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## OFFICERS

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Moderator .....                    | F. A. McCage    |
| Stigler, Oklahoma                  |                 |
| Assistant Moderator .....          | Bailey Thompson |
| Allen, Oklahoma                    |                 |
| Clerk .....                        | Weldon Wood     |
| 420 South Ash, Ada, Oklahoma       |                 |
| Assistant Clerk .....              | Bob Duncan      |
| 716 Tiffen, Ave., Norman, Oklahoma |                 |
| Executive Secretary .....          | E. M. Kennedy   |
| Box 4844, Capitol Hill Station     |                 |
| Oklahoma City 9, Okla.             |                 |

## BOARDS

### Executive Board

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| E. S. Sunday .....             | 5 years           |
| Box 293, Checotah, Okla.       |                   |
| Bob Duncan .....               | 4 years, Clerk    |
| 716 Tiffen Ave., Norman, Okla. |                   |
| Gilbert Pixley .....           | 3 years           |
| Duncan, Oklahoma               |                   |
| W. E. Wilson .....             | 2 years, Chairman |
| Box 103, Holdenville, Oklahoma |                   |
| Bill Ketchum .....             | 1 year            |
| Haskell, Oklahoma              |                   |

### League Board

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| A. L. McAffrey .....                  | 5 years           |
| 1302 W. 13th Street, Sulphur, Okla.   |                   |
| Paul Pursell .....                    | 4 years, Chairman |
| Box 997, Bristow, Oklahoma            |                   |
| Homer Young .....                     | 3 years           |
| 107 E. Merrick, Henryetta, Oklahoma   |                   |
| Jack Dodson .....                     | 2 years           |
| 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla. |                   |
| Lynn Wood .....                       | 1 year, Clerk     |
| 334 W. Grand, McAlester, Okla.        |                   |

### Mission Board

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lonnie Davoult .....                  | 5 years, Chairman |
| 120 West Scott, Holdenville, Oklahoma |                   |
| DeArthur Yandell .....                | 4 years           |
| Box 166, Duncan, Oklahoma             |                   |
| Harry E. Staires .....                | 3 years           |
| 516 S. 61 West Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma  |                   |
| Delbert Akin .....                    | 2 years, Clerk    |
| 104 S. Rangeline, Tecumseh, Oklahoma  |                   |
| Dennis O'Donnell .....                | 1 year            |
| Cromwell, Oklahoma                    |                   |

### Christian Education Board

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Fred Kirby                     | 5 years |
| Box 476, Weleetka, Oklahoma    |         |
| Marlin Bivins                  | 4 years |
| F. A. McCage                   | 3 years |
| Stigler, Oklahoma              |         |
| E. A. O'Donnell                | 2 years |
| Chickasha, Oklahoma            |         |
| Jack Dodson                    | 1 year  |
| 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City |         |

### Sunday School Board

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Lowell Bates                            | 5 years           |
| Norman, Oklahoma                        |                   |
| N. R. Smith                             | 4 years, Chairman |
| Box 868, Wewoka, Oklahoma               |                   |
| Ben Scott                               | 3 years           |
| Box 596, Oilton, Oklahoma               |                   |
| Ernest Harrison                         | 2 years, Clerk    |
| 139 E. Drumright, Drumright, Oklahoma   |                   |
| Everett Brown                           | 1 year            |
| 436 N. W. 11th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |                   |

### Superannuation Board

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Roy Hearon                             | 5 years |
| 1111 E. 11th, Shawnee, Oklahoma        |         |
| Vard Wood                              | 4 years |
| Lexington, Oklahoma                    |         |
| Ira Smithy                             | 3 years |
| 4209 S. Agnew, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |         |
| Claud Chisum                           | 2 years |
| Calvin, Oklahoma                       |         |
| Melvin Bingham                         | 1 year  |
| 1636 E. Jasper, Tulsa, Oklahoma        |         |

### General Board

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sherman Webb      | Canadian          |
| A. L. McAffrey    | Hopewell No. 2    |
| Orville Carpenter | Union Association |
| Eugene Riddle     | Grandriver        |
| W. T. Roberts     | Northeast         |
|                   | Progressive       |
|                   | Hopewell No. 1    |
|                   | Eureka            |
|                   | Gaines Creek      |
|                   | First Oklahoma    |
|                   | Roberts McGee     |
| Scott Jones       | Center            |
|                   | Dibble            |

## COMMITTEES

### Appointed for the 1955 Session

#### Resolution:

E. E. Morris  
W. T. Roberts  
James F. Minor  
A. L. McAffrey  
Fred Kirby

#### Pulpit:

Jack Dodson  
Edith Allen  
E. C. Ketchum  
Bill Apple  
Edmond Warner

#### Temperance:

Lonnie DaVoult  
Roy Hearon  
Tilley Oliver  
Alice Wood  
Genell Scott

#### Obituary:

Joy Lou Yandell  
Bobbie McCage  
Florence Epperly  
Cathrine Smith  
Clarence Bruce

#### United Dry Committee:

Ross Hamar  
Bob Mantooth  
Cleo Pursell  
Bob Duncan  
Don Ellis  
F. A. McCage  
W. E. Wilson  
Homer Young  
Virdin Bingham

#### Auditing:

Ben Scott  
Jack Dodson  
Paul Pursell  
N. R. Smith

## OPENING SESSION

The Forty-seventh annual session of the State Association of Free Will Baptists was opened with prayer by our Moderator, Rev. John H. West. An inspirational song service under the direction of Rev. Homer Young, Jo Tatum was at the piano and Pat Smoot was organist. The congregation sang "All Hail the Power" and "I Love to Tell the Story."

Approximately 400 Ministers, Delegates and Visitors attended the opening session at the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A duet from the host church gave a special number in song, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Rev. Bailey Thompson sang "The Master of Blue Galilee." Rev. Homer Young led the congregation in singing "What a Fellowship" and "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning."

The Moderator introduced the introductory speaker, the Rev. E. M. Kennedy, pastor of Lewis Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla. Scripture, II Cor. 3:9-23. Text: Gen. 49:22. Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall. Subject: Extending our reach through Cooperation. An invitation hymn, "Just As I Am." Rev. M. L. Sutton led the audience in the closing prayer.

## Wednesday Morning

The Wednesday morning session opened with congregational singing "There Is a Fountain," under the direction of Homer Young; Cleo Pursell at the piano, and Bessie West, organist. The devotion was given by Rev. F. A. McCage, reading John 13:13-38, "God is Love." Prayer by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

The association was properly called into session by the Clerk, Weldon Wood, and he introduced Rev. John H. West as the Moderator of

the Forty-seventh annual session of Free Will Baptists of the State of Oklahoma. Reverend West asked his assistant, Rev. H. E. Staires, to lead the congregation in prayer.

Partial report from the General Board, as the Credentials Committee, was read, and the delegates from 14 district associations were properly seated.

Motion accepted to adopt the program as outlined except to make it flexible at the discretion of the Moderator.

The Rev. K. V. Shutes of Nashville, Tennessee, Chairman of the Superannuation of the National Association, gave a very timely talk regarding superannuation.

Report of Ministers Conference accepted. See Reports section.

The Sunday School Board report was read and motion to table until the afternoon session. Carried.

Benediction: Rev. John H. West.

