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The next session of the State Association will be held at the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, 1815 S. Central Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Tuesday night, before the Fourth Sunday in October. (Octover 18-20, 1955)

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E. M. Kennedy	F. A. McCage	Hattie Newman
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Elvis Priest	Ed_Warner	Lela Wilson
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Ruby LaFave	Ben S	cott
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OPENING SESSION

The Forty-Sixth Annual session of the State Association of Free Will Baptists meeting October 19-21, 1954, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Stigler, Oklahoma. Opened with singing "What a Gathering That Will Be" directed by Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh, with Jo Ann Lewis at the piano.

Invocation: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tennessee.

Special No.: Stigler Church, Omar Wilson, Fern Ray, Rev. and Mrs. F. A. McCage, "Wonderful City"

Duet: "We'll Never Be Lonesome", Leonard Crowder and Weldon Wood.

Quartet: Delbert Akin, E. M. Kennedy, Weldon Wood, W. S. Mooneyham. "Land of Perfect Day", The Barkley Children sang "Practice What You Preach".

Introductory Message: Rev. Dale Munkus, Airport Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Scripture Mark 14:41-42, Subject: Sleep on Now, and Take Your Rest: Rise Up. Let Us Go.

Benediction: Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Wednesday 9:30 A.M.

Song Service: Rev. Delbert Akin. Pianist: Waldo Young, Tecumseh.

Devotional: Ernest Harrison, Psalm 114.

The association was called to order and presentation of the moderator by the clerk, Weldon Wood, Ada, Oklahoma,

Partial report of General Board accepted and the Delegates properly seated.

Motion carried to adopt the printed program,

The letter from the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists sending Rev. and Mrs. Willard C. Day as corresponding delegates was read to the association.

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.

Song Service: Delbert Akin, "This World Is Not My Home" and "Rock of Ages".

Pianist: Waldo Young.

Prayer: Rev. Glen Dipboye, Van Buren, Arkansas

Special No's. Quartet: Delbert Akin, Homer Young, Weldon Wood, Bailey Thompson, "I Cannot Touch the Hem of His Garment"; Quartet: Rupert Pixley, Leonard Crowder, Gilbert Pixley, "Maybe It's You and Then Maybe It's Me".

Message: Rev. M. L. Sutton, Trinity Church, Ft. Worth, Texas. Scripture Ephesians 1:15-23; Subject: The Mighty Power Wrought in Christ to Us-ward.

Wednesday 1:30 P.M.

Song Service: Delbert Akin, "He Loves Me".

Pianist: Waldo Young.

Devotional: Rev. Norman Woodruff, Psalm 1, Prayer by Rev. I. W. Yandell.

Welcome Address: Mr. Jack D. Stickley, City manager of Stigler. Response: Rev. John Elliston, Okmulgee

Motion carried to accept the General Board report item by item. (See Report)

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, National Executive Secretary, spoke to us about the co-operative plan of finance.

Report of State Home Mission received. (See report)

Motion carried to accept the Sunday School Board report. (see report)

Report of League Board report accepted. (see report)

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Executive Board. (see report)

Benediction: Rev. Willard C. Day.

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

Song Service: Delbert Akin "Sunshine in My Soul"

Pianist: Waldo Young

Special Number: Non Trio.

Devotional: Rev. N. R. Smith, Scripture: 1 Cor. 13. A very inspirational testimony service.

Solo: Jo Ann Bradley, "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Duet: Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Kennedy, "I'm Looking for the Stone"

Solo: Mrs. Fern Ray, "Boundless Love".

Message: Dr. I. W. Yandell, Subject: "Psychology and the Dynamics of Religion".

At the end of the message a Love offering was taken for Dr. Yandell, the offering \$75.66.

Thursday 9:00 A.M.

Song Service: John West, "More About Jesus".

Pianist: E. M. Kennedy.

Devotions: E. M. Kennedy, Scripture: Acts 15:1-31; Prayer, Rev. True.

Rev. Cleo Pursell read the report of the Christian Education Board Report which was accepted. (see report)

Report of the Budget Committee Report carried. (see the Budget)

Motion carried to adopt the Women's Auxiliary Convention report. (see report)

Executive Secretary's report accepted. (see report)

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham and Dr. L. C. Johnson, gave greeting from the National Association and the Bible College.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Roy Hearron.

Thursday 11:00 A.M.

Song Service: Homer Young, "When We All Get to Heaven".

Pianist: Waldo Young.

Prayer: Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Quartet: Delbert Akin, Homer Young, Weldon Wood, Bailey Thompson, "When We All Get to Heaven".

Solo: Mrs. Fern Ray, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone".

Message: Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Fulsom, Okla., Scripture: I Cor. 16:22-23, Subject: If Any Man Love Not the Lord Jesus Christ Let Him Be Accursed".

Benediction: Rev. Ed Hobbs, Bixby.

Thursday 1:30 P.M.

Song Service: Delbert Akin, "I Just Steal Away and Pray"

Pianist: Waldo Young.

Devotions: Claud Chisum, Psalm 1.

Committee's reports accepted. (see committee reports)

Motion carried to accept Rev. Hattie Newman's resignation from the Christian Education Board.

Rev. John West resignation from the Sunday School Board accepted.

Motion carried that the State Moderator be ex-officio member of all standing boards.

Election of Board members. (see Boards)

Election of Officers. (see Officers of Association)

The State Sunday School Field Man: Edmond E. Warner, 1416 South Leonard, Oklahoma City, 9, Oklahoma.

Report of the Registration Committee as follows: Ministers 86, Delegates and visitors 475.

Motion carried to give the Stigler Church a rising vote of Thanks for the fine hospitality during the State Association.

Adjourned: Dismissed in prayer by Rev. John West.

