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Rev. W. S. Mooneyham _____ Clerk
522 East Washington, Tecumseh, Oklahoma

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The next session of the State Association will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Fourth and Patton Streets, Wewoka, Oklahoma, on Tuesday night, before the fourth Sunday in October (October 18-20, 1949)

OPENING SESSION

TUESDAY NIGHT

The Forty-First Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Dow Thompson, Ada. Mrs. LaVerda Mooneyham, Tecumseh, pianist.

Invocation by Rev. Reford Willson, Healdton. Songs, "I'll Live in Glory," and "The Great Redeemer."

Special songs by Ada Mixed Quartet, "The Lord Is Coming Bye and Bye," and "What a Saviour."

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Oklahoma City, took charge of a spiritual testimony service. Special song by Ladies' Quartet from First Mission Association, "I'm a Millionaire."

Special songs by Ada Male Quartet, "There Is a Change" and "Heaven's Jubilee."

Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard, was introduced by the moderator for the introductory message. Rev. Richey read Mark 9:2-7 for a Scripture lesson. His topic was, "This Is My Beloved Son, Hear Him." A stirring message on the commands of Jesus. One soul came forward to receive Christ when the invitation was given.

After the service the delegates were placed by the host pastor, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Benediction by Rev. Earlin Haskins, Center Association.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Opened by singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," and "Jesus Hold My Hand," led by Rev. W. E. Wilson, Holdenville. Pianist, Rev. Cleo Pursell, Bristow.

Devotional by Rev. D. B. Hellard, Sapulpa, using Romans 5. Prayer by Rev. C. D. Benton, Drumright.

Association letters called for. They were read and received by motion. Motion that the moderator appoint pulpit committee. Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, host pastor; Mrs. Virgil Florence, Grand River; Cephus Mouser, Canadian; R. S. Webb, Dibble; Mrs. L. E. Ewing, Gaines Creek.

Election of officers was as follows:

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

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Assistant Moderator, Route 9, Box 498, Tulsa, Okla.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Clerk, 522 E. Washington, Tecumseh.

Mrs. Verdun Bingham, Assistant Clerk, Route 9, Box 498, Tulsa, Okla.

Report of the Pulpit Committee: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Fort Worth, Texas, will bring the 11 o'clock message.

Motion carried that the body grant the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk the power to appoint all committees. Visiting ministers invited to seat in council.

Report given by state historian Rev. W. A. Hearron with a request for an extension of time. Report accepted and request granted (See reports). Motion to adjourn until the 1:30 p. m. business session. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Burr.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Opened by singing " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," led by Rev. Reford Wilson, Healdton. Mrs. Wilson, pianist

Prayer by Rev. Cecil McKenzie, Sasakwa. Quartet arranged by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, "Take the World but Give Me Jesus."

Rev. M. L. Sutton, moderator of the Texas State Association, was introduced as the speaker. Text: I Cor. 9:24-27. Subject: "The Race For Life."

1:30 P. M. SERVICE

"Wonderful Jesus," led by Rev. John H. West. Mrs. C. D. Benton, Drumright, pianist. Devotional led by Rev. I. N. Pate, Antlers, reading Romans 12. Prayer by Rev. Pate.

Welcome by Rev. Frank McConnell, president of the Ada Ministerial Alliance. Response to the welcome by Rev. H. E. Staires, Tulsa.

Short message by moderator. Appointment of committees:

Business Committee

Rev. H. E. Staires, Chairman
Rev. B. F. Rogers
Rev. E. E. Morris
Rev. O. H. Doss
Rev. John Elliston

Temperance Committee

Rev. Willard Day, Chairman
Mrs. J. E. Renegar
Rev. C. D. Benton
Rev. Charles Sapp
Mr. Sherman Webb

Resolutions Committee

Rev. A. B. Epperson, Chmn.
Rev. W. A. Hearron
Rev. Virgil Florence
Rev. Reford Wilson
Rev. W. E. Wilson

Music Committee

Rev. Earlin Haskins, Chmn.
Mrs. Lawana Hill
Mr. J. B. Pogue
Mrs. Vesta Henry
Mrs. Sylvia Loney

Christian Education Com.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, Chmn.
Mrs. Jean Wilson
Rev. D. B. Hellard
Rev. Cleo Pursell
Mrs. Gladys Elliston

Obituary Committee

Rev. Sadie Fincher, Chmn.
Rev. J. P. Brewer
Rev. I. N. Pate
Mrs. Ruby Brown
Mrs. Carrie O'Donnell

Auditing Committee

Mr. N. C. Ballew, Chmn.
Mr. Fred Barker
Rev. Jesse Stepp

Report of meeting of the National Treatise Revision Committee by Rev. I. W. Yandell. Report received as an item of information.

Rev. Paul Pursell, sponsor of State League Convention, took charge of the service for the State League reports. League song, "Onward, Christian Leaguers," directed by Rev. Weldon Wood, Ada. Prayer by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Lexington.

Service turned to Rev. Reford Wilson, Healdton, state League president. Minutes of the State League Convention were accepted. Report of the National League Conference by Rev. Wilson.

Solo, "Then Jesus Came," by Mary Sue Doss, Wewoka. Bessie Staires, Tulsa, gave a reading.

League talks given by Rev. Pursell and Rev. Jernigan, vice-president. Quartet, "A New Name in Glory," by Rev. and Mrs. Wilson, and Rev. and Mrs. Mooneyham. Services turned back to the moderator.

Report of the Pulpit Committee: Rev. J. E. Bean to be followed by Rev. I. W. Yandell for the Wednesday night service. Rev. Hattie Newman will preach Thursday at 11:00 a. m. Session adjourned until 9:30 Thursday. Benediction by Rev. Sadie Fincher, Drumright.

7:30 P. M. SERVICE

Opened by singing, "Love Lifted Me," led by Dow Thompson, Ada. Mrs. Wilburn Bennett, Ada, pianist. Prayer by Rev. G. H. Johnson.

Special song by Ada Mixed Quartet, "It's Just Like Heaven." Praise service conducted by Rev. I. L. Florence, Poteau. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Talbert. Special by quartet, "Just a Closer Walk With Thee."

Offering taken for the host church amounting to \$53.98.

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

Rev. J. E. Bean, Oklahoma City, was introduced as the speaker. Topic: "The Holy Spirit." A glorious message on the operations of the Holy Spirit. Rev. I. W. Yandell, Oklahoma City, took the stand and concluded the message.

Benediction by Rev. Arthur Hearn, Oklahoma City.

9:00 A. M. THURSDAY

Opened by singing, "I Choose Jesus," led by Rev. John H. West. Eula Mae Ewing, McAlester, pianist. Ephesians 4 read by Rev. W. E. Wilson, Holdenville, for the devotional. Prayer by Rev. Will Bean, Ripley.