### **Wednesday, 11:00 P.M.**

The congregation was led in two wonderful hymns, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," "There Is a Name I Love to Hear," Homer Young directing; Bessie West, organist, and Cleo Pursell at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Lonnie Hall; a quartet number by W. S. Mooneyham, Homer Young, E. M. Kennedy, Bailey Thompson, "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham brought a very inspiring message entitled "Preach the Word" II Tim. 4:2. Rev. Mooneyham said there are three things a person must do to preach the word. (1) Exalt some person (Christ); (2) Persuasive Power; (3) Opposition and Persecution. Rev. Mooneyham was followed by Rev. K. V. Shutes. An invitation to the unsaved was given and one precious soul accepted Christ.

### **Wednesday Afternoon**

The audience enjoyed singing "Jesus Saves" and "At the Cross," after which Rev. N. R. Smith read Matt. 7:24, challenging our people to let God build through our lives. Prayer by Don Ellis.

Welcome address by the host pastor, Rev. Jack Dodson. Response to the Welcome by Rev. Delbert Akin, Tecumseh, Okla.

We were honored to have our National Executive Secretary, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, bring greetings from the National Headquarters.

Dr. Stanley B. Niles, Executive Secretary of Oklahoma United Drys, gave us a talk about the United Dry Association and the necessity of our denomination joining the United Dry Association.

Resolution No. 1 of the Resolution Committee, which is in connection with United Drys was accepted. See Committee section.

Motion accepted that the moderator appoint a committee of nine delegates to the United Dry Association (for committee, see 1955 Committees, page 2).

Motion carried that Rev. John H. West and James F. Minor be elected as members of the United Dry Association Board.

The General Board Report was adopted and received item by item as follows:

### **General Board Report**

The General Board of the State of Oklahoma met at the Central

Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., Monday and Tuesday, October 17 and 18, 1955. Opened with prayer by Rev. Ben Scott.

Motion accepted to place Brothers N. R. Smith, W. T. Waggoner, Jack Dodson on the General Board to fill the vacancies of their respective associations.

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

| Association              | No. Delegates | Money Received |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Gaines Creek .....       | 2             | \$30.00        |
| Hopewell No. 1 .....     | 2             | 15.00          |
| Northeast Oklahoma ..... | 4             | 20.00          |
| Canadian .....           | 8             | 50.00          |
| Dibble .....             | 8             | 50.00          |
| First Mission .....      | 24            | 120.00         |
| Progressive .....        | 9             | 45.00          |
| Eureka .....             | 13            | 47.50          |
| First Oklahoma .....     | 13            | 65.00          |
| Roberts McGee .....      | 3             |                |
| Hopewell No. 2 .....     | 8             | 40.00          |
| Center .....             | 4             | 20.00          |
| Grandriver .....         | 6             | 30.00          |
| Union .....              | 4             |                |

Motion carried to receive the reports of the standing boards as follows: Executive Board; Home Mission Board; Sunday School Board; Christian Education Board; Woman's State Auxiliary Treasurer's Report; State Executive Secretary.

The Chairman of the General Board appointed a committee of three to take care of any late letters that may come in from the district associatino. The committee: Rev. Ben Scott, Chairman; Rev. F. A. McCage and Rev. Ross Hamar.

Motion accepted that all Treasurers of State Association be bonded.

The General Board rceommends to the State Association to employ a full-time Executive Secretary.

Motion carried that the Chairman appoint a committee of five men to study the possibilities of securing a full-time Executive Promotional Secretary, and to report to the General Board their findings.

Report of Special committee appointed by General Board to discuss possibilities of securing a full-time Promotional worker who shall be named Executive Secretary of State of Oklahoma.

1. Salary shall be \$100.00 per week plus 3 cents per mile traveling expense in state work.

2. This Secretary shall be charged with the responsibility of setting up the headquarters office for the State of Oklahoma.

3. We recommend that the Executive Secretary, who with the chairmen of the various boards, shall expedite the business of the Association from year to year and further be charged with the responsibility of coordinating and promoting the work of other various boards.

Signed: Rev. H. E. Staires

Rev. E. E. Morris

Rev. Ben Scott

Rev. Jack Dodson

Rev. A. L. McAffrey

The General Board recommends to the State Association that the State Moderator appoint a Polity committee. The committee: E. M.

Kennedy, Dennis O'Donald, F. A. McCage, Melvin Bingham.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws were appointed by the 1954 session of the State Association of Free Will Baptists at Stigler, Oklahoma, was read and accepted and we recommend that they be adopted by the State Association.

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed a Budget committee of three as follows: Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Chairman; Rev. Ben Scott, Rev. E. M. Kennedy.

Adjourned. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. F. J. Jackson.

### Wednesday Evening

Opened with singing "At The Cross" prayer by Rev. Clyde Cain. Ray Martin led the Host Church Choir in "Praise Ye the Father" and "Peace be Still." Pat Smoot organist and Jo Tatum at the piano. A special number by Host Church quartet "I've Met a Pilgrim." A quartet consisting of Japer Clark, Rufus Martin, Dink Russell, Clyde Cain, "I'll Meet you in the Morning" "Land of Perfect Day" Leta Cain at the piano.

The moderator introduced the Rev. M. L. Sutton who read II Cor. 5:18-21. Subject: "We then as workers with Him." Rev. H. E. Staires concluded the message using the same subject. At the conclusion an invitation to the unsaved was given. A young lady accepted Christ.

Benediction by Rev. Hattie Newman.

### Thursday Morning

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell led the congregation in singing "Come Thou Fount" and "Loyalty to Christ." The morning devotions were read by Rev. Ross Hamar reading Galatians 5:9. Prayer by Rev. Clarence Shepherd.

The delegates from the Southeastern Association were seated.

Motion carried to rescind the motion of accepting the Constitution of the committee on By-Laws of the Children's Home.

Motion made to lay on Table the Constitution and By-Laws of Children's Home until the first item of business in the 1956 session of the State Association. (See By-Laws of Children's Home.)

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Budget Committee report. (See Budget.)

The Sunday School board report was taken from the table and accepted with the recommendation of a \$1,000.00 Budget.

The League Board report was adopted. (See report of League Board.)

The Home Mission Board report was read and adopted. (See report section.)

Motion carried to table the resolution that came from the floor.

Report of Executive Board adopted. (See report section.)

The Executive Secretary's report was accepted. (See reports section.)

### 11:00 A. M.

"Trust and Obey" and "Praise Him! Praise Him!" were the songs directed by Homer Young with Cleo Pursell at the piano and Bessie



West, organist. Rev. N. R. Smith read Romans 11:33-36. Subject: Relationship of His People to God. Rev. F. M. McCage concluded the message reading I Cor. 9:24. Subject: "So Run that ye may Obtain." The closing song was given by Mrs. Fern Ray. Prayer by Rev. John Bean.

### Thursday Afternoon

The afternoon session opened by singing "Come thou Fount." Rev. DeArthur Yandell read Psalm 67 after which he led the congregation in prayer.

Motion carried to adopt the Christian Education Board report. (See report section.)

Report of Woman's Auxiliary convention adopted. (See report section.)

The Committee reports were accepted as follows:

1. Temperance committee
2. Obituary committee
3. Auditing committee
4. Partial report of Polity committee.

See Committee section.

Motion carried to retain the Polity committee.

5. Resolutions.

Report of Superintendent of Children's Home accepted as follows:

I have tried to compile a yearly report from the records I was able to find here at the home. All I have had to go by was the check book. Some of the checks did not state what they were for, so I have listed them as Miscellaneous, which I am sure will cover the cause of payment. We submit the following as our yearly report:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Food .....                              | \$2952.09   |
| Clothing .....                          | 373.49      |
| Maintenance .....                       | 1051.11     |
| Utilities .....                         | 1029.80     |
| Car, Bus and Tractor .....              | 749.27      |
| Insurance .....                         | 10.50       |
| Miscellaneous .....                     | 772.96      |
| Salary .....                            | 2760.50     |
| Laundry .....                           | 245.78      |
| Feed .....                              | 553.28      |
| TOTAL for period Oct. 1 to Oct. 1 ..... | \$10,498.78 |

James F. Minor, Superintendent

Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Rev. Lonnie Davoult was elected to represent Oklahoma on the General Board of the National Association for 1957 and 1958.