MINISTERS

NAME	CHURCH	ADDRESS	ASSOCIATION
Melvin Bingham	Trinity Temple	1636 E. Jasper, Tulsa	First Mission
L. C. Johnson		Nashville, Tennessee	
		1904 Central Ave., Ok. City	
		3801 Richland Ave, Nashv'le	
Ed. S. Sunday	Healdton	Box 24, Healdton	Hopewell No. 2
E. J. Wilson	Ardmore	Box 1264, Ardmore	Hopewell No. 2
T. C. Christian		418 N. Philadelphia	First Oklahoma
Doyle Diphoye	Turley	Box 188	First Mission
Woodrow Matthews	Cushing	1148 East Main	First Mission
Harry Beatty Ben Scott	Drumright	139 E. Drumright	First Mission
Ben_Scott	Oilton	Roy 596	First Mission
A. L. McAffrey	Sulphur	1302 W. 13th	Hopewell No. 2
Ernest Harrison	Weleetka	Box 151	Progressive
Robert Duncan		716 Tiffen Ave.	First Oklahoma
		Jennings	First Mission
Vard Wood			First Oklahoma
Clay Richey_			Dibble
			Hopewell No. 2
	Ada		Center
Delbert Akin			First Oklahoma
Dale Munkus	Airport, Tulsa	6915 E. Xyler, Tulsa	First Mission
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NAME	CHURCH	ADDRESS 724 W. Day, Denison, Tex. 730 W. 19 3311 Oak Grove, Ft. Smith Box 372 Arapaho, Okla. Box 155 516 N. 8th Rt. 9, Box 412, Tulsa 120 W. Scott 2336 S.W. 39th, Okla. City 1111 E. 11th 1111 E. 11th 5111 E. 11th 1111 E. 11th 516 S. 61 West Ave., Tulsa 2248 E. Ute, Tulsa Route, Stigler Rt. 2, Porum Red Oak Box 513 Porum Red Oak Box 513 Porum Red Oak Sox 513 Porum Red Oak Sox 518 Route, Stigler Talala Haskell Stigler Talala Haskell Stigler McCurtain Box 997 502 W. 15th, Okmulgee Hanna Non 206 E. Merrick Box 481 Rt. 4, Atoka 219-10th Av. N.E., Ardmore 129 S. Draper Calvin 113 3rd S. West, Ardmore Farris, Okla. 833 N. Utica, Tulsa Haskell 728 E. Eufaula, Norman Rt. 2, Stonewall Rt. 1, Howe Box 452, Henryetta Rt. 6, McAlester 3722 Armour Av., Ft. Smith 305 S. 1st Hoyt Box 103, Holdenville Poteau 12605 Skyline Dr., Ft. W'rth Rt. 4, Box 268, Okla City Hotel Box 61 Roy 61 Roy 302, Russelville, Ark. Rt. 2, Stigler	ASSOCIATION
A. D. Marchant	Fulsom	724 W. Day, Denison, Tex.	Hopewell No. 1
Wilbur Schultz	Ada	730 W. 19	Center
Leonard Crowder	Walnut, Ark.	3311 Oak Grove, Ft. Smith	Cornell Discon
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Railer Thompson	Allen	Roy 155	Progressive
W. G. Sears	McAlester	516 N. 8th	Progressive
L. A. Yandell	New Home, Tulsa	Rt. 9. Box 412. Tulsa	First Mission
Elvis Priest	Holdenville	120 W. Scott	Progressive
I. W. Yandell	St. Clair	2336 S.W. 39th, Okla. City	Dibble
Cleo Pursell	Shawnee, First	1111 E. 11th	First Oklahoma
Paul E. Pursell	Shawnee, First	1111 E. 11th	First Oklahoma
Harry E. Staires	Lawnwood	516 S. 61 West Ave., Tuisa	First Mission
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J. E. Yandell	Red Oak	Red Oak	Roberts McGee
J. J. Postlewaite	McAlester	Box 513	Progressive
A. L. Hicks	Porum	Porum	Eureka
T. M. Arnold	Keota	Keota	Eureka
John Morris	Cross Road	Stigler	Eureka
E. M. Bond	Parrie	Stigler	Grand River
Raymond McMillen	Zion Hill	Talala	Northeast
P C Hickman	waiters	Stigler	Eastern
C E Kennedy	McCurtain	McCurtain	Euroka
N. R. Smith	Bristow	Box 997	First Mission
John B. Elliston	Okmulgee	502 W, 15th, Okmulgee	First Mission
Melvin Mouser	Hanna	Hanna	Canadian
Ben Pixley	Non	Non	Canadian
Homer Young	Henryetta	206 E. Merrick	Progresive
Gene Womack	Seminole	Box 481	First Oklahoma
Earl Umstead	Wilson	210 10th Ar N F Andmore	Southeastern
C I. Rowers	Shawnee N.E.	129 S Draper	First Oklahoma
Claude Chisum	Calvin	Calvin	Canadian
Roy Hearon	Stobtown	113 3rd S. West, Ardmore	Hopewell No. 2
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John H. West	Tulsa First	833 N. Utica, Tulsa	First Mission
Bill Ketchum	Haskell	Haskell	Grandriver
Orville Carpenter	Norman	728 E. Eufaula, Norman	First Oklahoma
E. A. O'Donnell	Folsom	Rt. 2, Stonewall	D-1 25 G
William Stovenson	Fufaulo	Rt. 1, Howe Poy 459 Henryette	Consider
Jess Henson	Crowder	Rt. 6. McAlester	Grand River
R. E. Pixley	Ft. Smith. First	3722 Armour Av., Ft. Smith	Zion Hone No. 2
Gilbert Pixley	Duncan, First	305 S. 1st	Hopewell No. 2
V. C. Purdom		Hoyt	Eureka
W. E. Wilson	Cross Roads	Box 103, Holdenville	Canadian
F. M. Wright	Pleasant Valley	Poteau	
M. L. Sutton	Trinity, Ft. W rt.	nzeus Skyline Dr., Ft. W'rth	West Fork
Donny Former	Chocotab	Rt. 4, Box 268, Okia City	Canadian
Norman Woodruff	Checotan	LeQuire	Fureko
J. C. Scott	Red Oak	3304 Walnut, Ft. Smith	Robert McGee
G. G. Dipboye	Catcher	Rt. 3, Van Buren. Ark.	Zion Hope No. 2
I. L. Florence	Poteau	Poteau	Old Eureka
A. E. Keeney	Heavener	Gen. Del.	Roberts McGee
Edgar Cole	Prairie Grove	Keota	Eureka
W. F. Lee	Lindsay	1200 C Agram Olds City	Dibble
V B Tmio	Conitol Will	4721 S.E. 25th Obla City	Dipple
O. T. Dixon	Russelville	Box 302. Russelville Ark	Antioch
Paul Duncan	Stigler	Rt. 2. Stigler	Eureka
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GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board of the State of Oklahoma met at the Free Will Baptist Church, Stigler, Oklahoma, Monday October 18, 1954, opened with singing "What a Fellowship", prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage.

The letters were read and received from the following associations and we recommend that the delegates be seated.

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Old Eureka Association	26 delegates	\$130.00
Grand River Association	9 delegates	45.00
Gaines Creek Association	5 delegates	25.00
First Oklahoma Association	10 delegates	60.00
Folsom Church		5,00
Pleasant View Church	1 delegate	5.00
Roberts McGee Association	7 delegates	45.00
Hopewell No. 2 Association	7 delegates	35.00
Center Association	3 delegates	15.00
Dibble Association		45.00
First Mission Association	23 delegates	115.00
Canadian Association	11 delegates	55.00
Northeast Association		5.00
Progressive Association	7 delegates	35.00

We received \$25.00 from the State League Treasurer for the printing of the minutes.

Motion carried to receive the Petitionary letters from the Roberts McGee Association and the Northeast Association and to reinstate them in the State Association and seat their delegates.

The moderaor appointed a Special Committee to take care of any late letters that might come in. The committee: Rev. E. S. Sunday, Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. Elzie Yandell.

Motion carried to receive the Item from the General Board as follows: "As the association of Union Baptists of Oklahoma have requested to petition our State Association for fellowship in the Free Will Baptists and have taken this matter up in their local churches and have voted to formulate a petitionary letter at their association on Ocober 21-22 for fellowship in the State Association of Free Will Baptists and as our State Convention will not be in session at that time, we recommend that the State Association while in session authorize the State Executive Board to receive these churches in the State Association that they may be recognized in the State Association of Free Will Baptists as a subordinate Association.

In the 1953 session of our State Association a motion was made that we sell our Children's Home and an amendment to the motion that the general board study this matter and report same to the State Association. After investigation we find that many of our people are not willing to sell the Home. Therefore we recommend that our home not be sold.

Motion carried to receive the reports of the standing boards as follows:

- 1. Executive Board
- 2. Treasurers Report of the Children's home
- 3. Report of Sunday School Board
- 4. Report of Executive Secretary received with commendation.

We the General Board recommend to the State Association that we adopt a proposed Budget of \$40,000 for the State of Oklahoma, an amendment to the effect as follows: Motion to return the proposed Budget to a special committee of Ten (10) ministers to present a Budget for the State Association for 1955, the Committee: Harry Staires, Ed Wilson, E. A. O'Donnell, E. M. Kennedy, Ben Scott, Delbert Akin, Bill Ketchum, Elvis Priest, Norman Woodruff, W. E. Wilson,

The following is the proposed budget as revised and amended by the Budget Committee as appointed by the Moderator and submitted through the Credentials committee of the General Board.

