at the piano.

Prayer at the altar.

Letter read and accepted from the Union Ass'n. of Mo.

Programs were presented by the following ass'n.:

Center Ass'n. .... Ada Church

Hopewell No. 2 ..... Wirt Church

First Oklahoma Ass'n. .... 1st. Church of Okla. City

First Mission Ass'n. .... 1st Tulsa Church

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham presented the State League Program Banner to Eileen Melton, President of the Hopewell No. 2 Ass'n.

Dismissed by Rev. Ralph Hampton.

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## THURSDAY NIGHT

Services opened by singing led by Bro. Arthur Hearron. Gene Lane, pianist.

Prayer by Sis. Hattie Newman.

Special song by Lewis Ave. Quartet.

"I'd Rather Have Jesus", sung by Gene Lane.

The Gospel Quartet from Oklahoma City was present and favored us with two good numbers.

Rev. Harry Staires took charge of the devotional with a praise service, throughout which the spirit of the Lord was gloriously felt.

Rev. Everett Hellard introduced the first speaker of the evening, Rev. Johnnie Postalwait, of Mountain Grove, Mo., who used for a text Rom. 6:23, "The Wages of Sin".

He was followed by Rev. Benjamin Scott, also of Mt. Grove, who concluded the text with "The Gift of God is Life Eternal".

A very inspirational message was delivered, at the close of which one soul was saved.

Dismissed by Bro. John Elliston.

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## FRIDAY 9 A. M.

Services opened by singing led by Mary Sue Doss.

Rev. Everett Hellard used for devotional reading Isa. 53.

Prayer by Bro. Hellard.

Rev. R. B. Crawford took charge of the service and concluded the lesson on "Personal Evangelism".

The study was well enjoyed by all.

Dismissed by Bro. Rolla Smith.

Business meeting called to order by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Letter read and accepted from First Oklahoma Ass'n.

Report of business committee given.

Motion carried that we pay \$3.00 for the utility bill.

Motion carried that we send \$5.00 with our letter to the State Ass'n. for the printing of our minutes.

Motion carried we elect someone to be in charge of installation services for the next Rally.

Motion carried that \$15.00 be sent to the Nat'l. League Board in addition to the League tithes.

Motion carried that \$5.00 be given to Bro. R. B. Crawford as a gift of appreciation.

Sis. Glenna Staires was elected by acclamation to be in charge of the installation service at the next Rally.

Report of the League Board read.

Motion carried that we select Bro. Weldon Wood and Bro. Raymond Lee to serve with Bro. W. S. Mooneyham as a Program Committee; that the program be approved by the State League Board; and that they be mailed to

the various leagues three (3) months preceeding the State League Rally. A reminder to be sent out one (1) month preceeding the Rally.

Motion carried that Sis. Donna Gale Tipton and Sis. Gladys Elliston serve with Bro. Hellard as a Membership Committee and that they correspond with all the Leagues in the state to secure their membership in this organization.

Motion carried that Bro. Reford Wilson teach the Free Will Baptist League Manual one hour on Thursday and Friday.

Motion carried that we table the matter of electing a State League Evangelist until the next State League Rally.

The First Mission Association was given a standing vote of thanks for their generosity in the use of the camp ground and the services at the cafe.

Motion carried that we give the treasurer power to buy a register to keep a record of all persons attending the State League Rallies.

Meeting adjourned until after the 11:00 a.m. services.

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## FRIDAY 11 A. M.

Singing directed by Bro. Reford Wilson. with Gene Lane at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Johnnie Postalwait.

Special song by Bro. Johnnie Postalwait, Bro. Reford Wilson, Bro. Benjamin Scott, and Bro. Herschell Freeman.

Song by Gene Lane, Ava Hellard, and Everett Hellard.

Rev. Charles Sapp took charge of the service using as a text Haggai 1:3-11. His subject was, "Free Will Baptists and a Two-Bit Expansion Program".

He was followed by Rev. Paul Pursell using II Kings 3:16, "Make this valley full of ditches".

After these two wonderful messages, we had an old-fashioned handshake.

Prayer by Rev. R. G. Lane.

An altar call was given and two precious souls found the Lord.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet again on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in June, 1948.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, President  
Sis. Eileen Melton, Rec. Sec.  
Sis. Donna Gale Tipton, Corres. Sec.