The following delegates were appointed by the Moderator to represent Oklahoma at our National Association in 1956.

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Bobbie McCage  | Luther Hudson     |
| Edna Davoult   | Gleannari Staires |
| Alice Wood     | Marie Roberts     |
| Raymond Hughes | Cathrine Smith    |
| Lowel Bates    | Marvis Chisum     |

The following delegates were sent in by their associations and approved by the State Association.

HOPEWELL No. 2: Opal Pixley, Emma Ellis, Velma McAffrey, Lee Guinn, W. A. Dehart.

GRAND RIVER: Mrs. Ed Sunday, Mrs. Bill Ketchum, Rosa Estes.

CENTER: Everett Pannell, Gurley Fowler.

FIRST OKLAHOMA: Fern Duncan, Irma Dodson, Mae Walker, Mildred Cash.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION: Jessie Coursey, Jewel Peck, Tipple Ehade, Odela Testerman, F. J. Testerman.

CENTER ASSOCIATION: Gurley Fowler, Everett Pannell, Troy Henry, Mary Kee, Fred Barker.

The Next State Association will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church, 13th and Vinita, Sulphur, Oklahoma, on October 23-25, 1956.

Motion accepted to receive the resignation of E. M. Kennedy from the Missions Board. Rev. Delbert Akin was elected to fill his vacancy.

Motion passed that the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Executive Secretary be the program committee for 1956.

Rev. Weldon Wood, was elected Statistition for 1955-56.

Dismissed the session in prayer.

## MINISTERS

| NAME             | CHURCH           | ADDRESS                     | ASSOCIATION    |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Bill Hall        | Central Ave.     | 5720 S. Shartel, Okla. City | First Oklahoma |
| Carl Cheshier    | Central Ave.     | 3907 S. High, Okla. City    | First Oklahoma |
| A. L. McAffrey   | Sulphur First    | 1302 W. 13th, Sulphur       | Hopewell No. 2 |
| N. R. Smith      | Wewoka           | Box 868                     | Progressive    |
| Lynn Wood        | McAlester, First | 334 W. Grand, McAlester     | Progressive    |
| Clyde Cain       | Wolf             | Wolf                        | First Oklahoma |
| L. A. Yandell    | New Home         | Rt. 9, Box 412, Tulsa       | First Mission  |
| DeArthur Yandell | Duncan, Original | Box 166, Duncan             | Hopewell No. 2 |
| Ernest Harrison  | Drumright        | 139 E. Drumright, Drumright | First Mission  |
| Delbert Akin     | Tecumseh         | Box 292, Tecumseh           | First Oklahoma |
| Clyde Hamar      | Putnam           | Putnam                      | Union          |
| J. R. Hall       | Sunny Lane       |                             | First Oklahoma |
| J. R. Dodson     | Central Ave.     | 1904 S. Central, Okla. City | First Oklahoma |
| Aubrey C. Nance  |                  |                             |                |
| E. M. Kennedy    | Exec. Secy.      | Box 4844, Okla. City 9      |                |
| D. E. Wynn       |                  |                             |                |
| Homer Parker     | Home Missionary  | Little Rock, Arkansas       |                |
| Lester Maynard   |                  |                             |                |
| C. E. Harman     |                  | Oklahoma City               |                |
| O. D. Marchant   | Fulsom           | 724 W. Day, Denison, Texas  | Hopewell No. 1 |
| Roy W. Roberts   |                  | Oklahoma City               |                |
| W. T. Roberts    | Claremore        | Claremore                   | Northeastern   |
| Bailey Thompson  | Allen            | Allen                       | Progressive    |
| Weldon Wood      | Ada              | 320 S. Ash                  | Center         |
| F. A. McCage     | Stigler          | Stigler                     | Eureka         |
| Dewey Wood       | Sunny Lane       | Del City, Okla.             | First Oklahoma |
| Roy A. Wilson    |                  | Oklahoma City               |                |
| Paul Stark       | Central Ave.     |                             | First Oklahoma |
| Robert Duncan    | Norman           | 716 Tiffin Ave., Norman     | First Oklahoma |
| Paul E. Pursell  | Bristow          | Box 997                     | First Mission  |
| Fred Kirby       | Weleetka         | Box 476                     | Progressive    |
| M. L. Sutton     |                  | 2605 Skyline Dr., Ft. Worth |                |
| Cleo Pursell     | Bristow          | Box 997                     | First Mission  |
| Hattie Newman    | Silver City      | Jennings, Okla.             | First Mission  |
| E. E. Morris     | Capitol Hill     | 2713 SW 33, Okla. City      | First Oklahoma |
| Leona Maefield   |                  | 1162 N. Sandusky, Tulsa     | First Mission  |
| Melvin Bingham   | Trinity Temple   | 437 S. 74 E Ave., Tulsa     | First Mission  |
| Waldo Young      | Tecumseh         | 315 N. Tenbrook, Shawnee    | First Oklahoma |
| Ira Smithy       | St. Clair        | 4309 S. Agnew, Okla. City   | Dibble         |
| Ben Scott        | Oilton           | Box 596, Oilton             | First Mission  |
| W. H. Carter     |                  | Bristow, Oklahoma           | First Mission  |
| Evert Brown      |                  | 436 NW 11, Okla. City       |                |
| John H. West     | Tulsa, First     | 833 N. Utica, Tulsa         | First Mission  |
| Homer Young      | Henryetta        | 107 E. Merrick, Henryetta   | Progressive    |
| Harry E. Staires | Lawnwood, Tulsa  | 516 S. 61 W. Ave., Tulsa    | First Mission  |
| Lonnie Davoult   | Holdenville      | 120 W. Scott, Holdenville   | Progressive    |
| Carl Walters     | Wetumka          | 238 S. Okla., Shawnee       | Progressive    |
| Roy Hecron       | Shawnee, First   | 1111 E. 11, Shawnee         | First Oklahoma |
| W. V. Wood       | Spring Hill      | Lexington, Okla.            | First Oklahoma |
| B. R. Wood       | Pirtle           | Stratford, Okla.            | Hopewell No. 1 |