We reommend the following budget be adopted by the State Association for the Calendar year 1954-1955 with the following allotment of funds: beginning November 1, 1954.

National Association of Free Will Baptists	\$16,000
Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Ringling	12,000
Sunday School Board	2,500
State Mission Board (State Home Missions)	3,500
State Executive Office	3,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$37,000

Motion carried that the moderator appoint a committee of three to study Article III and IV of the Constitution. The Commitee: Harry Saires, Delbert Akin, W. E. Wilson.

The following is the recommendation made by this committee which was appointed to study the Article III of Constitution and to report any changes to be recommended.

Be it resolved that Article III of Constitution of the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma be revised to read as follows:

REPRESENTATION: Section 1: This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers and deacons with membership in some local church which is a member of a district association with membership in the State Association.

Section 2: Each District Association shall be entitled to a number of elected delegates equal with the number of churches composing said association. These delegates may be recommended by the local churchs and shall be endorsed by their district association.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION: Delegates—Orela Kennedy, Ethel Armstrong, Lorene Shade, Gladys Cutsinger, Edith Berry, Emma Bingham, Gladys Elliston, Glenara Staires, Inabelle Hamilton, Lela Dipboye, La Donna Inbody, Joy Lou Yandell, Genell Scott, Bessie Prock, Mable Wooldridge, Blanche Matthews, Bessie West, Flossie Hellard, Lucille Beatty, Ann Munkus, Susie Gasaway, Roberta Hembree, Margurite Hinesley

Moderator: Rev. Harry E. Staires, 516 S. 61 W. Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma

Clerk: Rev. Ben Scott, Box 596, Oilton, Oklahoma

DIBBLE ASSOCIATION: Delegates—Mrs. I. W. Yandell, Opal Kirby, Inez Bagwell, Edith Allen, Corene Michener, Lizzie Dunn, Fred Wsisenhunt, Buna Lee, Zora Mills

Moderator: Rev. B. T. Kirby, 2212 S.W. 31, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Clerk: Irene Stanford, Newcastle, Oklahoma, Rt. 1

CENTER: Delegates—Nora Dighten, Flora Carter, Bro. Lunsford Moderator: Weldon Wood, 420 S. Ash, Ada Oklahoma Clerk: Lonnie Barnes, 710 E. 12, Ada, Oklahoma ROBERTS McGEE: Delegates—Monroe Carrouthers, Jane Howze, Jesse Moon, E. A. Newby, Belle Brewer, Oleta Stephens, Leonard Yandell, J. M. Wright

Moderator: L. P. King, Wister, Oklahoma Clerk: Boyd Ramer, Red Oak, Oklahoma

FOLSOM CHURCH: Delegates—R. L. Bonds, Folsom, Oklahoma Moderator: R. L. Bonds, Folsom, Oklahoma Clerk: Edythe Pritchard, Star R. Coleman, Oklahoma

PLEASANT VIEW: Delegate—W. T. Waggoner, Pleasant View Church

Moderator: G. W. Hamilton, Atoka, Route 4 Clerk: Hattie Williams. Atoka. Route 4

FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION: Delegates—Grace Ferguson, Mildred Cash, Leroy Bowers, Waldo Young, Mrs. Tom McDonald, Orville Carpenter, Louise Womack, Edmond Warner, John Straughn

Moderator: Rev. Robert Duncan, 716 Tiffin, Norman, Oklahoma Clerk: Rev. Delbert Akin, Box 292, Tecumseh, Oklahoma

GAINES CREEK: Delegates—Al Williams, Lillian Lott, Leeta Clifton, R. A. Venable.

Moderator: Rev. Cliff Myres, Star Rt., Haywood, Oklahoma Clerk: Lorene Stacy, Star Rt., Haywood, Oklahoma

OLD EUREKA: Delegates—Clayton Bumpers, L. E. Claypool, S. A. Lemly, Eula Wilkins, Monroe Gedion, Hugh Pollard, Jess Woods, Walter Blaylock, Vanis King, Ledie Perkins, Fred Duncan, Henry Way, Buster Cones, Victie Long, Ruby LaFave, Cleo Fowler, Marvin Daniels, Eula Witcher, Howard Cantrell, Walter Kates, W. H. Powell, John Turney, Mary Hodges, Loyd Eakle, Katherine Clark, William T. Green

Moderator: Rev. F. A. McCage, Stigler, Oklahoma Clerk: Fred Duncan, Stigler, Oklahoma

GRAND RIVER: Delegates—Jessie Hall, Floyd Hutchinson, Jim Lemely, Velma Vanderway, Mrs. York, Eril Watkins, Laura Arnold, Jack Bemo

Moderator: Bro. Roy Howard, Mounds, Oklahoma Clerk: Oron Estes, Pryor, Oklahoma, Rt. 2, Box 22

HOPEWELL NO. 2: Delegates—O. H. Foust, Myrtle Ballew, Marjorie Carroll, Lee Guinn, L. A. Shull, M. M. Birch, Violet Smith, Velma McAffrey

Moderator: Rev. Ed S. Sunday, Box 241, Healdton, Oklahoma Clerk: Myrtle Ballew, Ringling, Oklahoma, Box 351

NORTHEAST: Delegates—Elsie McMillen, Marie Roberts, Marie Coursey

Moderator: Rev. Tommy Roberts, 620 N. Sheridan, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Clerk: Elsie McMillen, Route 1, Talala, Oklahoma

PROGRESSIVE: Delegates—Thomas Hogue, O. H. Wilcox, Fannie Kirby, Sarah Penrod, Wanda Thompson, Early Burden, R. B. Tipton

Moderator: Rev. Elvis Priest, Holdenville, Oklahoma

Clerk: Rev. Johnnie J. Postlewaite, Box 513, McAlester, Oklahoma

CANADIAN: Delegates—Tilman Vanzant, Mattie Harriman, Donnie Huffstutler, Mrs. Sherman Webb, Jewel Hinkle, Mrs. R. B. Garrett, George Hughes, A. A. Hall, Irma Smith

Moderator: M. L. Caton, Rt. 4, Box 268, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Clerk: Myrtle Shivers, Rt. 1, Paden, Oklahoma

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (1953-1954) Financial Report

RECEIPTS:	
Received from Weldon Wood, acc't at Ada bank	_\$295.00
Pleasant Hill Church	6.80
New Home Church, Tulsa	5.00
Lewis Avenue Church	5.00
Osage Free Will Baptist Church	16.33
Eufaula Church	5.45
Eufaula ChurchAda First Church	25.00
Wolf Church Earlsboro Church Richmond Avenue Church, Allen	10.00
Earlsboro Church	10.00
Richmond Avenue Church, Allen	25.00
Non Church	25.00
Tecumseh Church	34.94
Dibble Church	10.00
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TOTAL	\$503.52
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Post Office, Postage	\$ 3.00
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Southwestern States Telephone, two months Tecumseh Standard, Supplies	25.59
Weldon Wood, Box Rental at bank	5.00
Southwestern States Telephone	10.70
OBU Press, printing programs	10.75
Postage	1.00
Delbert Akin, Travel expense to Stigler	17.50
Verner's Variety, ribbon for state convention tags	4.32
Harry Staires, travel expense to Stigler	10.00
John West, Travel expense to Stigler	10.00
TOTAL \$	465.73
RECEIPTS\$503.52	
DISBURSEMENTS465.73	
Balance, October 15\$ 37.79	

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Associational year of 1953-54 has not been a record breaking one for the Free Will Baptists of Oklahoma, but there have been some accomplishments, and for these we praise the Lord.