Motion to receive letters and seat delegates from Hopewell No. 1 Association and First Mission.

Motion to receive the report of the Christian Education committee (See Reports). Benediction by Rev. Clay Richey, Blanchard.

11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Opened by singing "Love Lifted Me," led by L. D. Huffstutler. Eula Mae Ewing, pianist. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Cross, Jackson, Miss.

Quartet arranged by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. "Hand in Hand With Jesus."

Rev. Hattie Newman, Drumright, introduced as the morning speaker. Text: I Samuel 15. Topic: "Losing a Vision and Forgetting God's Blessings." A very spiritual message.

Song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Benediction by Earl Stevenson, Earlsboro.

1:30 P. M. SESSION

Opened by singing "This World Is Not My Home," led by

Rev. Arthur Hearron, Oklahoma City. Eula Mae Ewing, pianist. Acts 5 read by Rev. W. A. Cross for devotional.

Motion to receive the letter from Old Eureka Association. Report of Music Committee accepted.

Motion carried to refer Resolution No. 1 back to the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions No. 2 and 3 accepted. (See Reports).

Temperance Committee report accepted and committee retained (See Reports).

Report of Executive Board accepted (See Reports). Rev. E. E. Morris elected to fill vacancy on Executive Board. Members of the Board now are:

Rev. E. E. Morris	5 years
Rev. W. E. Wilson	4 years
Rev. H. E. Staires	3 years
Rev. Clay Richey	2 years
Rev. B. T. Kirby	1 year

Item No. 4 of the Business Committee received. (See Reports).

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Rev. Reford Wilson, and Rev. Dennis O'Donnell elected to the Publication Committee by acclamation.

Report of the Pulpit Committee: Rev. Wade Jernigan and Rev. Reford Wilson will preach tonight.

Report of Bible College by Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager.

Resolutions No. 1 and 4 accepted (See Reports). Motion to adjourn until 9:30 a. m., Friday. Benediction by R. B. Tipton, Wewoka.

7:30 P. M. SERVICE

Opened by singing, "Won't It Be Wonderful There?" led by Dow Thompson. Eula Mae Ewing, pianist. Prayer by Rev. Rex Weatherman, Ringling.

"He's a Wonderful Saviour to Me," led by Rev. Henry Melvin.

Special by Ada Mixed Quartet, "When He Calls I'll Fly Away."

Praise service conducted by Rev. Virgil Florence, Tulsa. Two specials, "What a Saviour," and "When God's Chariot Comes."

Rev. Reford Wilson, Healdton, introduced as first speaker. Text: Phillipians 2:16a. Subject: "Stewardship of the

Gospel." Rev. Wade Jernigan, Lexington, took the stand concluding the message on "Shine Ye As Lights in the World." Two marvelous messages. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Burr, Durant.

9:00 A. M. FRIDAY

Opened by singing "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Rev. Virgil Florence. Eula Mae Ewing, pianist. Psalms 8 were read by Rev. Melvin Bingham for devotional. Prayer by Rev. Bingham.

Report of Orphanage Treasurer accepted (See Reports). The superintendent of the Orphanage was elected treasurer.

Report of the Orphanage Board accepted with commendation to the Board and to the men who loaned the money without interest or note (See Reports). N. C. Ballew elected to the Orphanage Board by acclamation. Members are:

N. C. Ballew	5 years
W. W. Hunt	4 years
P. R. Armstrong	3 years
Jack Hopkins	2 years
Fred Barker	1 year

Obituary Committee report accepted with silent prayer concluded by Rev. W. A. Hearron (See Reports).

Report of Auditing Committee accepted (See Reports).

Resolution No. 5 carried. Amended to read "that the meeting be in April." (See Reports).

Resolution No. 6 carried. Amended to read "\$25.00 for entry fee, minutes, and associational expenses." (See Reports)

Report of State Auxiliary Convention received with commendation.

Statistician's report accepted (See Reports). Rev. Reford Wilson, 1904 So. Central, Oklahoma City, was elected as statistician.

Clerk's report accepted (See Reports).

Motion carried to place the Orphanage Treasurer under \$2,000 bond.

Invitation from the Wewoka church accepted for the meeting of the state association in 1949.

Motion carried to empower the Publication Committee to renew the contract with the editor of "The Small Voice." Motion carried that Texas be given one-half interest in "The Small Voice."

Report of the Sunday School Convention received.

Report of the Mission Board accepted (See Reports).

Rev. Willard Day was elected to the Home and Foreign Mission Board. Members are:

Rev. Willard Day	5 years
Rev. D. B. Hellard	4 years
Rev. W. A. Hearron	3 years
Rev. Clay Richey	2 years
Rev. Will Bean	1 year

Motion carried to declare vacancies on some Boards and fill by election.

Rev. W. E. Wilson elected to a four-year term on the Executive Board.

Rev. John Elliston elected to a five-year term on the Superannuation Board.

Rev. Virgil Florence elected to a one-year term on the Superannuation by acclamation.

Report of the Orphanage Superintendent accepted. (See Reports).

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Tecumseh, was elected introductory speaker at the next convention. Rev. Willard Day, Tulsa, alternate.

Motion carried to extend a-standing vote of thanks to the Orphanage superintendent and matron, and the Orphanage Board.

Motion carried that the Association Officers be the Program Committee for the next association.

Motion carried that the business session be confined to two days at the next annual association.

Delegates elected to the National Association which meets at Columbus, Georgia, July 12-14, 1949, were as follows: Mr. Fred Barker, Mr. W. W. Hunt, Mr. Eugene Riddle, Mr. Jack Hopkins, Mrs. Mildred Cash.

Motion carried to retain the present National Headquarters Fund Committee.

Resolution No. 7 accepted.

Motion carried that the clerks be paid \$20.00.

Motion carried that the Executive Board approve the minutes.

Motion to adjourn to meet on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October (October 18-20, 1949), at Wewoka.

Benediction by Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AUTHORITY OVER ORPHANAGE FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD TO ORPHANAGE BOARD



BE IT RESOLVED by the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists, duly convened in annual session that:

Section I

All authority, direction and control over any and all orphanages now or hereafter owned by this Association shall be and is hereby vested in the State Orphanage Board of this Association, free and clear of all control and direction of the Executive Board, or any other board of this Association.

Section II

The State Orphanage Board of this Association, now composed of the following members, to-wit: Bro. P. R. Armstrong, Bro. Jack Hopkins, Bro. Fred Barker, Bro. W. W. Hunt and Bro. N. C. Ballew and their successors in office, are hereby designated, constituted and appointed trustees of and for all orphanage properties of this Association and full title of this Association to all such property shall be and is hereby vested in said Orphanage Board, and their successors in office.

Section III

The Orphanage Board of this Association shall have and is hereby granted full and complete power and authority to sell and convey all property except the real estate, and they are hereby authorized to rent or lease the land.