## MINISTERS (Con't.)

| NAME              | CHURCH              | ADDRESS                    | ASSOCIATION    |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| D. B. Hellard     |                     | Sapulpa, Okla.             |                |
| Lonnie Hall       |                     | Mounds, Okla.              |                |
| Ross Hamar        |                     | Arapaho, Okla.             |                |
| Scott W. Jones    | Campground          | Rt. 3, Ada, Okla.          | Center         |
| Don Ellis         | Healdton            | Box 634, Healdton          | Hopewell No. 2 |
| I. W. Yandell     | St. Clair           | 2336 SW 39, Okla. City     | Dibble         |
| Marion Caton      |                     | Rt. 9, Box 460, Okla. City | Canadian       |
| Roy L. Vanzant    |                     | Box 722, Prague, Okla.     | Canadian       |
| Julian Hawkins    | Dibble              | Blanchard, Okla.           | Dibble         |
| Clay Richey       | Blanchard           | Blanchard, Okla.           | Dibble         |
| Gilbert Pixley    | Duncan              | 301 S. First St., Duncan   | Hopewell No. 2 |
| W. L. Vickers     |                     | Vera, Oklahoma             |                |
| Lorene Bratcher   | Oakman              | Stratford, Rt. 1           | Center         |
| William Bratcher  | Stonewall           | Stratford, Rt. 1           | Center         |
| Joe M. Smith      | Lewis Ave., Tulsa   |                            | First Mission  |
| W. C. Rupp        | Norman              |                            | First Oklahoma |
| Charles E. Buak   |                     |                            |                |
| J. B. Ledbetter   |                     |                            |                |
| J. E. Bean        |                     |                            |                |
| K. V. Shultes     |                     | Nashville, Tenn.           |                |
| W. S. Mooneyham   | Executive Secretary | Nashville, Tenn.           |                |
| Orville Carpenter | Webb                |                            | Union          |
| W. E. Wilson      | Cross Roads         | Box 103, Holdenville       | Canadian       |
| Claude Chisum     | Calvin              | Calvin, Okla.              | Canadian       |
| Clarence Shepherd | Pleasant Valley     | Butler, Okla.              | Union          |
| D. H. O'Donnell   | Prague              |                            |                |
| E. A. O'Donnell   | Chickasha           |                            | Dibble         |
| Allen Moore       |                     | Seminole, Okla.            | First Oklahoma |
| James F. Minor    | Healdton            | Supt. Chil. Home, Ringling | Hopewell No. 2 |
| R. H. McMillen    |                     | Talala, Okla.              |                |
| Jimmy Ray Nickols | Stratford           | Stratford, Okla.           | Center         |
| W. L. Bean        | Okla. City, First   |                            | Dibble         |
| B. T. Kirby       | Okla. City, First   |                            | Dibble         |
| Mae Nowell        | Idabel              | Route 1, Box 112, Idabel   | Hopewell No. 1 |
| Ed Sunday         | Checotah            | Box 233                    | Grandriver     |
| T. H. Dixon       | Checotah            | NW 4, Checotah             | Grandriver     |
| Bob Maxwell       | Santa Paula         | California                 | West Coast     |
| W. W. Fellabaum   |                     | Ratliff City, Okla.        |                |
| A. L. McReynolds  |                     |                            |                |
| Eual Gorman       | NE, Shawnee         | 129 S. Draper, Shawnee     | First Oklahoma |
| O. H. Foust       | Ardmore             |                            | Hopewell No. 2 |

## ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS

### GAINES CREEK ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Al Williams and Jess Henson

Moderator: Cliff Myers, Star Route, Haywood, Oklahoma.

Clerk: Lela White

### SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Earl Unstead, Jake Scott, Hern Herman, Mae Nowell, Bob Mantooth, Orvil Arnold.

Moderator: Bob Mantooth, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Clerk: Frankie Herman, Soper, Oklahoma

### NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Marie Roberts, Jewel Peck, Odela Testerman, Lottie Plumer.

Moderator: Raymond McMillen, Route 1, Talala, Oklahoma

Clerk: Odela Testerman, Box 234, Vera, Oklahoma

### HOPEWELL NO. I ASSOCIATION

Delegates: W. T. Waggoner, Ester Wood

Moderator: R. L. Bonds, Coleman, Oklahoma

Clerk: Hattie Williams, Route 4, Atoka, Oklahoma

#### GRANDRIVER ASSOCIATION

Delegates: J. W. Littlefield, Mathie Mashburn, Jean Harris, Cecil Cox, Jessie Hall, Maudie Pallard.

Moderator: Ed Sunday, Checotah, Oklahoma

Clerk: Oren Estes, Box 464, Haskell, Oklahoma

#### CENTER ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Alice Wood, Dessie Light, Estelle Madden, Charley Lunsford.

Moderator: F .M. Wood, 720 W. 4, Ada, Oklahoma

Clerk: J. L. Barnes, Vanoss, Oklahoma, Box 23.

#### HOPEWELL NO. 2 ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Velma McAffrey, Opal Pixley, Lee Guinn, Marjorie Carroll, Ward Fellabaum, Margaret Newsom, Chester Baily, Marlin Bivins.

Moderator: Gilbert Pixley, 301 S. First Street, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Clerk: Osie Higgins, Route 1, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

#### ROBERTS McGEE ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Bertha Dorey, G. W. Howze, J. R. Rash.

Moderator: W. T. Daniles, Wilburton, Oklahoma.

Clerk: Maggie Yandell, Red Oak, Oklahoma.

#### FIRST OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Leta Cain, Gorda Price, Orille McDonald, Don Wolfe, W. W. Hunt, Lois Owens, Virgil Lemons, Clarence Bruce, E. C. Ketchum, Lena Wood, Donna Cartwright, Elmira Harman, Ed Warner.

Moderator: E. E. Morris, 2713 S.W. 33, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Clerk: Mildred Cash, 325 W. Coe Drive, Midwest City, Oklahoma

#### EUREKA ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Snowden Robertson, Gean Medlock, Frank Nails, Bob Mount, Walter Blaylock, Cleo Fowler, Vertie Long, Bobbie McCage, Billie Powell, Bob Bales, Albert Simons, Tamer Made-  
well, Katherine Clark.

Moderator: F. A. McCage, Stigler, Oklahoma.

Clerk: Fred Duncan, Stigler, Oklahoma.

#### PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Bob Ellig, Cathrine Smith, O. H. Wilcox, Virgie Jones, Jack Jones, Tillie Oliver, Alene Talbot, Lois Grace, Barbara Thompson.

Moderator:

Clerk: Homer Young, 107 E. Merrick, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

#### FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Blanche Matthews, Cherry Fipps, Raymond Hughes, Gladys Cutsinger, Virginia Johns, Eula May Yocham, Lela Dip-  
boye, Kay Harris, Orela Kennedy, Stella Jane Harrison, Mable Wooldridge, Joy Lou Yandell, Norma Cope, Genell Scott, Emma Hood, Edith Johnson, Glennara Staires, Emma Bingham, Bessie West, Pauline Johns, Flossie Hellard, Rosie Carter, Pat Stan-  
cliff, Virdin Bingham.

Moderator: Melvin Bingham, 437 S. 74th East Avenue, Tulsa, Okla.

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

### DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Edith Allen, A. C. Walters, Cash Roberts, Winnie Alsup, Opal Kirby, Amy Manning, Beulah Jo Smith, Luther Hudson, Tom Jackson, Thomas Browning.

Moderator: Arthur Hearron, 4601 Melrose Lane, Okla. City, Okla.

Clerk: Alma York, Box 35, Dibble, Oklahoma.

### CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Bernice Smith, Tilman Vanzant, Hazel Webb, Ida Berry, Brady Crawford, Mavice Chisum, Tilman Tollett, Treasie Dodson.

Moderator: Marion Caton, Route 4, Box 268, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Clerk: Myrtle Shivers, Paden, Oklahoma.

### UNION ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Florence Epperly, Clyde Hamar, Pauline Shepperd, Albert Adair.

Moderator: Ross Hamar, Arapaho, Oklahoma.

Clerk: J. E. Jones

## COMMITTEE REPORTS SECTION

### Resolutions

No. 1. WHEREOF there is a drive in Oklahoma by the United Drys to make Beer Optional, ie (that each County can vote, as to whether they want beer or not) WHEREAS the Governor of our State is promoting and paying for these Petitions himself. WHEREAS Free Will Baptists are opposed to such sale of intoxicating beverages, THEREFORE be it resolved that we join the "UNITED DRYs" of the State of Oklahoma. That we may rightfully take our place against this Evil.