One of the projects on which I have put much time and effort this past year is that of promoting the proposed merger of the Union Baptist Association in Western Oklahoma and the State Association of Free Will Baptists. To this end I have held four revivals in the past year in four of the Union Baptist Churches. Along with this there have been other of our Ministers that have held meetings and preached in different services. Although it has been impossible to obtain 100 per cent support from all the churches in the Union Baptist movement and we have been unable to transact a complete merger of the movement this year, three of the churches, Webb Church, Antioch Church, and Pleasant Valley Church have sent petitionary letters to this convention and wish to obtain membership as a district organization following the meeting of the Union Baptist Annual Association to be held Thursday and Friday, October 21-22. I am requesting that appropriate action be taken by this body to permit the receiving of this new Association when it is properly organized. As yet there is no official name, only a proposed name of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists. I can see in this move a great opportunity for Free Will Baptists to activate a work where there has been none in the past. In moving west Free Will Baptists have left a gap that needs now to be filled. California is slowly moving back east with the organizing of churches in Arizona, work has begun in New Mexico. and portions of west Texas and the Texas Panhandle, and now there is a hope to fill a great gap in Western Oklahoma. It is my hope and prayer that God will burden the hearts of our ministers and people to go into this Western Oklahoma field where help is badly needed and is now in demand.

In April of this year the office of State Executive Secretary assumed a new responsibility, the Children's Home Treasurer. With this new duty much work has been added, but God has blessed and given a better than average Financial Report for the

Home. There are approximately 50 to 60 churches, Auxiliaries, Leagues, and Sunday Schools that have supported the Home consistently for which we are thankful. However, considering the some 150 churches in the State, this is a very small percentage.

In the field of giving in the past year one record was made in the field of missions. The combined amount given from June of 1953 to June of 19554 was \$12,222.37. This amount does not represent the amount given to State Home Missions. Coupled with this record amount of giving is the record of a number of churches that have been established.

Looking to the coming year there are a number of tasks that remain to be completed. In connection with the adoption of the Cooperative Plan by the National Association in July, there is the great need of establishing on the level of the State Association a workable plan to insure the success of the plan adopted by the National Association. I hope that this plan on the State level can be worked out and adopted by this body during this meeting, so as to give the Executive Secretary for the coming year something to carry to the meeting to be held in the Spring at Nashville of all State Promotional Secretaries. This meeting will consist of the Promotional Secretaries from the various states acting as an Advisory Council to work with the various Departments in the Natonal Association in connection with state participation in the Cooperative Plan.

Another great highlight in the coming year will be that of being host to the National Association again. The meeting next year will convene at Tulsa.

Although the work of promoting the various phases of the State work has been hindered this year because of the lack of finance and failure to have a workable plan of support, I am thankful for the small part in the work that has been carried on for the advancement of our cause in Oklahoma. It is my prayer and hope that some plan of support of this promotional activities of the Executive Office can be adopted at this Association.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Executive Secretary and to work with the other officers and members of our State Association.

Delbert Akin

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The State Executive Board in the past 12 months has had a regularly scheduled meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at the Children's Home at Ringling. Along with these meetings there have been a number of other called meetings at various times.

The majority of the work done has been in connection with the Home. The following are some of the major things that have happened.

1. The Treasurer of the Home was changed in April and a Budget allocation system was set in operation with all monies for the Home being sent direct to the State Treasurer, Rev. Delbert Akin Box 292, Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Under this present system the Home has managed to come to the State Association with the

greatest amount in the Treasury ever recorded and without any indebtedness.

- 2. We have sold several head of cattle, approximatelly 30 head, for a total of \$1,764.75. We also received \$1,680.00 for the oil lease made last year, plus the \$1.00 per acre making a total of almost \$1.850.
- 3. In the past year the Board has received a total of 14 children while a total of 7 have been dismissed. Of the 7 dismissed 5 were by regular court order, and 2 children, ages 2 years and 4 years, were adopted out by the Board into worth homes. There are now 25 children at the Home, namely: Gary and Jimmie Holt, Vada Sales, Hubert Sales, Marvin Sales, Royce Friend, Preston Friend, Gerald Friend, Tony Shobert, Carol Shobert, Tommie Fondren, Mary Fondren, Jessie Fondren, Susie Fondren, Lillie Fondren, Ada Lance, Ruby Lance, Lena Mae Lance, Micky Irwin, Billy Irwin, Freddie Irwin, Lois Friend, and three Hood children.
- 4. The members of the Board have changed somewhat in the past year with Brother Dick Norwood of Sulphur resigning and Rev. Jess Stepp of Bixby being elected to fill his vacancy. Brother Stepp also resigned in September and this vacancy has been left to be filled by the Association.
- 5. At the meeting held in August, Bro. and Sister Clyde Cain resigned as Superintendent and Matron. The Board then hired Bro. and Sister W. C. Rupp of Norman to fill their vacancies, effective September 1. The Board desires that everyone pray for these two that they might be successful in their work.
- 6. The Board has bought a new 50 gallon hot water tank, which was installed in the past year. Also 20 beds complete with mattresses have been purchased and placed in the Home.
- 7. In May, Sister Inabelle Hamilton of Tulsa was appointed by the Board as Publicity Director of the Home for 90 days, and given permission to publish a paper known as the "Children's Home Review". Mrs. Hamilton served in this capacity until August.
- 8. Two rules for admission were adopted by the Board. In March a rule was adopted requiring that any child entering the Home shall be recommended by a church or Association and said child shall go before a medical doctor for a physical and mental check and parents or guardian shall sign same to permanent custody of the Home by order of County Judge. Also arangements shall be made before induction into Home with State Welfare Board to provide regular state support. In July a motion was made that any church or Association sponsoring children for admittance to the Home shall file an application form with the State Executive Board with a 30 day waiting period for investigation before admittance. Application forms may be obtained at Home.
- 9. In August a rule for adoption was made which states that no child school age or older shall be adopted from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. All children under school age shall be eligible for adoption.
- 10. The Board has been unable to meet with the Executive Board of the Roberts-McGee Association as instructed by the Association last year.

- 11. The Board goes on record as favoring a State Budget and has submitted a proposed budget of \$12,000.00 for the coming year.
- 12. There has been no further dealing concerning the obtaining of the \$2,000.00 estate that is tied up in a law suit in McCurtain, Oklahoma. The county involved has not been able to have a jury term of court.

INVENTORY OF CHILDREN'S HOME OCTOBER 15, 1954

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1965	Total Cattle	\$ 2,725.00
1	Mowing machine	200.00
1	Total Cattle	100.00
1	Two bottom plow	50.00
1	Two bottom plow	10.00
1	Section Harrow	10.00
1	Sulky Rake	50.00
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1	1952 1½ ton Stake bed Dodge Truck	1,000.00
450	Bales altalla nav	202.20
35	Chickens	35.00
1	Chickens Saddle Horse and Donkey Saddle Horse and buildings	100.00
306	Acres and buildings	40,000.00
1	Deepfreeze	第370000000
3	Refrigerators	
• 2	Cook stoves	
2	Circulating Heaters	
1	Heating Stove	
30	Beds complete with mattresses	
	Total contents	1,875.00
	Net Inventory, October 15, 1954	\$46,937.50
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HOME April 21-October 15, 1954

Incomes	
Sale of cattle	\$ 939.75
April 21-May 17	
May 18-June 14	1,698.18
June 15-July 15	1,045.07
July 16-August 17	1,993.08
August 18-September 14	730.13
September 15-October 15	1,201.49
TOTAL INCOME FOR PERIO	OD\$8,721.44

Expendituress

Budget allowance for Home	\$5,000.00
Travel expense	244.70
Miscellaneous	128.48
Paid on Back Bills for Home	1.550.12

Paint for redecoration 213.30	
Insurance for Truck 52.30	
Paid on Beds for Home 404.00	
TOTAL PAID OUT\$7,	592.90
BALANCE IN TREASURY, OCTOBER 15\$1,	128.54

The above report represents the amount of receipts and ex-

penditures from April 21, 1954 through October 15, 1954. This is a true and correct report.