Section IV

Said board shall elect its own officers, promulgate rules and regulations for its own government; employ and discharge such persons as may be desired by said board in its

undertakings and shall fix the salary or other compensation to be paid such employees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 1948.

Attest:

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Moderator.

..... Clerk.

No. 2. Be it resolved that we have one treasurer for all of our state funds, exclusive of orphanage treasurer. Carried.

No. 3. Be it resolved that we adopt the following rules for our State Home Mission work:

We ask each Free Will Baptist in the State to give \$1.00 per year for extension work to be used as follows: 50 percent for Evangelistic work; 25 percent to build church houses; 20 percent for dependent ministers; 5 percent for National Home Mission work.

Money for the State work to be kept in the State treasury and paid out by order of State Home Mission Board according to the rules adopted by the State Association.

No. 4. Be it resolved that the National Association be notified of our dis-approval of the revision of the Treatise; and that Oklahoma will not accept these changes. Received.

No. 5. Be it resolved that the State Executive Board meet with the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association to discuss this grievance of the changes in the Revisions of the Treatise: 1—On receiving of members; 2—On the terms of office of deacons—in April.

No. 6. Be it resolved each Subordinate Association send in \$15.00 minute money and \$5.00 National Association Fee with their letter. Amended to read: "\$25.00 for entry fee, minutes, and associational expenses."

No. 7. Be it resolved that this Association give a rising vote of thanks to commend this church for its fine hospitality. (Committee discharged).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Seeing what our Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, has done for our Young People and our State as a whole, we, your Committee on Christian Education recommend that each

Church give regularly, each month, to this institution. Signed: Committee. (Committee discharged.)

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Business Committee, recommend that a publication committee of three be elected for the coming year.

Signed: Business Committee. (Committee Discharged.)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the State Treasurer's books and find them in good order with the exception of two unpaid bills: One to Rev. John West for \$36.59 for National Entry fees, phone calls, programs and postage; one to Rev. W. S. Mooneyham for \$1.20 for postage. We recommend that this association recompense Rev. West and Rev. Mooneyham the aforementioned expenses.

We also found the National Headquarters fund treasurer's books in order.

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the books of our Orphanage Treasurer, Mr. Jack Hopkins. The books are in excellent condition. We wish to take this means of commending Mr. Hopkins for the good job he has done.

The Auditing Committee. Committee Discharged.)

MUSIC COMMITTEE

We, the Music Committee, recommend that more attention be given to congregational singing as we have seen that it gives a Spiritual uplift to the service.

1. We recommend to the separate Associations to make place for a music class in their Youth Camps.

2. That teachers who are Spirit-filled be selected to teach the young folks.

3. That they be taught to sing both old and new songs.

Signed: Music Committee. (Committee Discharged.)

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, beg leave to report as follows: Since our Church Covenant is against all sanction of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, we adopt the Covenant as our report. Carried.

Signed: Temperance Committee. (Committee Discharged)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in His infinite wisdom, called from us the following:

Deaths reported in District letters:

1. Hopewell, No. 2, 1 death, no names.
 2. Grandriver Association, 7 deaths, no names.
 3. Center Association, 2 deaths, no names.
 4. Robert McGee Association, 5 deaths, no names.
 5. Gaines Creek Association, none reported.
 6. Dibble Association, 3 deaths, no names.
 7. Canadian Association, none reported.
 8. 1st Oklahoma Association, none reported.
 9. Southeastern Association, 5 names.
 10. 1st Mission Association, none reported.
 11. Hopewell, No. 1, none reported.
 12. Old Eureka Association, 15 deaths, no names.
- Rev. M. M. McKee Sister Ella Whorton
Sister Mary McKee Bro. R. E. Stephens
Bro. J. T. Monroe

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Signed: Obituary Committee (Committee Discharged)

COLLEGE COMMITTEE

Churches paid to College:

Central Ave. Church, Auxiliary, and League	\$86.19
Spring Hill, Lexington	67.04
Pleasant Hill Church	10.93
Blue Bell Church	11.50
Archie Church	26.00
Dibble Church	10.00
First Oklahoma League	31.70
Wirt Church	8.00
Cushing Church	9.00
Green Briar Church	6.50
Keota Church	12.50
Salonia Church	2.00
Pleasant View and Murry Hill Churches	21.00
Earlsboro Church	10.00
Folsom Church	10.00
Healdton Church	20.00
Clemscott Church	35.00

First Church of Sapulpa	23.40
Spring Hill Church, Monroe, Okla.	15.00
First Church, Tulsa	100.00
Christian Grace Church, Fort Smith, Ark.	1.00
Sulphur Church	15.00
Shawnee Church	34.75
Felkner Sunday School	10.00
New Bethlehem Church	5.00
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	\$581.51

Signed: Rev. Melvin Bingham.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Received From Oklahoma For Foreign Missions

October, 1947	\$54.09
November, 1947	84.86
December, 1947	52.42
January, 1948	75.12
February, 1948	24.79
March, 1948	54.27
April, 1948	67.69
May, 1948	122.29
June, 1948	381.78
July, 1948	207.31
August, 1948	52.26
September, 1948	82.69

Signed: Rev. D. B. Hellard.

CLERK'S REPORT

Receipts:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 2.20
Grand River Association	25.00
First Mission Association	30.00
Canadian Association	15.00
Hopewell No. 1 Association	15.00
Hopewell No. 2 Association	25.00
Southeastern Association	25.00
Dibble Association	25.00
Old Eureka Association	15.00
Center Association	25.00
First Oklahoma Association	25.00

Roberts-McGee Association	10.00
State League Rally	5.00
Ladies' Auxiliary	5.00
Missions	5.00
Special Offering from Auxiliary	47.68
National Headquarters Fund	25.00
Special Offering	80.75

Total Receipts405.63

Disbursements:

Refund to Hopewell No. 1 for minutes not received.....	\$10.00
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, clerk services	10.00
Mrs. Verdun Bingham, clerk services	10.00
Rev. John West, debt	67.10
National Headquarters Fund	25.00
Printing of Minutes	147.61
Express charges on minutes	6.35
Postage on minutes	1.20
Rev. I. W. Yandell, expense to Nashville	75.00
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, incidental clerk expenses.....	1.92
National Association fees	51.45

Total Disbursements\$405.63

ORPHANAGE BOARD REPORT

We, your Orphanage Board, submit the following:

We have met four times at the children's home this year.

Our home is getting along nicely. We are improving some, but have very little money to work with, so many of our churches do not support the home.

We believe we are operating as cheaply as possible and still maintain a decent home. We are pleased with the work of our Superintendent and Matron.

In May we borrowed \$1,429.10 without notes or interest. With this money we bought 20 head of yearling heifers, which we put on the grass at the home. We kept the 20 head five months, 13 days, sold them at this time for \$2,094.49, making a profit of \$665.10, which went into our treasury. The \$1,429.10 has been returned to the lenders.