No. II. WHEREAS the National Association of Free Will Baptists have a program of Superannuation for its Ministers and WHEREAS the State of Oklahoma has no Superannuation Board to cooperate with the National Program, THEREFORE be it resolved that the State of Oklahoma of Free Will Baptists elect a Superannuation Board of Five Members to serve one to five year terms.

No. III. WHEREAS, the Hopewell Association No. 1 has petitioned the State Association of Oklahoma through the Credential Committee to take action against one said Carl Holcomb.

WHEREAS, the one said Carl Holcomb is no longer a member of any church or association of good standing in the State of Oklahoma, and whereas at the present time he is moderator of an independent association known as Red-River Valley of Old-time Free Will Baptists,

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the State Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Oklahoma declare this entire association out of order and fellowship with Free Will Baptists in the State.

THEREFORE, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT ANY District association who invites or allows any member or minister of this association to conduct services in any church in the State Association of Oklahoma, That said association will be held responsible to the Executive Board of the State of Oklahoma.

- No. IV. BE IT RESOLVED that we authorize the publication of a State Paper to be published monthly by the Office of Executive Secretary, or someone authorized by this office.
- No. V. BE IT RESOLVED that all State Treasurer's books be closed September 30th and Audited at least 10 days before the convention and the State Executive Board serve as the Auditing Committee.
- No. VI. BE IT RESOLVED in the future Association meetings that no man serve on more than one Committee, FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that all committees be made up of each subordinate association.
- No. VII. Did Not Pass.
- No. VIII. BE IT RESOLVED that we change the constitution now governing the Children's Home, to be in harmony with the proposed by-laws and constitution now on the table, and that this be placed on the table for a vote at the next State Association.
- No. IX. BE IT RESOLVED that we authorize the Sunday School Board to investigate the possibility of publishing our Sunday School Literature.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sunday School Board be empowered to negotiate with Scripture Press or any other religious press, and if satisfactory agreement can be reached the Sunday School Board shall have authority to sign contracts with them for publishing our Sunday School Literature.
- No. X. WHEREAS, the Free Will Baptists of the State of Oklahoma have a budget of \$46,000.00 and WHEREAS we have 15 district associations to co-operate in the raising of this money.  
THEREFORE, we recommend that it be allocated according to membership of the district associations. We further recommend that the district associations quota will be set at:

| Churches | Association    | Membership | Quota    |
|----------|----------------|------------|----------|
| 4        | Gaines Creek   | 100        | \$400.00 |
| 8        | Northeast      | 402        | 1600.00  |
| 6        | Hopewell No. 1 | .375       | 1500.00  |
| 30       | Grand River    | 2239       | 8956.00  |
| 9        | Center         | 1015       | 4060.00  |
| 11       | Hopewell No 2  | 900        | 3600.00  |
| 9        | Roberts McGee  | 221        | 884.00   |
| 13       | First Oklahoma | 1567       | 6500.00  |
| 24       | Eureka         | 1200       | 4800.00  |
| 10       | Progressive    | 1103       | 4412.00  |
| 24       | First Mission  | 2540       | 10000.00 |
| 10       | Dibble         | 963        | 3852.00  |
| 10       | Canadian       | 757        | 3082.00  |
| 5        | Union          | 400        | 1600.00  |
| 5        | Southeast      | 183        | 732.00   |

This is \$4.00 per member as taken from the membership as recorded on the Associational letters this year.

RESOLUTION WHICH CAME FROM THE FLOOR AND TABLED INDEFINITELY READS AS FOLLOWS: Be it resolved by the

State of Oklahoma Association that we begin a fund separate and apart from the co-operate Plan for the establishments and support of missions.

### **Temperance Committee**

We the temperance committee find the following statistics concerning our nation in regard to alcoholic beverages: United States is second only to France on the proportionate number of alcoholics to the population. We have 4 alcoholics to every 100 people while France has 5 to every 100. There are 4,000,000 alcoholics in our nation today, with the number increasing every year. 22% of all traffic accidents are caused partly by drinking drivers, and 1 out of every 5 fatal accidents has beer or liquor involved.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That every eligible person sign the petition, State Question No. 376 Initiative petition No. 259, doing away with sale of alcoholic beverages. An average of 40% of the state's church membership must sign petitions in order for it to pass.
2. That our people refuse to patronize such places as grocery stores, cafes, drug stores, and other business establishments which sell beer or any other alcoholic beverage.
3. Reaffirm paragraph two of the church covenant.

### **Obituary Committee**

We the Obituary Committee report the following number of deceased from their respective districts Associations as follows: Gaines Creek, 2; Northeast, 5; Hopewell No. 1, 5; Grand River, 14; Center, 10; Hopewell No. 2, 7; Roberts McGee, 3; Southeastern, 4; First Oklahoma, 8; Eureka, 14; First Mission, 24; Dibble, 7; Canadian, 7; Union, 2.

We ask that the congregation stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the Deceased.

We were led in prayer by the oldest minister in our State work, Rev. Dr. I. W. Yandell.

### **Auditing Committee**

INASMUCH AS there will be some changes made in our executive treasurer department, we recommend that the auditing of the treasurer's books be done at the time of the change under the direction of the State Executive Board.

### **Polity Committee (partial report)**

1. That this board formulate a uniform questionnaire for the use of licensing and ordaining our ministers and deacons.
2. That ministers with card and in good standing with ministers conference shall be determined in good standing throughout the state.
3. That members be received by a vote of the church, and members wish to change their church relationship may do so by letter of transfer only.

## Budget Committee

We, the budget committee submit the following report:

We recommend an overall budget of \$46,000.00, and we further recommend the allocations to be as follows:

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Home Missions Board .....  | \$2,000.00 |
| Sunday School Board .....  | 1,000.00   |
| Superannuation Board ..... | 500.00     |
| Executive Office .....     | 8,500.00   |
| National Association ..... | 15,000.00  |
| Children's Home .....      | 18,000.00  |
| Miscellaneous .....        | 1,000.00   |

NOTE: We expect that at least \$6,000.00 will be given from outside sources to the Children's Home, this will leave \$12,000.00 to be raised through our Co-Operative Plan.

THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME were accepted and laid on the table until the first item of business in the 1956 session or as follows. Note this does not govern our Children's Home until it is passed by the 1956 Session of the State Association. They are as follows:

### Rules Governing Operation of the Children's Home

#### CONSTITUTION

##### Article 1

NAME: This institution shall be known as The Children's Home of the State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches of Oklahoma, located at Ringling, Oklahoma.

##### Article 2

PURPOSE: The purpose of this institution shall be to receive children, to care for them, and to give them Christian training in accordance with the National Treatise of faith and practice.

##### Article 3

COMPOSITION: This institution shall be composed of such persons as the Free Will Baptist Association shall direct.

##### Article 4

OFFICERS: The officers of this institution shall be a superintendent and matron, who shall be under the direction of a board of trustees of the Children's Home consisting of one member from each District Association in Oklahoma; each member to be elected by his District Association and approved by the State Association. Expense of Board member shall be borne by their respective association when attending semi-annual meetings of the Board of Trustees.

An executive committee of five members shall be elected by the Board of Trustees, who shall meet quarterly to transact necessary business for the home.

##### Article 5

AMENDMENTS: This constitution, and the rules made pursuant thereto, shall supercede all previous rules governing the Home. They may be amended or changed at any regular meeting of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members voting.