Delbert Akin. Treasurer

REPORT OF THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD Annual Report for Year 1953-54

We, the State Sunday School Board, report that we have had a busy year. We have worked to improve our Sunday Schools throughout the state and also worked to be able to do more for our Sunday Schools in the future years. We are making plans for the future as well as for the present. We have had four (4) meetings this last year.

We met at the Bristow Free Will Baptist Church last February 23, 1954, and elected Rev. John H. West as Chairman and Rev. N. R. Smith as secretary and treasurer. At this meeting, we started making plans for the State Sunday School Worker's Conference which was held at Haskell, Oklahoma, May 17, 1954.

On March 5, 1954, we met at the Haskell Free Will Baptist Church and planned the program for the State Sunday School Worker's Conference.

On May 17, 1954, 250 people met at the Haskell Free Will Baptist Church. There were teachers, officers, and pastors present from all over the state. The morning services were filled with messages from the chairman and Rev. Ralph Staten that stirred our determination to reach more people through our Sunday Schools. The afternoon session was giving of information on how to reach more people through our Sunday School. Each department had their own meeting with an instructor, instructing them in their own phase of work. Many testified that the State Sunday School Worker's Conference helped to meet the need in their Sunday School. We are planning to have many more of these in the future.

While at Haskell attending the State Sunday School Worker's Conference, the State Sunday School Board met and elected Bro. Edmond E. Warner as a field representative for the State Sunday School Board. We were to pay his expenses and it is his job to meet with the Sunday School officers and teachers of the Sunday Schools of our state. He has reported a very successful itenerary which covers a period of four (4) months with nine (9) appointments, 1,548 miles traveled, and spoke to approximately 450 teachers, officers, laymen, and pastors. He comes free of charge to all Sunday Schools who ask him to speak to the teachers, officers, and laymen of their Sunday School.

To finance the work of the State Sunday School Board, we have asked each Sunday School to send in a \$1.00 per week to the State Sunday School Board Treasurer, Rev. N. R. Smith, Box 997,

Bristow, Oklahoma. By this plan, we will have the finance to help the Sunday Schools in our state without charging for our services.

We, the State Sunday School Board, recommend to the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptist the following:

- 1. That they adopt the co-operative plan with a budget of \$3,500.00 for the State Sunday School Board.
- 2. That N. R. Smith be re-elected on the State Sunday School Board.

The following is a treasurer's report of the State Sunday School Board dating from February 23, 1954 to October 8, 1954. (We were not able to have a meeting before this date to transfer the books from the former treasurer.)

	Receipts from February	23, 195	4—October 8, 1954:	
	New Home\$	23.00	Drumwright	_ 16.00
	Richmond Ave	31.00	Tulsa. First	_ 25.00
	Allen	34.00	Ada, First Weleetka Dibble Mounds	_ 6.00
	Norman	35.00	Weleetka	_ 20.00
	Bristow	26.00	Dibble	_ 16.00
	Sulphur First	28.00	Mounds	_ 10.00
	Cushing	8.00	Santa Fe	_ 18.00
	CushingHoldenville	17.00	Duncan, First	_ 15.00
١	Liberty Crossroads Okmulgee	8.00	Oilton	_ 13.00
	Crossroads	1.00	Henryetta	12.00
	Okmulgee	12.00	Wewoka	_ 15.00
	Central Avenue	34.00	Airport	_ 5.00
	Stonewall	20.00	Wewoka Airport Total Received	_\$449.00
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			\$1.00 a week & stationery	
			for promotional work	
			ker's Conference programs	
	Edmond E. Warner, Prof	notiona	l Work as field rep	140.47
-	Total Expend	itures	/	_\$388.70
	Balance Received			\$473.67
	Receipts	'		_ 449.00
٠	Total all funds received _		<u></u>	_\$922.67
`	Total Expenditures	<u> </u>	<u>- 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2.</u>	388.70
	Balance on Hand October	8, 1954	T WOTA as field Tep.	_\$533.97

Respectfully submitted,
State Sunday School Board
Rev. John H. West, Chairman
Rev. N. R. Smith, Secretary and
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD

Greetings In the Name of Christ:

This has been a good year in many respects, you have given your best co-operation when we have called upon you.

Rev. Raymond Riggs toured the State in behalf of Foreign Missions, and in behalf of National Home Missions, and we went over our quota for National Home Missions. Each of you that gave so well deserves the credit.

The Board met twelve times this past year, traveling 10,000 miles in behalf of the State work. We helped in three new organizations of new churches: Miami, Coweta, and Fairview.

All these churches have a good work started and we feel they will be heard from in the years to come.

 Your Insurance Receipts are as follows: April 1, 1953-April 1, 1954

 Net Sales
 \$4,064.95

 Balance Due
 482.37

 Loss (Non Payment of Premiums)
 96.95

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

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Paid Outs:
Rev. Raymon Riggs (Foreign Missions)\$3,204.18
Rev. Damon Dodd (National Home Missions) 1,334.90
Telephone Calls (State) 84.95
New Churches 375.00
Stamps and envelopes 9.43
State Expansion Program (Advertising & Field Worker 671.53
Travel Expense (Board and Workers) 469.29
TOTAL PAID OUT\$6,169.28
Balance as of October 1, 1954\$1,452.16

D. H. O'Donnell, Treasurer

We, the State Mission Board recommend Rev. Dale Munkus as the Five Year Man on the Mission Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1

We recommend that the State Mission Board be permitted to rent property and equipment, or give other financial aid to prospective churches, the amount to be left to the discretion of the board.

No. 2

We recommend that the State Mission Board be granted authority to loan money to Free Will Baptist Enterprises at a reasonable rate of interest.

No. 3

We recommend that the State Mission Board be given authority to draw up a Charter and form a non-profit Corporation, for the purpose of transacting business.

No. 4

We recommend that the amount of financial aid to be given, based on prospect and size of community, be left to the discretion of the State Mission Board.

No. 5

We recommend that we adopt a \$11,000.00 budget for Missions allocated as follows: Foreign Missions, \$6,000.00; National Home Missions, \$2,500.00; State Home Missions, \$2,500.00, out of which we set aside 10% for a loan fund:

We purpose to organize churches in the following Oklahoma cities: Stillwater, Enid, Clinton, Lawton, El Reno.

We wish to thank you again for your loyal support and we desire your prayers that we may have the greatest year ever in the History of the State, with many more Free Will Baptist Churches organized.

Your Board,

E. S. Sunday, Chairman

D. H. O'Donnell, Treasurer

Ernest M. Kennedy, Secretary

Johnnie Postlewaite

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Dale Munkus

We, the Board of Christian Education, submit the following report:

We have met five times this year.

- 1. October 22, 1953 at Norman. The board was organized with the following officers: Rev. W. V. McPhail, chairman; Cleo Pursell, clerk.
 - 2. November 6, 1953 at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Motion was carried that we collaborate with the State Executive Board to sponsor a two weeks School of Instruction to provide an opportunity for teacher training in the different departments of our educational program, and that the Free Will Baptist Bible College be contacted concerning this matter.

Mimeograph form letters to be sent each church in the state informing them of the school

The clerk of this board was authorized to purchase books for the circulatng library.