We have at present time—24 head of cattle, 11 head of hogs, and 1 pony, which we value at present prices at \$2500.

Thing we need at the Home now: Milk cows, grain, and money to purchase transportation for the children of the Home.

Respectfully submitted.

I, the Superintendent of the Orphans Home, submit the following report:

We have 15 children in our Home at present, all are doing nicely.

We have a nice increase of cattle over last year. We have raised eight calves. Have received one cow from the Canadian Association, one heifer from Spring Creek Community, one heifer from Brother W. T. Waggoner of Hopewell No. 1 Association, one whiteface male from Dibble Association. At present we have 24 head of cattle.

We have 11 head of hogs, 100 chickens, and 275 bushels of corn.

Signed: Rev. Rex. Weatherman.

STATISTICAL REPORT

There are approximately 210 churches, with a membership of 121,500. Value of church property, \$392,500.00. We paid our pastors for the past year \$45,546.29.

We paid out for Foreign Missions \$1,385.77. For Home Missions, \$4,352.75; For building and repair, \$18,552.96; we paid for evangelistic campaigns, \$5,546.88; for Christian education, \$2,594.16.

We have 225 ministers in the State, and approximately 350 deacons.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. E. A. O'Donnell,
Statistician

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND REPORT

State Auxiliary Convention	\$25.00
First Mission Association	190.00
First Oklahoma Association	91.70
Dibble Association (Dibble Church)	10.00
Hopewell No. 2 (Healdton Church)	10.00
Center Association (Goar Corner Church)	6.00
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Total paid in	\$332.70
Total paid out	\$332.70

Signed: Committee.

Delegates recommended for National Association:
Hopewell No. 2, Bro. Lamar Howell.

Gaines Creek, Mrs. Gladys Elliston.
1st Oklahoma Association, Mrs. Verdun Bingham.

REPORT OF STATE HISTORIAN

It has now been three years since this body elected me "Historian." The work has been tedious, and slow. It has been very difficult to gather the data needed for such a history. However, I have the manuscript about complete, and would have finished by now but I have heard they were trying to revive the Gaines Creek Association, and this is one that I have been unable to get data on, so I am asking for an extension of time.

Your servant, W. A. Hearron.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT FOR 1947-48

The Executive Board has had five meetings during the fiscal year, three at Ringling and two at Shawnee.

All members of Board were present at all meetings, having traveled approximately 10000 miles each.

Board met at Shawnee and indorsed the publishing of the State paper and also met jointly with the Orphanage Board.

Meetings at Ringling were in behalf of the Children's Home and to investigate the possibility of leasing Oil and Mineral rights on the Home.

The Executive Board received the resignation of our Field Worker, Rev. Virgil Bradford, on June 26, 1948, to be effective July 26, 1948, and the Board did not feel that it was wise to employ another Field Worker until after the State meeting.

Prayerfully submitted.

STATE ORPHANAGE TREASURER

Report of State Orphanage Treasurer, to the Fortieth Annual Session of Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the First Free Will Baptist church, Ada, Oklahoma:

Balance on hand, 10-28-1947	\$870.56
Cash received 10-28-1947 to 10-21-1948	7457.41
Total	\$8327.97
Expenditures 10-28-1947, to 10-21-1948	7461.26

Balance on hand 10-21-1948\$ 866.71
October bills to be paid.

Signed: Jack Hopkins, Treasurer.

DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Ada Church.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Brother Sherman Webb, Sister Alice Wilson, Brother Lonzo Bryant, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, and aid you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 61; number baptized, 31; number dismissed by letter, 20; number deceased, 3; total membership, 516.

Condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 255; officers, 24.

Condition of League, good; league membership, 185.

Condition of auxiliary, good; auxiliary membership, 74.

Value of church property, \$10,500. Amount paid pastor, \$1508.25; amount evangelistic work, \$685.66; amount for building and repairs, \$618; amount for incidentals, \$50; amount for Foreign Missions, \$27.50; amount for Home Missions, \$53; amount for education, \$86; amount for publication, \$16.06; amount enclosed for minutes, \$10.; Orphanage, cash, \$484.18; cow and calf, \$169; total, \$649.18; amount in Association Treasury, \$802.53; 15 ministers. The Dibble Association consist of six churches.

Done by the order of the Dibble Association this 11th day of September, 1948.

Rev. Arthur Hearron, Moderator,
4601 Melrose, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Vicie Hopkins, Clerk,
Route 2, Blanchard, Okla.

The Dibble Association passed a resolution and asked that it be sent on the State Association.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

From Southeastern Oklahoma Association of the church of God denominated Free Will Baptist.

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

Dear Brethren:

We send as delegates to your body: Rev. I. N. Pate, Rev.

J. A. Davidson, Rev. Orville Manning, Rev. J. B. Bumpass,
T. F. Walls.

STATISTICS: Total membership, 600; church property value, \$25,000; minute funds, \$10; members passed away: Rev. M. M. McKee; Sister Mary McKee; Brother J. T. Monroe; Sister Ella Whorton, and Brother R. E. Stephens.

Fourteen ministers belong to our association.

Done in conference by the association which met on the Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in August, 1948, A. D., with Felkner Church.

Rev. C. A. Sledge, Moderator,
Valliant, Okla.

T. F. Walls, Clerk and Treasurer,
Spencerville, Oklahoma.

OLD EUREKA ASSOCIATION

Stigler, Oklahoma, Oct. 15, 1948.

To the State Association we send Greetings:

We, the Old Eureka Association Denominated Free Will Baptist while in our regular session on Sept. 4, 1948, elected while in conference the following delegates to represent us in the State Association, whom we pray you to seat to aid in all your deliberations, to-wit: Bro. Bob Bailes, Sister Lessie Bailes, Bro. W. M. LaFave, Bro. Redmon Brigance, Bro. Geo. Fowler:

STATISTICAL REPORT: The Association consists of: 25 churches; 1800 members; 30 ordained ministers; 90 ordained deacons.

Sunday school fair in most all the churches. Greater interest is being shown by the participation in Sunday School programs, rallies, etc.

Prayer meeting is carried on either on Wednesday night or Sunday night in the majority of the churches in the association. Many churches are making much progress in League and Young People's work.

Property value of the Eureka Association approximately \$50,000; fifteen deaths have been reported in the various churches since the last session of Eureka Association.

The next session of The Old Eureka Association will meet on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1949, A. D., at its permanent home 1 mile south and 1 mile west of Keota, Oklahoma.

Our Youth Camp Meeting will begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Sunday in June, 1949, A. D.

We pray God's richest blessing upon this session of the State Association.

We send \$10 minute money, also \$5 for national expenses.

Rev. C. E. Kennedy, Moderator.

Sister Dovie LaFane, Association Clerk.