# **By-Laws Governing the Children's Home of the State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches of Oklahoma**

## **BY-LAW NO. I**

### **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES shall:**

1. Be responsible for the management, care, discipline, and general supervision of the children who are now, or hereafter shall be, children of the Home.
2. Be responsible for the dismissal and intake of children.
3. Be responsible for the care, protection, and safety of all property or monies entrusted to their care at any time.
4. Have general supervision, with power to hire, fix salaries, and discharge personnel of the Home as may be needed from time to time.
5. Have the responsibility of placing children under six years of age for adoption in homes of faithful Free Will Baptists who otherwise meet state qualifications for foster parents. Applicants to adopt children must have the approval of their pastor and two other church officers.

If persons other than Free Will Baptists make application to adopt a child, and no Free Will Baptist has made application to adopt the child, the Board may, at its discretion, place a child in the home of non-Free Will Baptists; provided that the applicants are faithful Christians in some evangelical denomination, and have the approval of their pastor and two other church officers.

No placing of a child for adoption shall be final until after a six-months' trial period in the home of the foster parents, and a subsequent review by the Board of Trustees.

6. Have the responsibility of receiving applications for the admission of children to the Home in their respective Associations. They shall obtain medical certificates concerning the physical and mental condition of the children, and other information which the Board may deem desirable. They shall present the application and the information to the Executive Committee for action, such action to be subject to review by the Board of Trustees.

## **BY-LAW NO. II**

### **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Board of Trustees shall:**

1. Meet in Quarterly session to receive reports from the Superintendent and the Executive Secretary (as treasurer) concerning the work done, plans for the future, and problems which may arise.
2. Receive application from the members of the Board of Trustees for admission of children to the Home, consider the applications, and approve or disapprove the admission of the children. Any action shall be subject to review by the Board of Trustees.

## **BY-LAW NO. III**

### **THE SUPERINTENDENT of the Children's Home shall:**

1. Be responsible to the Board of Trustees for the management, care, discipline, and Christian training of the children in the Home.
2. Be responsible for the care, protection, and safety of all property or monies entrusted to his care at any time.
3. Be responsible to make repairs promptly upon any and all buildings and equipment, when such is of emergency nature, and to make

recommendations of other needed repairs to regular Quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee.

4. Make regular monthly reports of the work being done, money received and expended, and other items of interest, and send duplicate copies to the State Executive Secretary and to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

5. Keep a record of all receipts, and deposit all receipts in the bank. Also keep a record of all disbursements and have such records audited annually by the Executive Committee.

6. The Superintendent, or his appointed treasurer, is to be bonded with a reliable bonding company for amounts equivalent to the maximum accumulation in the treasury.

7. Submit to the Executive Committee a proposed budget of both income and disbursement for the coming year, prior to State Association. He shall operate the institution within the limit of the proposed budget unless Providentially hindered.

#### BY-LAW NO. IV

1. Children accepted shall become wards of the Home.

2. No child shall receive gifts from any source other than through the Superintendent. All gifts must be made to the Home to insure that all share alike.

3. No parent of children admitted to the Home shall be eligible for employment in the Home.

4. Purebred stock will be kept on the farm, and each boy or girl, who is eligible for 4-H or FFA programs, shall be given a project. No person shall have more than one project at a time.

5. No child shall own an automobile while in the Home.

6. Every child shall attend daily chapel services, and every child in the Home shall attend Sunday School and Church in a Free Will Baptist Church, unless prevented by illness.

7. Relatives may visit children in the Home once each Quarter.

#### BY-LAW NO. V

##### AMENDMENTS:

These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

#### Ministers State Conference Report

The Oklahoma State Free Will Baptist Ministers Conference met January 11, 1955 at the First Oklahoma Associational camp grounds at Tecumseh, Oklahoma. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a semi-annual ministers conference.

The officers elected were Rev. Harry E. Staires, President; Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Vice President; Rev. Homer Young, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. L. A. Yandell, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The Credential Committee: Rev. E. E. Morris, Chairman; Rev. Jack Dodson, Clerk; Rev. Ross Hamer, Rev. A. E. Keeny and Rev. Harry Beatty, Members.

By-Laws and constitution were adopted, 42 members were received. Membership fee is \$1.00 per year. The second meeting was held at the Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church at Clinton, Oklahoma, May 5-6, 1955. The theme of the meeting was "A United Ministry."

This conference was one of great inspiration and fellowship as well as being educational.

The next meeting will be held at the Progressive Association camp grounds at Wetumka, Oklahoma, November 7-8, 1955.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That every minister in the state of Oklahoma become a member of the State Ministers Conference and carry a card of good standing.

2. That we give the opportunity of this session for ministers to become members of the Ministers Conference.

Chairman: Harry E. Staires

Clerk: Homer Young

## REPORTS OF STATE BOARDS

### Home Mission

#### State Home Mission Board Report—November - September

##### RECEIPTS

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| State Association .....    | \$1045.50 |
| State Auxiliary .....      | 105.39    |
| Churches as Offerings .... | 355.42    |
| Trinity Muskogee (note) .. | 500.00    |
| Insurance .....            | 1344.14   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS .....       | \$3350.15 |
| Balance Brt. Fwd. ....     | 1276.17   |
| GRAND TOTAL .....          | \$4626.32 |

##### PAID OUTS

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Miles and telephone .....  | \$ 312.13 |
| NEW CHURCHES:              |           |
| Lawton (Gilbert Pixley) .. | 75.00     |
| Stroud .....               | 75.00     |
| Hanna (Rev. Jensen) .....  | 75.00     |
| Chickasha .....            | 100.00    |
| State Association .....    | 110.00    |

##### Johnnie Postlewaite

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| (Commission) .....                                      | 180.50  |
| Associated Ins. Agency, part<br>of 2 yrs business ..... | 1878.15 |
| Refunds on Cancelled Ins. ....                          | 74.32   |
| Miscellaneous .....                                     | 6.50    |

##### LOANS:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Trinity (Muskogee) .....    | 800.00    |
| Fellowship (McAlester) .... | 200.00    |
| TOTAL PAID OUTS .....       | \$3951.70 |
| Assets: Notes .....         | 800.00    |
| Cash on Hand .....          | 743.70    |
| Ins. Business Due .....     | 634.45    |
| TOTAL ASSETS .....          | \$2178.15 |
| Portable Type .....         | 68.00     |

TOTAL .....

We the Mission Board Recommend:

That the Oklahoma State Association grant the Home Mission Board the authority to write check of \$150.00 to be paid to the First Mission Association where in turn will pay the Evangelist responsible for the revival and organization of the church in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Rev. E. S. Sunday, Chairman

Rev. Dennis O'Donnell, Secretary

E. M. Kennedy, Treasurer

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

We, the State Sunday School Board, report that we have had a very busy year. We feel like this last year has been the best year of labor for the State Sunday School Board. We say this not only by the fact that we have reached more Sunday Schools, teachers, and officers through our Work Shops and through our Promotional Workers; but also through the plans that we have made for the future. We have met five (5) times last year.

On October 21, 1954, we met at Stigler, Oklahoma and elected Rev. Ben Scott as chairman and Rev. N. R. Smith as Secretary-Treasurer. At this meeting we gave Bro. Edmond Warner our full support for him to continue in his capacity as Promotional Worker.

On January 13, 1955, we met at the First Oklahoma Campground. At this meeting, we elected Bro. Elvis Priest as Promotional Worker for the Eastern part of the state and Bro. Edmond Warner, with Bro. Evert Brown as his assistant as Promotional Workers for the Western part of the State.

On January 25, 1955, we met at Wewoka, Oklahoma and set the date for the State Sunday School Institutes for May 2, 1955 at McAlester First Free Will Baptist Church and May 3, 1955 at the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church.

On May 2, 1955, we met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, McAlester and set the dates of May 4, 5, 1956 for a State Sunday School Convention.