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## SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF OKLA. STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Met with Wewoka Church, October 20-21, 1947.

Scripture reading by Alma Gammon.

Special music by Wewoka Quartet.

Introductory message, evening of October 20, by Rev. Cleo Pursell. Theme, "Be Strong and of a Good Courage".

A wonderful message.

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### TUESDAY MORNING

Opening song, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus", directed by Mildred Cash. Pianist, Sis. Bessie West.

Scripture reading by President, Deut. 26:10.

Prayer by Rev. Willard Day.

Welcome address was given by Mrs. Daisy O'Donnell.

Response to Welcome Address was given by Mrs. Myrl Wilson.

Meeting called to order by President.

Reading of executive meeting report.

Executive Board met Monday afternoon with three members present.

President Sis. Verdun Bingham called meeting to order.

Prayer by Sis. Cleo Pursell.

Motion carried to accept Sis. Myrl Wilson as proxy for Sis. Bertha Kieffer, Recording Secretary-Treasurer.

Revisions of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention were discussed.

We recommend that they be adopted by this body.

Motion carried to receive report.

Reading of letters from: First Oklahoma, First Mission, Hopewell No. 2, and Center Ass'ns.

Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

**Committees appointed by President:**

**OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Herron  
Mrs. Beulah Sizemore  
Mrs. Libby Collins

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Cleo Pursell  
Mrs. Hattie Newman  
Mrs. Effie Wood  
Mrs. Margie Weatherman

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Beulah Kinnamon  
Mrs. Myrtle Richberg  
Mrs. Effie O'Donnell

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Ethel Renegar  
Mrs. Pierce  
Mrs. Valeta Hileman

**REGISTER COMMITTEE**

Mrs. June Crumb  
Mrs. Atha Shipley  
Mrs. Pearl Kennedy

The following visitors and ministers were welcomed:  
Rev. and Mrs. Ed Morris, of California; Rev. George Scott, Missouri; Rev. Vard Wood, Rev. Sr. Hearron, Rev. O'Donnell, Rev. W. Day, Rev. Doss, Rev. West, Rev. Paul and Rev. Cleo Pursell, and Rev. Melvin Bingham.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President ..... Mrs. Verdun Bingham  
1904 S. Central, Okla. City, Okla.  
1st. Vice Pres. .... Mrs. Cleo Pursell  
Bristow, Okla.  
2nd Vice Pres. .... Mrs. Eileen Melton  
Box 955, Wilson, Okla.  
3rd Vice Pres. .... Mrs. June Crumb  
317 E. 15th, Ada, Okla.  
4th Vice Pres. .... Mrs. Inabelle Hamilton  
906 N. Victor, Tulsa, Okla.

5th Vice Pres. .... Mrs. Bertha Barker  
 Rt. 5, Ada, Okla.  
 Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. Myrl Wilson  
 6801 E. Pine, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Ass't. Rec. Secretary ..... Mrs. Bertha Kieffer  
 1904 S. Central, Okla. City, Okla.

Motion carried that we combine 1st. Vice President and Field Worker.

Motion made to have installation of officers at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

Prayer of consecration for officers led by Rev. Leona Mayfield.

Recess.

Assembled together by singing "Take The Name Of Jesus" directed by Mrs. R. G. Lane.

Prayer by Mrs. Barnett, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Message by Mrs. John H. West, Tulsa, Okla. Theme, "Be Strong And Of Good Courage". Scripture, Joshua 1:1-8. A wonderful message and a challenge to move forward.

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers", directed by Mrs. R. G. Lane.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Paul Pursell.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled together by singing "Glory To His Name" directed by Rev. Ed Morris. Pianist, Mrs. Cleo Pursell.

Prayer by Bro. Tubbyfield.

Devotional, Mrs. Inabelle Hamilton.

Presidents Message.

Evangelical letter read, report of National Convention by President.

President's personal report:

Auxiliaries visited, 9; miles traveled, 1247; letters received, 54; District Conventions visited, 7; telegrams sent, 1; cards sent, 48; tracts and literature, 288; temperance leaflets, 26; money received, \$15.75; talks made, 14; and sent 1 article to paper.

Report of 1st Vice Pres., Sis. Glenora Staires (by Sis. Beulah Sizemore)

Report of 2nd Vice Pres., Sis. Eileen Melton.