GRAND RIVER ASSOCIATION

Pryor, Okla., Oct. 1948.

To the State Association we send Greetings:

We, the Grand River Association Free Will Baptist while in our regular session elected the following delegates to represent us in the State Association when convened in regular session, whom we pray you to seat to aid you in all your Godly deliberations, to-wit:

Bro. McGee, Sister Virgil Florence, and Elder Jess Stepp.

STATISTICAL REPORT: Sunday School, good in all churches; prayer meeting, fair; several churches have reported good revival meetings; three new churches have been added to the Association since last year; one church was dismissed by request; membership, 1287; ordained ministers, 41; deaths since last association, 7; churches represented, 19.

We pray that this session of the State Association will be the best and that God will save many souls.

The next session of the Grand River Association will convene on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1949, at our Camp Ground, two miles north and two miles west of Coweta.

We invite everyone to come.

Eld. Virgil Florence, Moderator.

Sister Rosa Estes, Clerk.

HOPEWELL NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

We, the Church of God, -denominated Free Will Baptists, met in regular session of the Hopewell Association No. 1 at the Pleasant View Church and elected delegates to represent us in the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Ada church, whom we pray you to seat to aid you in all your Godly deliberations, to-wit: Rev. J. H.

Burr, Rev. A. D. Marchant, and Mrs. Hattie Williams. Alternate, Johnnie Burr.

Number of churches, 4; number of members, 344; number of ministers, 7; value of property, \$6,000; paid pastors, \$906.00; paid evangelists, \$48.50; amount for college, \$21.50; amount for Children's Home, \$48.26 (also one heifer calf).

We send \$10.00 minute money.

Rev. J. H. Burr, Moderator.

Mrs. Hattie Williams, Clerk,
Route 4, Atoka, Okla.

ROBERT MCGEE ASSOCIATION

To the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist Church, Ada, Oklahoma:

We send as delegates: Bro. E. D. McCause, Bro. Tom Anderson, and Bro. J. P. Brewer, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

STATISTICS: State of religion, good; members received, 33; number deceased, 5; number of churches, 11; with Zion Hope No. 2 and the Old Eureka Association visiting, which we were happy to have to seat with us; members, 322; with old Eureka Association reporting 2000. Number ministers, 12; number of deacons, 10; pastors paid \$826.40.

A new church at Wilburton, Okla., has been added to the association. With Not Hole Community promising to try to be added next year.

We send \$8.00 for minute money.

Elder J. C. Newby, Moderator.

Sister Susie Wolfe, Clerk, Fanshawe, Okla.

GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION

October 9, 1948.

Oklahoma State Association, Free Will Baptists, when convened with First Free Will Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., Greetings:

We, the Church of God Denominated Free Will Baptist of the Gaines Creek Association convened in special session with the McAlester Free Will Baptist Church, and elected delegates to represent us in the State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Ada Church, whom we

pray you to receive, to sit with you, and to aid you in all your Godly deliberations.

The delegates are as follows: Mrs. L. E. Ewing, Mrs. Gladys Elliston, Mr. G. B. Littrell, Mr. B. J. Pogue. We send one alternate, Mr. Alfred Williams.

STATISTICS: State of religion, good; revivals held, two; conversions witnessed, 14; number of members added to churches, ten; total membership of active churches, 70; number of inactive churches, six; estimated membership of inactive churches, 150; state of Sunday schools in active churches, good; value of church property, \$2,000; number of ordained ministers, 5; number of ordained deacons, 10; money paid to pastors, \$200.

We send as minute money, \$10.00

Rev. John B. Elliston, Moderator. 

Miss Dorothy Littrell, Clerk.

CENTER ASSOCIATION

We, the Center Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, to the State Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Ada Church, we extend greetings and a hearty welcome. We send as delegates from our association, Sister Estelle Cox, Sister Vesta Henry, Sister Estelle Madden, Sister Effie West and Sister Fletcher. Alternates, Sister Anna Hunt, Sister W. A. Hearron, Sister Elois Britt, Sister Agnes Scroggins and Sister Valeta Hileman, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you and aid in all your Godly deliberations.

We elected Rev. W. A. Hearron to the National Association. We send \$10 for minutes. We elected Rev. J. F. Hooper as our Associational Evangelist.

Done in annual conference of our association at Camp Ground, Aug. 12 to 14, 1948.

STATISTICAL REPORT: Number of churches, 11; number of members, 890; members received, 102; members died, 2; members dismissed, 17; total members now, 973; value of church property, \$18,500; paid pastors (reported) \$5,760.59; paid to evangelist, \$1,000; paid to Foreign Missions, report incomplete; number of Sunday schools, 11; number of leagues, 6; number of women's auxiliaries, 3; Home Missions, \$175.

Earlin Haskins, Moderator.

Fred Barker, Clerk.

FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The First Oklahoma Association of Free Will Baptist sends greetings to the 40th Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association.

We send as delegates: Sisters Walters, Lillian Argo, Verdun Bingham, Carrie O'Donnell, and Mamie Stevenson, whom we pray you to receive and sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

STATISTICS: number of churches, 9; number of parsonages, 5; total membership, approximately, 750; value of church property, \$12,250; amount paid pastor, \$10,750; amount paid evangelist, \$750; number of leagues, 7; number of auxiliaries, 4; amount paid for building and repaid work, \$4560; amount for Foreign Missions, \$375; amount for Home Missions, \$854; education, \$350; amounts for repairs, \$4750; number of ministers, 28; number of deacons, 30.

We send \$10 for minutes, \$5 for national registration fee and \$15 for general fund for operating expenses of the state treasurer.

We have elected Sister Verdun Bingham as delegate to the National Association.

Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, Moderator.

Mrs. Mildred Cash, Clerk.

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

From the First Mission Association to the 40th session of the Oklahoma State Association when convened with the Ada Free Will Baptist Church at Ada, Oklahoma, Oct. 19, 1948, we send as delegates: Sister P. R. Armstrong, Sister Everett Hellard, Sister Mounce, Sister Ed Wilson, Sister H. E. Staires, whom we pray you to receive to aid you in your deliberations. Alternates: Sister C. D. Benton, Sister John West, Sister Bert F. Rogers, Sister Laverne Lee, Sister Orvil Thurman.

STATISTICS: Number of churches, 24; amount paid pastors, \$28,709.92; average Sunday school attendance, 1659; amount paid evangelist, \$3,209.53; amount for building and repairs, \$13,839.31; amount for education and publication, \$2,126.20; amount paid to orphanage, \$986.12; amount for Foreign Mission, \$380.03; amount for Home Mission, \$1,104.50.

We are sending \$10 for minutes.

Rev. B. F. Rogers, Moderator.

Rev. Gene Winfrey, Clerk.

HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION

The Hopewell Association No. 2, to the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Ada Church, Greetings in the Lord:

We send the following to represent Hopewell Association No. 2: Sister Margie Weatherman, and Brother J. C. Christian; alternates, Sister Grace Brandon, Sister Addie Ard, Sister Charlie Truitt, and Sister Amy Chaudoin, whom we pray you will seat, to aid in your Godly deliberations.

STATISTICS: Members received this year, 40; members dismissed, 8; members deceased, 1; churches, 6; parsonages, 2; total membership, 350; deacons, 17; ministers, 8; Sunday schools, 3; leagues, 3; paid pastors, \$2626.88; paid evangelists, \$441.25; value of church property, \$11,800.

In our association this year, it was voted that we centralize our association. Pledges were taken and a committee was appointed to select a site and oversee the project.

Enclosed is \$10 for state minutes, and \$5 for national registration fee.

We recommend Brother Lamar Howell as delegate to the national association.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION


From the Canadian Association to the Fortieth Session of Oklahoma State Association:

We send as delegates: Sister Ola Mae Compton, Sister Sylvia Loney, and Brother Cephus Mouser, whom we pray you to received to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

We have: number of churches, 5; resident members, 183; non-resident, 190; total, 373; leagues, 5; Sunday school, fair in all churches. Value of church property, \$7200; paid evangelists, \$554.48; total paid out on all phases of work, \$2158.18; number of ministers, 13; number of deacons, 10.

Our next annual session is to be with Spring Creek Church located 3 miles northeast of Calvin beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1949.

We recommend Brother T. H. King to represent us in the national session.

Rev. W. E. Wilson, Box 103, Holdenville, Ok.
Clara Caton, Clerk, Route 1, Wewoka, Okla. 

LEAGUE LETTER

To the Oklahoma State Association when convened with Ada Church, October 19-22, 1948. We, the Oklahoma State League Rally, send greetings.

We send as delegates the following: Delbert Akin, Barbara Hancock, Eileen Melton, Cephus Mouser, Alice Wood, Hazel Webb.

We request your prayers that God will honor our work as a State Youth organization. We send \$5 as minute money.

J. Reford Wilson, President.

Jean Wilson, Cor. Sec.

AUXILIARY MINUTES

Eighth Annual Convention of Oklahoma Woman's State Convention met Oct. 18, 19, 1948, with Ada Church. President in charge. Led in singing by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Prayer by Rev. Ralph Hampton. Devotional services by Rev. Harry E. Staires. Special in songs by the Ada quartet.

Introductory message by Rev. Vard Wood of Shawnee. Theme: "The Lord Is With Thee." Judges 6:12. Dismissed by Mrs. Rex Weatherman.

Morning services, Oct. 19, 1948. Opening song, "Victory in Jesus," directed by Rev. John West. Pianist, Mrs. Minnie Campbell. Prayer by Bro. J. E. Renegar.

Devotional, Rev. Hattie Newman. Psalms, 145th chapter. Prayer by Rev. Elda Crain. Welcome address, Mrs. Effie Wood, Ada. Response, Mrs. Jean Wilson, Healdton. Special greetings from our national president, Mrs. Marie Hyatt, read by Mrs. Bessie Staires. Letters called for and received as read from:

1. Center Association Auxiliary.
2. First Mission Auxiliary.
3. First Oklahoma Auxiliary.

Motion carried that we adopt the Executive Committees report as follows:

Called to order by president, Mrs. Verdun Bingham, Oct. 18, 1948; prayer by Rev. Cleo Purcell. Proxies appointed for secretary, Mrs. Myrl Wilson; proxy, Mrs. Bertha Keiffer. Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Lynn Hamilton, proxy, Mrs. Gladys Elliston. Motion carried we recommend to the body that we adopt the Christmas stockings for the Orphanage.

Motion carried that the Third Vice President work through the Leagues for the Declamation Contest.

Motion carried that the installation services be at the close of our service. General discussion of our work.

Executive Committee. Committees appointed by the President:

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Jean Wilson, Mrs. Ethel Renegar, Mrs. La Verda Mooneyham.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Willis Dunlap, Mrs. Linnie Sparks, Mrs. Nettie Barnett.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Mrs. Cleo Purcell, Mrs. Bessie Staires, Mrs. Effie Wood.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Bertha Mae Keiffer, Mrs. Gladys Elliston, Mrs. Helen Day, Mrs. June Crumb.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Glenara Staires, Mrs. Lois Lamb, Mrs. Oleta Pate.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Rev. Hattie Newman, Mrs. Eileen Melton, Mrs. Ruby Brown.

Prayer by Rev. Hattie Newman.

Election of State Officers: President, Mrs. Verdun Bingham, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 1st Vice President, Rev. Cleo Purcell, Bristow, Okla.; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Bessie Staires, 1347 E. 8th, Tulsa, Okla.; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. Jean Wilson, Box 57, Healdton, Okla.; 4th Vice President, Mrs. Edna Buckeleau, 501 W. 3rd, Ada, Okla.; 5th Vice President, Mrs. Eileen Melton, Box 318, Atoka, Okla.

Motion carried that we combine the Secretary and Executive Treasurer, which was Mrs. E. W. Keiffer, 2110 S. E. 12th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

A welcome was given by the President to all visitors and ministers.

President appointed Mrs. Helen Day as proxy for Mrs. Bertha Barker as 5th Vice President. The President explained the Orphanage stockings for Christmas. General discussion. Mrs. Rex Weatherman brought greetings from the Orphanage.

Benediction by Mrs. Cleo Doss. Recess.

Assembled together singing, "Draw Me Nearer," directed by Mrs. Jean Wilson. Prayer by Mrs. Nettie Barnett. Special quartet arranged by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Pianist, Jean Wilson. Message by Rev. Reford Wilson. Theme, "A Model

Woman." St. John 4th chapter. Dismissed by Rev. Paul Purcell.

Afternoon session Oct. 19, 1948, assembled together by singing, "All Hail the Power," directed by Mrs. Mildred Cash. Pianist, Mrs. Jean Wilson. Scripture, Psalms 116, chapter by Mrs. Cleo Doss.

Special quartet arranged by Rev. Elda Crain.

President's message and personal report as follows: 810 miles traveled; 7 conventions visited; 11 talks made; 6 cards mailed; 4 cards received; 54 letters received; 86 letters mailed; 4 articles for papers.—Mrs. Verdun Bingham.

Report of 1st Vice President, Rev. Cleo Purcell.

Motion carried that we accept the report with the recommendation.

Report of 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Eileen Melton.

Report of 3rd Vice President, Mrs. June Crumb.

Report of 4th Vice President, Mrs. Innabell Hamilton, given by Mrs. Helen Day.

Report of Treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Keiffer.

Motion carried that we receive this report.

Reading, "The Ladies Auxiliary," given by Mrs. Bessie Staires.

Special quartet arranged by Rev. Elda Crain.

Offering taken, \$17.55.