3. January 5. 1954, Bristow, Oklahoma.

Rev. W. A. Hearron's resignation from the board was accepted and Rev. Elvis Priest was elected to fill the vacancy.

We recommended the State Executive Board select the place for the Extension School which was to be held the first two weeks in May.

- 4. March 12, 1954, Wewoka, Oklahoma. Motion was carried that we recommend to the State Executive Board that they proceed with whatever steps necessary to obtain possession of school property in Wetumka, Oklahoma for the purpose of establishing a Junior College and Headquarters for state work.
 - 5. September 7, 1954, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

We further discussed the possibilities of purchasing the school property at Wetumka for the purpose of establishing a Junior College. Also the feasibility of a promotional secretary to canvass the state in the interest of the school. The Extension school was conducted the first two weeks in May at Wewoka, Oklahoma. Rev. Leroy Forelines, F.W.B. Bible College instructor.

We are happy to report a successful school with 28 enrolled, 22 certificates given and 38 hours credit earned.

Rev. E. A. O'Donnel, Chairman Cleo Pursell, Clerk

We the State Board of Christian Education wish to be heard in the matter of Christian Education versus Public Education:

That whereas public education has a tendency to pull our high school and college students away from the principals of true christianity, we deem it necessary to move toward a plan to give them training in christianity at the proper age.

We recognize the need of ministerial training in our great denomination; therefore we recommend that facilities recently purchased by the Progressive Association of Free Will Baptists at Wetumka, Oklahoma be used as a training school in the interest of Oklahoma Free Will Baptists.

Also that the property now owned and controlled by the Progressive Association be occupied, controlled and maintained by the State Association in any way they wish to use it.

We would especially recommend it as a headquarters for our state offices, such as: Executive Secretary, State Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, etc.

We request that Brothers I. W. Yandell, Earnest Kennedy, John Elliston, Weldon Wood and N. B. Smith make a survey of the possibilities of establishing a school of Christian training at Wetumka, beginning at mid-term of this year or at the earliest possible date.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward Oct. 1953Paid Out:	\$93.80
April 19, 1954, Vari-Color Duplicator Company (mimeograph paper)April 19, stamps	_\$1.20 _ 3.00
Total	\$4.20 \$93.80 4.20
Balance in treasury	\$89.60

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Temperence Committee:

We your Temperance Committee recommend that our people throughout the state give serious consideration to the promise made in paragraph 2 of the church covenant and that we preach, teach and practice accordingly.

"We promise by his grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

Signed: Committee;

Obituary Committee:

We the obituary committee, wish to submit this report. We find that God in His infinite mercy has seen fit to call from our midst 107 of our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

We request that Mrs. Fern Ray render a solo, following this song the congregation stand in a moment of silent prayer, concluded with prayer by the moderator, Rev. John H. West, in memory of their labors with us.

Signed: Committee;

Auditing Committee:

We, the auditing committee wish to report that we have examined the treasurer's books and have been unable to make a successful audit.

Therefore we recommend that the treasurers books be referred to a state auditing Committee.

Signed: Committee;

Resolution Committee:

- No. 1. Be it resolved that the Program Committee, (Officers of State Association), select a theme for 1955 session and that this committee also arrange the program for the next year.
- No. 2. Be it resolved that the Executive Secretary be a bonded treasurer of the State Association and distribute all monies to the enterprises of the denomination.
- No. 3. Be it resolved that we pay the Executive Secretary \$1,040 in the next year plus 5c per mile travelled.
- No. 4. Be it resolved that the moderator appoint a committee to formulate a set of rules governing the operation of the Children's Home at Ringling, and submit said rules to the Association in 1955 for adoption. The Committee: H. E. Staires, Hattie Newman, Inabelle Hamilton, John Elliston, F. A. McCage, and Bro. and Sis Rupp.
- No. 5. Be it resolved that the State Association authorize the organization of a State Ministers conference.

Be it further resolved that the organizational meeting, with the State Moderator as chairman, be held at the First Oklahoma Associatoinal Campgrounds, 9 miles west of Tecumseh, on State Highway 9, on Thursday January 12, 1955, at 7:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE STATE LEAGUE RALLY

Wednesday, June 23, 1954 10:45 A.M.

The 12th annual session of the Oklahoma State League Convention was called to order by the Sponsor, Rev. Delbert Akin, at the First Oklahoma Association Camp Ground, 10 miles west of Tecumseh, Oklahoma. The song service was directed by Rev. Homer

Young, Henryetta, with Kathlene Johns, Bristow, at the piano. The President, Rev. Dale Munkus, Tulsa, was presented by the Sponsor. The devotional was given by Roger Harvell with prayer by Rev. Weldon Wood, Ada. Zelma Wellington was elected recording secretary for this session. Rev. Elvis Priest was introduced and he gave the morning message. Dismissed by Rev. Claude Chisum.

Wednesday, 1:30 P.M.

Services were opened with singing led by Rev. N. R. Smith. The Leagues of the different associations were recognized and the welcome address was given by Rev. E. E. Morris. Letters were approved from the following Associations: First Oklahoma, Dibble, Gainescreek, Eureka, Canadian and Progressive. The president appointed the following committees:

Business:

J. J. Postlewaite Carol Tanksly Gracie Elliot Mary Alice Bond Linda Lunsford

Pulpit:

Arnett Florence Rebecca Lee Alvia Sweet

Auditing:

Bobby Turner
Carmeleta Wilson
N. R. Smith

Program & Sword Drill Judges:

Harry Lee Sis. Bob Bales Ralph Staten W. E. Wilson

Programs were presented by the following associations: First Oklahoma Progressive, and Canadian. A report of the National League conference was given by Delbert Akin. A song by the Duncan brothers was followed by the report of the pulpit committee that Rev. Harry Staires would bring the evening message. Dismissed by Johnny Postlewaite.

Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

The congregational singing was directed by Johnnie Postlewaite with Betty Dodson at the piano. The following special numbers were rendered: Solo by Freda Daniels; Quartet by Weldon Wood, Dale Munkus, Bailey Thompson, and W. E. Wilson; Mixed Quartet by Arnett Florence, Bailey Thompson, Martha Lou Stankewitz, and Harvell Dodson; quartet by the Young brothers. The messenger for the evening: Rev. Homer Young. His subject: "Unity." Dismissed by Loyal Bates,

Thursday, June 24, 1954

Singing for the sunrise service wes directed by the President, Dale Munkus with Sis. Cleo Purcell at the piano. Arnett Florence led the leaguers in prayer. The scripture, Romans chapter 12, was read by Bailey Thompson with prayer by Delbert Akin. Lively choruses were sung by all and Harry Lee gave the benediction.

9:30 A.M.

Services were opened with singing directed by Weldon Wood with Martha Lou Stankewitz at the piano. A special song was sung

by Arnett Florence, Delbert Akin, Martha Stankewitz and Harvell Dodson. The Scripture was read by Bobby Turner. Jack Dodson led in prayer. Sister Cleo Purcell was in charge of the sword drill. Contestants were from: Gainscreek, First Oklahoma, Center, and Canadian associations. A lecture, "How to Improve Our League" was given by Rev. Ralph Staten. Dismissed for recess by Ben Scott.

Services were reopened with singing directed by Norma Finemore with Martha Stankewitz at the piano. The Scripture, II Timothy 2:1-5, was read by Donald Ketchum. Prayer led by Rev. Harry Staires. Quartet by Johnnie Postlewaite, Homer Young, Delbert Akin and Ben Scott, Rev. Ed Morris brought the morning message. Dismissed by Bailey Thompson,

1:30 P.M.