Report of 3rd Vice Pres., Sis. Hattie Newman.  
As a token of love, a white carnation was presented to Sis. Newman for her loyalty and faithful service.

Report of 4th Vice Pres., Sis. Cleo Pursell.

Report of 5th Vice Pres., Sis. Bertha Barker, (by Sis. Ethel Renegar):

Offering taken for State Treasurer. Amount, \$18.56.

Report of Recording Sec.-Treas., Sis. Bertha Kieffer.

Motion carried to accept the report.

Report of Corresponding Sec., Sis. Bessie Staires, (by Sis. Bessie West).

Report of Field Worker, Mrs. Mildred Cash.

Obituary Committee reports the deaths of eight sisters in Christ of the 1st Oklahoma Association. Report of names incomplete.

Motion carried to receive the report of Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee finds the treasurer's books in very good order.

Motion carried to accept the report.

Report from Resistration Committee:

Delegates and officers .....	26
Ministers .....	17
Visitors .....	22
Total .....	65

Motion carried to accept report.

Talks by Rev. Morris and other ministers present on the Temperance question.

Report of Appreciation Committee.

Motion carried to accept by standing vote of thanks for the nice hospotality shown us by the Host Church.

Report from the Resoluition Committee.

1. Resolved that this body send a telegram of greetings to Sis. Bessie Staires in appreciation of her past work and wishing her a speedy recovery.

2. Be it resolved that this body give \$25.00 from our treasury to the State Associational Treasury to help pay our back indebtedness.

3. Be it resolved that this body give a vote of thanks to the following officers: Sis. Glenora Staires, Sis. Hattie Newman, Sis. Bessie Staires, and Sis. Mildred Cash.

4. Be it resolved that this body give \$25.00 on the building of the Ntional Headquarters Office at Nashville, Tenn.

5. Be it resolved that we give \$5.00 to the entertaining church for this hospitality.

Motion carried to accept the report.

Motion carried to pay \$5.00 to have minutes printed.

Full report of Recording Secretary given by Sis. Bertha Kieffer.

Motion carried to give President power to appoint delegates to National Auxiliary Convention in 1948.

Mrs. Myrl Wilson, Mrs. Inabelle Hamilton, Mrs. Ellen day, Mrs. Leona Mayfield, Mrs. Mildred Cash, Mrs. R. G. Lane, Mrs. Bessie West, Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Mrs. Cleo Doss, and Mrs. Margie Weatherman appointed.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Installation service by Mrs. Mildred Cash. Scripture, I Cor. 9th chapter.

Special song, "Carry Your Cross With A Smile", Bro. John West, Bro. Arthur Hearron, Bro. Ed Morris, and Bro. E. A. O'Donnell.

Charge given each new officer.

Special recognition given to Margie Weatherman.

Closing song, "God Be With You".

Benediction given by Rev. Vard Wood.

### COMBINED REPORT

Oct., 1946 to Oct., 1947

Present enrollment .....	225
Number Aux. reporting .....	16
New members .....	41
Aux. observing week of prayer .....	11
Special days of prayer .....	45
Mission study classes conducted. ....	62
Books studied .....	20
No. of special missionary programs .....	26
Subscribers to papers .....	84
No. of tracts distributed .....	535
Pieces of literature given .....	1,105
Temperance programs given .....	5
Temperance leaflets distributed .....	40
Members assisting in cottage prayer meetings .....	150
Members making soul-winning efforts .....	200
Conversions resulting from personal service .....	20
Members distributing Bibles .....	42
Members distributing garments .....	190
Members engaged in Red Cross & W. C. T. U. ....	30

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues .....	\$ 44.62
Foreign Missions .....	295.70
Orphanage .....	73.02
Superannuation .....	42.20
Co-Laborer .....	45.00
College .....	258.50
Total paid in .....	\$875.21
Paid out .....	\$780.67

Balance in Treasury Oct., 1946 to Oct., 1947 \$ 94.54

With the change of officers for 1948-duties, the program chairman is the 4th Vice President.

Chairman Mrs. Lynn Hamilton, Tulsa, Okla.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

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## 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 intel-

ligent 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. 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, 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.

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## RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, a-

llowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those, who speak, shall arise and address the Moderator  
Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to ensure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session and the chair shall announce, just before adjournment, who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. The RULES OF ORDER shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