Report of Woman's National Convention given by Sister Bessie West. A talk by Bessie Staires on the Declamation Contest. Motion carried that we accept the Obituary report as follows:

We find that God in His infinite mercy has spared the lives in our Ladies' Auxiliary, for which we thank the Lord gratefully.—Obituary Committee.

Motion carried that we accept the Registration Committee report as follows: 85 registered.

Motion carried that we accept the Finance Committee's report as follows: We, the Finance Committee, checked the Treasurer's book and found them perfect in every way.—Signed: Finance Committee.

Motion carried that we accept the Appreciation Committee's report. 1. We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to offer our thanks to the outgoing officers for their splendid work of the past year. We feel that we have made great progress, and have been drawn closer together through the

great Spirit of God which has been manifested in our meetings. For the entire Convention, we say "Thank you"!

2. We, the Appreciation Committee, in behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary, wish to take this means to express our thanks to the Host Church for their kind hospitality. We ask that a standing vote of thanks be given them. Signed: Appreciation Committee.

Motion carried that we accept the Credential Committee's report. We, the Credential Committee, find all fees in from each Association. Signed: Credential Committee:

Motion carried that we accept the Resolution Committee's report as a whole: Item 1: We recommend that we send greetings to the Oklahoma students at Bible college.

2. We recommend that each 2nd Vice President encourage the assisting of Oklahoma students at the Bible college.

3. We recommend that this Convention order 100 additional stockings.

4. We recommend that this convention send \$5.00 for printing of State Minutes.

5. We recommend that this convention pay \$10.00 to the Host Church to help defray expenses.

6. We recommend that this convention send a love offering of \$5.00 to each Oklahoma student at the College.

7. We recommend that our business session begin on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a. m.

8. We recommend that we have election of officers at the close of our session.

9. We recommend that this convention send a letter of appreciation to the Auxiliaries of Kermon, Calif., and Mountain Grove, Mo., for their gifts to our State Orphanage.

Reading of minutes by Recording Secretary, Bertha Keiffer (accepted). Delegates appointed for the National Convention:

Mrs. Gladys Elliston, Mrs. Bessie Staires, Mrs. Nettie Barnett, Mrs. Helen Day, Mrs. W. A. Herron, Mrs. Mary Rogers, Mrs. Mildred Cash, Mrs. Bessie West, Rev. Hattie Newman, Mrs. Henry O'Donnell.

Motion carried that we send \$5.00 to our State Association Treasurer.

Installation by Rev. Willard Day. The charge was given each officer. Adjourned.

Combined report:

Present enrollment, 185; number new members, 47; number inactive members, 17; members suspended, 15; one district reports two mission circles with membership of 39; one district reported increase of 12; subscribers to year book, 139; subscribers to Manual, 117; subscribers to church papers, 129; number of tithers, two districts report 36; mission study classes, 43; stewardship classes, 30; manual study classes, 50; week of prayer preceding Easter, 9; 9 o'clock prayer hour for missionaries, 2; Missionary Prayer Band hour, 3; Y. W. A. 3 organizations; Go-Tell Bands, 1 organization.

Number Vacation Bible schools, 11; number of young people (16-25) in state, 217; mission offerings, \$106.61; Orphanage offering, \$148.29; Bible College, \$134.69; aged ministers, \$34.50; entertainment fee, \$10.00; printing of minutes, \$5.00; convention dues, \$18.50; total disbursements, \$653.61.

Number A-1 Auxiliaries, 5; number B Auxiliaries, 4; number of garments given, 300; trays and baskets given, 503; Bibles given, 32; Gospels of John given, 12; cottage prayer meetings held, 203; leaflets given, 6,122; sick calls, 432; homes visited, 720; Gospel tracts given out, 3,122; cards sent out, 272; cards sent to aged ministers, 90.

Mrs. Bertha Keifer, Sec.-Treas.,

1904 S. Central Ave, Oklahoma City, Okla.

LEAGUE MINUTES

The Oklahoma State League Rally of Free Will Baptist, met in their Seventh Annual meeting June 23, 24, 25, 1948, at the First Oklahoma Association Camp Ground in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Wednesday, 11:00 A. M.

The Rally began by singing the grand old hymn, "Stand Up For Jesus," led by Rev. Reford Wilson, with Mrs. Wilson at the piano. The invocation was given by Mrs. John Elliston. The meting was called to order by the president, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. Welcome address by Melba Bowlan of First Oklahoma Association and the response was given by Lissie Chaudoin of Hopewell, No. 2. Devotional was led by Rev. Irvin Florence of Poteau, using Psalms 46. The following pulpit committee was appointed: Rev. Paul Pursell, Barbara Han-

cock, Richard Hill, and Gladys Elliston.

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Charles Sapp of Oklahoma City. He used as his subject, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" from the text, Matthew 6:5-15. Dismissed in prayer by Don Clark of Sulphur.

Wednesday 1:30 P. M.

The afternoon session began by singing led by Reford Wilson with Jean Wilson as pianist. Prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss. For a devotional reading, W. S. Mooneyham used Psalms 28. Letter read and accepted from First Oklahoma Association.

The following officers were elected for the year 1948-49:

Sponsor—Rev. Paul Purcell, Bristow, Okla.

President—J. Reford Wilson, Healdton, Okla.

Vice President—Wade T. Jernigan, Lexington, Okla.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Eileen Melton, Atoka, Ok.

Treasurer—Milford Bowlan, Shawnee, Okla.

The following laymen were elected to serve as the League Board:

W. W. Hunt, Oklahoma City, Okla.

E. C. Ketchum, Shawnee, Okla.

R. B. Tipton, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Fred Barker, Ada, Okla.

W. A. DeHart, Healdton, Okla.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted and the following were appointed as the auditing committee: Lawana Hill as chairman; Thelma Lister, and Mignon Priest. The President appointed the following leaguers to serve as the business committee: Rev. Charles Sapp as chairman, Donna Gale Tipton, Don Clark, Lissie Chaudoin and R. S. Webb.

Rev. O. H. Doss resigned as the sponsor of the boys' dormitory and Richard Hill was elected by acclamation to fill this vacancy. The meeting was then recessed for fifteen minutes. Dismissed by Richard Hill.

Services were re-opened by singing led by Rev. Wade Jernigan with La Verda Mooneyham at the piano. Prayer by Paul Purcell. Motion carried that we accept the report of the auditing committee. Motion carried that we table the report of the business committee until the 10:00 business session Thursday. Motion carried that we rent a tarpaulin for

the south side of the Tabernacle. Motion carried we adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Thursday. Dismissed by praying the League Benediction.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Singing was led by Rev. Wade Jernigan with LaWana Hill at the piano. Prayer by Mignon Priest. A period of singing brought forth an attitude of worship in the hearts of those present. Prayer by Reford Wilson.