Opened by singing directed by Johnnie Postlewaite with Cleo Purcell at the piano. Prayer by John Elliston. Letters from Progressive and Center associations were read and accepted. Solo by Barbara Hancock. Programs were presented by First Mission, Center associations.

Report of pulpit:		
Girls Groveservice		_Sister Hattie Newman
Boys Groveservice		Jack Dodson
Message		Rev. Harry Staires
Testimony Service.		Bailey Thompson
Dismissed by Broth	ier Holden.	

7:30 P.M.

Service opened by singing directed by Delbert Akin with Joyce Tatum at the piano. Scripture reading by Sister Hellen Hemingway. Prayer by Gene Womach. Solo by Norma Finemore. Quartet by Arnett Florence, Martha Stankewitz, Naomi Brewer and Barbara Grizzle. Solo by Glenn Webb. Praise service conducted by Bailey Thompson. A quartet arranged by Delbert Akin sang "Oh the Glory did Roll". Prayer by Ralph Staten. Rev. Harry Staires brought the message using as a Scripture lesson Proverbs 30:24-28. Three conversions followed the message. Rebecca Lee won the sword drill and the program and attendance banners were won by the Progressive Association. Quartet by Homer Young, Weldon Wood, Delbert Akin and Bailey Thompson. Dismissed by Bob Duncan.

Friday, 9:00 A.M. June 25, 1954

Services began with singing led by Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, Martha Stankewitz at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Paul Purcell. Devotion by Rev. Jack Dodson, II Samuel 14.13-14. Prayer led by Rev. Claud Chisum. A talk "Why Attend Our League" was given by Sister Bobby Turner. Report of Registration; 421. Prayer by Donald Ketchum.

BUSINESS SESSION

Report of Business Committee as follows: Accepted.

1. Be it resolved that the State League Board set goals for each association.

- 2. Be it resolved that the President be chairman of the program and Publicity committee.
- 3. Be it resolved that we pay Clara James, \$40.00 for expenses to the National League Convention.
- 4. Be it resolved that we have a sword drill in the State convention for children 11 years and down.
- 5. Be it resolved that we pay for space for League report in the minutes for the State Association. \$25.00.
- 6. Be it resolved if we have no youth camp rules that the League Board draw up a set of rules to govern our youth encampment; be it further resolved that these rules be published and a copy sent to all sponsors before the 1955 session.
- 7. We recommend that the State League rally pay all incurring bills of the convention.
- .8 Be it resolved that we give the First Oklahoma Association a standing vote of thanks for the hospitality and the fine entertainment that they have provided.
- 9. Motion made that we adopt a point system for judging the programs. Carried.

Treasury report read and accepted.

Report of centralization committee read as follows:

We your Centralization Committee have met only once since last year and no central location has been decided upon by this committee.

Signed: The Committee

The State Rally is to be at the Progressive Association Camp Ground at Wetumka in 1955.

Rev. Weldon Wood elected speaker of introductory message of 1955 convention.

Officers Elected

President		 1 2 2 2	Rev. Dale Munkus
Vice-President		 	Rev. Jack Dodson
Recording Secre		 	Zelma Wellington
Corresponding S	ecretary	 	Bobby Turner
Treasurer		 I	Martha Lou Stankewitz
Sponsor	<u></u>	 	Rev. Weldon Wood

Solo by Fern Ray. Message by Rev. McCage. Text, II Timothy 1:7-14. Dismissed by Brother McAfrey.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the

STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

First Free Will Baptist Church, Stigler, Oklahoma

October 19, 1954

Subject: God's Plumbline-Amos 7:7,8.

Aim: To Keep Our Spiritual Walls in Line.

Convention opened with singing under direction of Leah Mae Postlewaite, Pianist, Doris Burkett,

Prayer by Rev. Weldon Wood.

Introduction of president by executive secretary and treasurer. President's message, "At what angle are you with God's Plumbline". Cleo Purcell.

Credentials committee report read and accepted. (See reports).

Minutes of executive meetings read and motion carried to accept.

Motion carried to accept printed program.

Appointment of committees. (See committees).

Solo—"He bought my soul at Calvary", Fern Ray,

Chalk talk—"Righteousness". Nona Mae Meadows.

Election of nominating committee. (See Committees).

Intermission prayer, Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Morning worship service opened with hymn singing,

Prayer by Dr. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee.

Offertory prayer, Rev. Harry E. Staires.

Solo—"Make Me a Channel of Blessings", Leah Mae Postlewaite.
Convention message—Rev. John H. West. Scirpture, Amos 7:7,8.
Samuel 28.

Benediction, Rev. M. L. Sutton, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Afternoon session opened with hymn singing.

Prayer, Rev. Elvis Priest.

Delamation contest under direction of Rev. Hattie Newman. Contestants: Sandra Potts, First Mission District, Linda Lunsford, First Oklahoma District, Doris Burkett, Progressive. Declamation award was presented to Doris Burkett.

Recognition of out of state visitors. Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee was represented.

Greetings from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Dr. L. C. Johnson.

"The Plumbline Used to Test Christian Character", Mae Walker.

Reading, "I Understand", Bessie Staires, assisted in song by Fern Ray; pianist, Jo Ann Lewis.

"Deviations in Wall Shown by Plumbline," Leola Williams.

Treasurer's report accepted. (See reports).

Annual digest report accepted.

Report of nominating committee accepted. (See reports).

Resolutions No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 accepted. (See reports).

Obituary committee report accepted. (See reports).

Finance committee report accepted. (See reports).

Auditing committee report accepted. (See reports).

Appreciation committee report accepted. (See reports).

Registration committee report accepted. (See reports).

Delegates elected to W. N. A. C. were as follows: Gladys Cutsinger, Lela Crow, Glenara Staires, Velma McAffrey, Bessie West, Marceline Thompson, Mae Walker, Leah Mae Postlewait, Treasa Roberts, Oleta Pate.

Nominating committee elected for 1955 session were as follows: Hattie Newman, Mae Walker, Elsie Staten, Orela Kennedy, Osie Higgins.

Installation of officers by Glenera Staires.

Minutes read and approved.

Benediction, Bessie Staires.

COMMITTEES

Credentials Committee: Cherry Fipps, Tillie Oliver and Doris Burkett.

Obituary Committee: Gladys Cutsinger, Ina Bell Hamilton, and Osie Higgins.

Finance Committee: Cherry Fipps, Peggy Blackburn, Alice Wood, and Vivian Lewis.

Auditing Committee for 1955: Eula Mae Yokum, Lucille Beatty and Bessie Staire.

Appreciation Committee: Orela Kennedy, Ramona Hiley and Leola Williams.

Registration Committee: Rosemary Priest and Eula Mae Yokum. Nominating Committee for 1954 session: Emily Palmer, Hattie Newman, Elsie Staten, Alice Wood and Mae Walker.

Judges for Declamation Contest: Alice Wood, Opal Pixley, Erma Dodson, Genell Scott and Ola Mae Calhoun.

Resolution Committee: Glenara Staires, Elsie Staten, Eunis Lunsford, Millie Tarbut and Alice Holliday.