On May 23, 1955, we met at the Progressive Associational campground and gave an official invitation to Rev. Clate Risley, Promotional Secretary of National Sunday School Convention, and Rev. William Mishler, Promotional Secretary of Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, to be on the program of the State Sunday School Convention, May 4, 5, 1956. Also at this meeting we extended to any association an invitation for a Teacher Training Course and that we would furnish the finance for a teacher if they would furnish the enrollment.

We have sponsored two (2) Teacher Training Courses at Progressive Associational Campground and Drumright.

Our Promotional men have made 21 appointments. Bro. Warner attended the Oklahoma Sunday School Association at Enid and the N. A. E. at Chicago.

We are glad to report that Oklahoma Free Will Baptists are recognized in the Oklahoma Sunday School Association as the result of some effort of the State Sunday School Board.

We, your State Sunday School Board, make the following recommendations:

1. That we retain that same budget as last year of \$2,500.00

We would like to report that we have found the treasurer's financial statement correct.

Ben Scott, Chairman

N. R. Smith, Sec.-Treasurer

# Treasurer's Report of State Sunday School Board

From Oct. 9, 1954, to Oct. 9, 1955

## Receipts:

|                     |        |                               |            |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Okmulgee .....      | \$4.00 | Central Ave. ....             | 8.00       |
| Weleetka .....      | 4.00   |                               |            |
| Richmond Ave. ....  | 9.00   | Total from churches .....     | \$101.00   |
| Duncan, First ..... | 2.00   |                               |            |
| Santa Fe .....      | 8.00   | Audio Engineering (refund) .. | 11.75      |
| Tulsa, First .....  | 3.00   | State Association .....       | \$729.10   |
| New Home .....      | 10.00  |                               |            |
| Wewoka .....        | 10.00  | Total Income .....            | \$843.85   |
| Oilton .....        | 5.00   | Bal. brought forward .....    | \$533.97   |
| Allen .....         | 9.00   |                               |            |
| Stonewall .....     | 4.00   | Total all funds .....         | \$1,377.82 |
| Henryetta .....     | 8.00   | Total expenses .....          | 934.48     |
| Bristow .....       | 9.00   |                               |            |
| Dibble .....        | 10.00  | Bal. in Treasury .....        | \$441.34   |

## Expenditures:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| N. R. Smith (travel, promotion, phones, stamps) ..... | \$215.23        |
| American National Bank (Bank charge) .....            | .25             |
| Audio Engineering .....                               | 11.75           |
| John Elliston (travel) .....                          | 47.70           |
| Ben Scott (travel) .....                              | 47.50           |
| Elvis Priest (travel and promotion) .....             | 132.95          |
| Ed Warner (travel and promotion) .....                | 345.10          |
| Lowell Bates (travel) .....                           | 19.95           |
| Progressive Assoc. (advertisement) .....              | 10.00           |
| E. L. Roger (transportation for teacher) .....        | 6.30            |
| E. M. Kennedy (teacher transportation) .....          | 22.00           |
| Mrs. James Johns (teacher transportation) .....       | 20.00           |
| National Sunday School Dept. (tracts) .....           | 2.00            |
| John H. West (teacher transportation) .....           | 24.50           |
| Davis Printers (Programs and letterheads) .....       | 29.95           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>                           | <b>\$934.48</b> |

## INVENTORY OF CHILDREN'S HOME

|     |  |          |
|-----|--|----------|
|     | Dining room furniture .....            | \$100.00 |
| 20  | ¾ beds and mattresses .....            | 500.00   |
| 1   | Bed room suite .....                   | 50.00    |
| 2   | Dressers .....                         | 20.00    |
| 2   | Pianos .....                           | 50.00    |
| 1   | Television .....                       | 200.00   |
| 1   | Living Room furniture .....            | 75.00    |
| 1   | Sewing machine .....                   | 25.00    |
| 31  | Head of cattle .....                   | 2390.00  |
| 1   | John Deere Tractor and Equipment ..... | 50.00    |
| 1   | Two wheel trailer .....                | 50.00    |
| 1   | Horse-drawn sulkey rake .....          | 50.00    |
| 350 | Young Hens .....                       | 600.00   |
| 1   | Donkey .....                           | 10.00    |

|  |  |             |
|--|--|-------------|
| 1                                      | Horse .....                              | 125.00      |
| 2                                      | Sows (with 12 pigs) .....                | 300.00      |
| 8                                      | Gilts .....                              | 240.00      |
| 1                                      | Boar Hog .....                           | 30.00       |
|  | Office Equipment .....                   | 150.00      |
|  | Water Hose .....                         | 25.00       |
| 2                                      | Maytag Washing Machines .....            | 350.00      |
| 1                                      | Deepfreeze .....                         | 200.00      |
| 2                                      | Refrigerators .....                      | 250.00      |
| 2                                      | Cookstoves .....                         | 75.00       |
| 2                                      | Hot water heaters .....                  | 125.00      |
|  | Cooking utensils .....                   | 75.00       |
| 1                                      | Window fan .....                         | 45.00       |
| 2                                      | Circulating heaters .....                | 300.00      |
| 1                                      | Vacuum cleaner .....                     | 75.00       |
| 9                                      | Cotton mattresses and 6 steel cots ..... | 25.00       |
| 188                                    | Bales Sedan Hay .....                    | 94.00       |
| 300                                    | Bales Alfalfa hay .....                  | 235.00      |
| 1                                      | School Bus .....                         | 300.00      |
| 306                                    | Acres and Buildings .....                | 42,000.00   |
| NET INVENTORY September 15, 1955 ..... |  | \$50,899.00 |

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The activities of the Executive Secretary have been confined largely in the past year to executive work and the task of working with the Executive Board as its Secretary. However, I have tried to do as much promotional work as possible, but because of the lack of finance this program has been greatly hampered. Nevertheless, I have visited almost every Association and have met with groups from various Associations on different occasions. I have traveled around 3,000 miles in the year.

The program that I have tried most to promote is the Cooperative Plan, adopted last year at Stigler, and now in operation. The first year of this Cooperative Program has not been as successful as it was hoped it would be, however, considering the number of churches and associations that have supported, the results have not been too discouraging. A total of nearly \$11,000.00 was raised cooperatively, yet only four Associations adopted the program in their district organizations and supported through a district Treasurer. These were First Mission, First Oklahoma, Progressive and Grand River. There were a number of other churches of the various districts that supported from the church direct. The total amount raised among the churches of the State was around \$15,000.00 out of a total income of \$25,000.00.

As to the amount of money received by the different phases of the work, the departments of the State Association have as much or more money as in the past, but the National Association gifts have decreased sharply. However as the number of participating churches and associations increase along with increased giving from those already participating, this situation will be relieved. It is also a known fact that the District organizations that have adopted the Cooperative Program are enjoying a healthy situation financially.

I am praising the Lord this year that the hope of extending our program into Western Oklahoma has been accomplished with the re-

ceiving of the Union Association into our State. I am happy to report that the churches of this new Association have responded wonderfully and are supporting the State work consistently.

A highlight of the year's activity came in July when the National Association met at the Will Rogers Auditorium in Tulsa for its annual convention. The host of the meeting was the Ministerial Alliance of our Tulsa Churches. In many ways the convention was the best ever. The greatest delegation ever registered was present. The meeting was a great blessing to our people from all over the State of Oklahoma.

At the Association at Stigler, it was recommended that a State Auditing Committee audit the Treasurer's Books of the Home. After checking into this matter, I found that the office of the State Auditor does not handle these matters. However, Bro. W. A. DeHart, the former treasurer, and I checked the books over and found that they were in order.