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Paul Pursell. A prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Melvin Bingham. Song by quartet: Wade Jernigan, Mignon Priest, Mary Lou Wood, and Don Clark. An old-fashioned testimony service was directed by Donna Gale Tipton. The message for the evening was introduced by Rev. John Priest, using for his text John 14:1-2 and Rev. I. L. Florence concluded using Isaiah 5:11-17 and Numbers 10:29 as his scripture lesson. Right hand of fellowship was given to Brother Priest, Florence and Sapp. Dismissed by Rev. John Elliston.

Thursday, 9:00 A. M.

Services were opened by singing "The Last Mile of the Way" led by Mignon Priest with Winnie Vance as pianist. Prayer by Mrs. George Melton. Reford Wilson took charge and discussed some of the problems concerning League organization, dealing particularly with the business meeting and the work of the various committees. The discussion closed with prayer led by Brother Wilson. A song was directed by Mignon Priest with Cleo Purcell as pianist. Petitionary letter was read and accepted from the Canadian Association League Rally. The next Rally was placed at the Center Association camp ground on Highway 13, ten miles northwest of Ada. Mrs. Cleo Purcell and Mrs. Melvin Bingham were selected as co-sponsors of the girls dormitory for next year and Richard Hill and Orbin Doss were selected as co-sponsors for the boys' dormitory. Session adjourned until 1:00 p. m. Dismissed by Wade Jernigan.

Thursday, 11:00 A. M.

The worship service began by singing "Ready," directed by Mignon Priest with Eula Mae Ewing at the piano. Prayer by Mrs. W. A. DeHart. Duet by Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Mooney-

ham, "I Gave My All to Jesus." Solo by Rev. Everette Hellard. The Rally was honored by having Mrs. T. H. Willey, one of our missionaries to Cuba, as the speaker for the hour. She used as her subject, "Give Ye Them to Eat" from the scripture Mark 6:32. The power of the Lord was manifested by the salvation of one soul at an altar of prayer. Dismissed by Rev. E. E. Morris.

Thursday, 1:00 P. M.

Services opened by singing "Send the Light," led by Mrs. John Priest and Mrs. Paul Purcell was pianist. Rev. Weldon Wood of Ada used Psalms 121 for the devotional reading. Prayer by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Reports were given by the following leaguers concerning the trip to the National League Conference held in Nashville, Tenn.: Opha Pearl Connley reported on the trip, Barbara Hancock gave the report on the opening and closing services, Reford Wilson reported on the theme of the conference and the adult study division, Alice Wood reported on our missionary efforts and Everette Hellard reported on the music of the conference.

The following program judges were elected: I. L. Florence, Wade Jernigan, Paul Purcell, and E. E. Morris. The Center and Dibble Associations presented programs and the Center Association was awarded the program banner.

Letter read and accepted from the Center Association. The following recommendations from the Business Committee were accepted:

No. 1. We, the Business Committee, recommend the following for a state budget: 50 percent maintenance, 10 percent Orphanage, 10 percent Bible College, 10 percent National Headquarters Fund, 10 percent Foreign Missions, 10 percent National League Board.

No. 2. We, the Business Committee, recommend that this body pay the expense of the State League President to and from the National League Conference.

No. 3. We, the Business Committee, recommend that this body do not pay the expenses of any person hereafter that has not come on the recommendation of the State League Board.

Rev. Everette Hellard was elected as State League Evangelist for the next year. Motion carried we send five dollars with our letter to the State Association to pay for the print-

ing of our minutes with the State minutes. The following delegates were elected to represent this body at the State Association: Delbert Akin, Barbara Hancock, Eileen Melton, Cephus Mouser, Alice Wood, and Hazel Webb. Rev. Wade Jernigan was elected to bring the introductory message at the next Rally, with Rev. Noah G. Tuttle as alternate. Motion carried the League Board and the Rally President act as the program committee for the coming year. Minutes read and approved. Motion carried we adjourn until the night session. Dismissed by Rev. W. V. McPhail.

Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

The services opened by singing, directed by Everette Hellard with Charles Sapp at the piano. Prayer by Wade Jernigan. Duet by Jean and Reford Wilson, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by Noah G. Tuttle. Solo by Everette Hellard. Duet sang in Spanish by Mrs. T. H. Willey and W. S. Mooneyham. Mrs. Willey delivered a marvelous message and related to us many interesting features of our mission work in Cuba. An offering was taken for the work in Cuba and for Mrs. Willey's expenses, in which we received \$120.00.

Motion carried that we accept minutes as read. Standing vote of thanks was given to the Auxiliary women of the First Oklahoma Association, who served meals at the cafe. Motion carried we adjourn to again, the Lord willing, on Wednesday, before the fourth Sunday in June, 1949.

Eileen Melton, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Free Will Baptist State Sunday School Convention met Monday afternoon, October 18, 1948. House was called to order by the chairman, Rev. Harry E. Staires. Rev. Elda Crain directed singing with Minnie Campbell at the piano. Convention sang "Joy Unspeakable," and "I Want to Be a Worker." John B. Elliston read from Deut. 6:1-15 for the devotional reading. The Convention was led in prayer by Rev. W. A. Hearron.

House then entered into business session and proceeded to elect officers. They are as follows:

President, Rev. John H. West; vice president, Mr. E. E. Clark. A motion carried to combine offices of Secretary and Treasurer; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Alice Wood.

The following Board of Directors was elected:

Director of Organization, J. Reford Wilson.

Director of Records and Reports, Wade Jernigan.

Director of Literature, Harry E. Staires.

Director of Denominational Enterprises, John Elliston.

Director of Publicity, W. S. Mooneyham.

Motion carried to let directors present Constitution and By-laws to the State Convention.

Body voted to hold the next State Convention on Jan. 14, 1949, at the Sulphur Church.

A program committee was appointed by the chairman to prepare the program for the next meeting. They are:

Rev. John H. West, Chairman; Rev. Cleo Purcell; Mrs. Jean Wilson.

Floor was given to the speakers.

Rev. John H. West spoke on Departmental work and Rev. Reford Wilson spoke on Evangelism in Sunday School.

An open forum followed. A letter was received from the First Sunday School of Tulsa.

The minutes were read and approved.

Convention adjourned until Jan. 14, 1949.

Were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Paul Purcell.

Rev. John H. West, President.

Alice Wood, Secretary.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. GOD—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 ground of salvation by faith.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 administered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:33) 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.

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 shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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, allowed 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 if necessary before the close of the Association.

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

13. These 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.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Association when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

3. Any person shall not be interrupted by anyone except the Moderator, until he is through speaking; nor shall the Moderator unless he breaks order.

4. Any person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any reflections on him who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the Association.

6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

7. The members shall be addressed by the application of brothers or sisters.

8. No members shall absent himself from the Association while in session without leave.

9. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as the Association deems it necessary.

10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

11. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator according to direction of the Association.