Credentials Committee report: We, the credentials committee, have examined the credentials and find the following districts eligible to seats in this convention:

Hopewell No. 2, 72 members First Oklahoma, 105 members First Mission, 261 members Progressive, 110 members Center, 26 members	\$14.40 dues 21.00 dues 52.50 dues _22.00 dues 5.20 dues	
Nominating committee report:	Cleo Pu	

President _____Cleo Pursell
Vice-President _____Rosemary Priest
Recording Secretary _____Peggy Blackburn
Assistant Recording Secretary _____Mary Lou Dighten
Treasurer _____Cherry Fipps

Youth Chairman _____Leola Williams
Study Course Chairman _____Velma McAffrey
Stewardship—Prayer Chairman _____Verdun Bingham
Program Chairman _____Bessie Staires (Elected from the floor)
Personal Service Chairman Hattie Newman (Elected from the floor)

Obituary Committee report: We, the obituary committee, find that God in His tender mercy has called home the following: Norma Hutchison from Progressive district, Ada Lee Tyson and Sister Williams from First Oklahoma district, Verda Peterson from First Mission district.

Finance Committee report: I We, the finance committee, recommend this convention reimburse the program chairman \$12.00 for printing programs and poster material. 2. We, the finance committee, recommend this convention reimburse the treasurer \$11.89 for stamps, receipt books, and long distance phone calls.

Auditing Committee report: We, the auditing committee, have audited the state treasurer's books and find them in excellent condition. We have also approved the treasurer's annual report to the State Convention.

Appreciation Committee report: We, the appreciation committee, wish to express our heart felt thanks to the host church for their hospitality and the beautiful floral arrangement, the many people who have opened their homes for our comfort, the program chairman for such an inspiring program and thanks to Mrs. Staten and her committee for the beautiful poster and the ribbon badges they provided for us.

Registration Committee report: We, the registration committee, report approximately 200 in attendance.

Resolution Committee: 1. Be it resolved that the officers of this convention shall be: President, Vice-President, who serves as enlistment chairman, Recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, treasurer, youth auxiliary chairman, study course chairman. Stewardship-Prayer chairman, program chairman, and personal service chairman.

- 2. That this convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention together with district presidents and five delegates duly accredited by the credentials committee from each district convention and presidents and two delegates from each local auxiliary.
- 3. That this convention publish a monthly news sheet and mail to local auxiliaries on request for 50 cents per dozen copies.
 - 4. That Cherry Fipps be editor of the news sheet.

Oklahoma State Woman's Auxiliary of Free Will Baptists TREASURER'S REPORT

October 19, 1953 to October 1, 1954

(RECEIPTS)

	· 19, 1953\$	144.09 679.88
		200.15
Orphanage		299.50
National Home Missions		92.25

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Foreign MissionsState Home Missions	166.51
State Home Missions	158.90
Missions	33 16
College General Fund College Library Books W. N. A. C. Headquarters	99.50
College Library Books	39.50
W. N. A. C. Headquarters	60.00
W. N. A. C. Dues	127,00
Tithes	39.50
Declamation Contestant Expense to W. N. A. C.	_ 23.00
Offering	11.12
Delegate Expense	3.00
Total Receipts	_\$2,032.97
Offering Delegate Expense Total Receipts Grand Total	_\$2,177.06
(DISBURSEMENTS)	
Co-Laborer Fund	_\$ 674.88
Literature	190.15
Orphanage	299.50
National Home Missions	92.25
State Home Missions	_ 158.90
Foreign Missions	166.51
State Home Missions Foreign Missions	_ 42.16
College General Fund	99.50
College Library Books	39.50
W. N. A. C. Headquarters	_ 67.00
College General Fund College Library Books W. N. A. C. Headquarters W. N. A. C. Dues Declamation Expense and awards	35.30
Declamation Expense and awards	_ 41.50
Refunds	_ 19.40
Printing Programs and Minutes 1953	24.00
Supplies	10.45
Total Disbursements	\$1,961.00
Supplies Total Disbursements Grand Total Receipts Balance on deposit October 1, 1954	\$2,177.06
Balance on deposit October 1, 1954	_ 216.06

Secretary and Treasurer, Cherry Fipps 2415 East Marshall Tulsa, Oklahoma

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE. From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church: and to preserve and maintain correspondence and co-ordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

Article I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

Article II

PURPOSE: The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing this State Association, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may hereafter be represented therein.

Article III

REPRESENTATION: Section 1: This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers and deacons with membership in some local church which is a member of a district association with membership in the State Association.

Section 2: Each District Association shall be entitled to a number of elected delegates equal with the number of churches composing said association. These delegates may be recommended by the local churches and shall be endorsed by their district association.

Article IV

FINANCE: Each association shall send Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each elected delegate.

Article V

DISCIPLINE: This State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practices that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization, furthermore if there be any question of discipline, doctrine or practices on the part of a subordinate association, delegates of that association shall not be seated until these questions have been settled to the satisfaction of the Credential Committee.

Section 2: Decisions of the Credential Committee may be appealed. All appeals coming before the State Association when sitting in a Committee as a whole, (2) By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

Article VI

OFFICERS: The officers of the State Association shall consist of a Moderator, and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, and an Executive Secretary who shall also serve as Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session.

SEC. 2: Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed, or until their successors are elected.

Article VII

BOARDS: All standing boards shall be composed of Five (5) members who shall serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 year, exclusive of the General Board which shall be composed of one member from each subordinate association and the chairman of each standing board. The standing boards shall include the Executive Board, Mission Board, Christian Education Board Publication Board, Superannuation Board, Sunday School Board, and the League Board.

Article VIII

DUTIES AND RULES OF STANDING BOARDS: 1. Executive Board. To this board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the State Association from one meeting to another for said As-

sociation, and shall have power and authority to select such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association. The board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body. To this Executive Board is further designated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the field as may seem best, and the means on hand may warrant. They shall deliver Oil and Gas leases upon any real property owned by the association, for such bonuses and rentals as in the discretion of the said Board.

This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the regular meeting of the Association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property entrusted to said State Association.

The chairman and secretary of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which the State Association it to become legally held.

The Board shall have the power to call the Association in conference by notifying each subordinate Association at least Ten (10) days prior to conference.

- 2. General Board. It shall be the duty of this board to meet with the executive board one day preceding the State Association to hear the reports of the Standing Boards and to make recommendations to the state associations. They shall also serve as a Credential Committee.
- 3. Mission Board. It shall be the duty of this board to work in connection with the national foreign and home mission boards, and to promote an active missionary program in and for the State of Oklahoma. They shall elect a treasurer who shall handle all mission money.

It will also be their responsibility to investigate and assist, if necessary, any new church. This board should throughly investigate the ability of a church to support an organization before assistance is pledged.

- 4. Christian Education Board. It shall be the duty of this Board to promote and encourage religious training in connection with our denominational institutions, and to encourage and plan Worker's Institutes. They shall also be charged with the responsibility of raising funds to promote Christian Education.
- 5. League Board. It shall be the duty of the State League Board to plan and assist in every way possible the League work throughout the state. It will also be their responsibility to promote an active League work in each subordinate association and to encourage League Rallies.
- 6. Sunday School Board. Their duties shall include the planning and operation of the State Sunday School convention and the encouragement of the organization of district conventions. They may carry through any plans they think wise to actively promote Sunday School work in the State.
- 7. Superannuation Board. This Board, working in cooperation with the National Superannuation Board and district boards, shall provide a definite program of support for retired ministers.

8. Publication Board. This board shall have under their direction the printing of tracts, papers, books, pamphlets, etc., and shall encourage proper advertising in the local church.

Article IX

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

Free Will Baptists

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. THE BIBLE—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the 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 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 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 endorsed 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." 1 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.
 - 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 not be discussed.
- 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.

BY-LAWS

- 1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator, or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present the senior minister in years shall act as Moderator.
- 2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the Association.
- 3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.
- 4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
- 5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.
- 6. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
- 7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.
- 8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.
- 9. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.
- 10. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
- 11. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
- 12. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.
- 13. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.
- 14. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