There are a great number of problems and needs that I could mention, which perhaps are important, but the most important I want to believe, is that of putting a full time promotional man on the field to promote the work of the State Association. It is my prayer that this will be acted upon at this meeting.

May God bless every phase of the work in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Delbert Akin, Exec. Secretary.

### General Fund Financial Report, 1954-55

Balance Forward .....\$37.79

Receipts: C. Home Coop. Other

|                                      |           |        |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Children's Home Account .....        | \$ 467.26 |        |
| Delegate Fees and Minute Money ..... |           | 645.00 |
| Sale of Cattle at Home .....         | 1,375.00  |        |
| Note at Ringling bank .....          | 1,600.00  |        |
| Sale of property at Stigler .....    | 2,000.00  |        |
| State Home Missions Board .....      |           | 293.88 |
| Oil Lease check for Home .....       | 168.00    |        |
| State of Okla. Welfare dept. ....    | 2,180.00  |        |
| Woman's Auxiliary Convention ....    | 193.07    | 263.80 |
| U. S. Treas., Social security .....  | 540.00    |        |
| Individual gifts to Home .....       | 292.02    |        |
| Texas (Churches and individuals) ..  | 832.68    |        |
| California .....                     | 340.50    |        |
| Arkansas .....                       | 111.70    |        |
| Missouri .....                       | 21.87     |        |

Received from Associations:

|                      |          |            |
|----------------------|----------|------------|
| First Mission .....  | \$149.48 | \$5,674.33 |
| 1st Oklahoma .....   | 290.37   | 2,093.41   |
| Progressive .....    | 140.60   | 1,334.65   |
| Center .....         | 421.97   | 363.35     |
| Hopewell No. 2 ..... | 610.48   | 168.43     |
| Grand River .....    | 185.90   | 422.76     |
| Old Eureka .....     | 196.73   | 379.39     |
| Dibble .....         | 485.95   |            |
| Canadian .....       | 388.64   | 24.50      |

|                                   |             |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Union .....                       | 2.00        | 304.70      |             |
| Roberts McGee .....               | 31.76       | 35.00       |             |
| Hopewell No. 1 .....              | 39.75       |             | 19.75       |
| TOTAL .....                       | 2,943.63    |             |             |
| TOTAL RECEIVED .....              | \$13,065.73 | \$10,800.52 | \$1,222.43  |
| TOTAL RECEIVED IN ALL FUNDS ..... |             |             | \$25,088.68 |
| BALANCE FORWARD .....             |             |             | 37.79       |
| GRAND TOTAL .....                 |             |             | \$25,126.47 |

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

|                                  |             |                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>State Executive Office:</b>   |             | Cattle and Hogs bought..         | 768.00      |
| Travel Expense .....             | \$355.68    | Water Well Drilling .....        | 1001.50     |
| Postage .....                    | 44.60       | Tractor .....                    | 700.00      |
| Printing and Supplies .....      | 306.87      | Note at Bank .....               | 1628.25     |
| Salary .....                     | 1040.00     | Leonard Crowder, Exp.            |             |
| Telephone .....                  | 115.29      | of Stigler Estate .....          | 208.29      |
| Miscl. Exp. ....                 | 62.56       | Empire Sales, back bill..        | 30.84       |
| Natl. Delegate Fee .....         | 75.00       | Lumber for cabinet .....         | 215.83      |
| <b>Children's Home:</b>          |             | First Okla. Assn. for            |             |
| Budget Allocation .....          | \$10,808.63 | Linoleum .....                   | 30.00       |
| Travel Expense .....             | 522.71      | TOTAL .....                      | \$16,294.99 |
| Insurance on Home .....          | 209.44      | Executive Office .....           | 1,980.00    |
| Executive Office .....           |             | Children's Home .....            | 16,294.99   |
| Children's Home .....            |             | State Sunday School Board .....  | 773.18      |
| State Sunday School Board .....  |             | State Home Mission Board .....   | 1,288.52    |
| State Home Mission Board .....   |             | National Association .....       | 4,786.57    |
| National Association .....       |             | TOTAL PAID OUT .....             | \$25,123.26 |
| TOTAL PAID OUT .....             |             | TOTAL RECEIPTS AND FORWARD ..... | \$25,126.47 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS AND FORWARD ..... |             | TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....        | 25,123.26   |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....        |             | BALANCE, October 15, 1955 .....  | 3.21        |

Respectfully Submitted,  
Delbert Akin, Treasurer

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

#### Treasurer's Report

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Balance Received from Former Treasurer .....                | \$89.60 |
| <b>Disbursements:</b>                                       |         |
| Jan. 13, 1955 to Rev. E. M. Kennedy, travel expense .....   | \$ 2.80 |
| May 28, 1955 to Rev. Elvis Priest, travel expense .....     | 8.50    |
| May 28, 1955 to Rev. J. B. Elliston, travel expense .....   | 11.50   |
| June 8, 1955 to Okmulgee Office Supply, supplies .....      | 4.00    |
| June 15, 1955 to Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, travel expense ..... | 5.50    |
| June 24, 1955 to Rev. J. B. Elliston, travel expense .....  | 4.00    |
| July 25, 1955 to Rev. J. B. Elliston, travel expense .....  | 6.10    |
| Sept. 17, 1955 to Rev. Jack Dodson, travel expense .....    | 8.50    |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....                                   | \$50.90 |
| BALANCE SENT TO REV. E. A. O'DONNELL .....                  | \$38.70 |



This balance was sent to Brother O'Donnell as chairman of the board because I could not be present for the State Association.

John B. Elliston, Clerk-Treasurer  
Christian Education Board, Oklahoma State  
Association of Free Will Baptist

## MINUTES OF THE STATE LEAGUE RALLY

We, the League Board, have met twice during the past year. We met at the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church to plan the State League Convention program.

At the State Convention which met at Wetumka the following officers were elected to serve for the following year: Sponsor, Rev. Paul Purcell; President, Rev. Bailey Thompson; Vice President, Rev. Jack R. Dodson; Secretary, Zelma Wellington; and Treasurer, Hazel Munkus.

We recommend that the minutes of the State League Convention be printed in the State Minutes.

We include \$15.00 for the printing of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
State League Board, Paul E. Purcell

**Wednesday, June 22, 1955**

The 13th Annual session of the Oklahoma State League Convention convening at the Progressive Association Camp Ground at Wetumka, Okla., was opened by singing directed by Bailey Thompson with Joan Lewis at the piano. Prayer by Bro. McCage.

Motion made and accepted that we adopt the program that was presented. Rev. Paul Purcell introduced the president, Rev. Dale Munkus, Tulsa. Scripture reading, Amos, 3rd chapter, was given by our president.

Welcome address was given by Mr. Jim Ragland, superintendent of schools, Wetumka. Response was given by Rev. Jack Dodson, Oklahoma City. Song: Standing on the Promises. Devotion by Bill Hall, Oklahoma City. He chose John 17:14-18. Special song by Non Quartet. Morning message was given by Rev. Weldon Wood, Ada. His text, Matt. 27:54. Subject: "A Restless Time."

Arrangements for lunch were made by Progressive Association. Dismissed by Bob Maxwell, of California.

**1:30 P.M.**

Services were opened by singing led by Bro. M. R. Smith, with Doris Burkett at the piano. Devotion: Psalms 100, by Doris Burkett. Prayer by Coy Priest. Committees were appointed as follows.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE:** Lynn Wood, Chairman; Howard Florence, Cleora Hendrix, Patricia Parham, Helen Pelfrey.

**AUDITING COMMITTEE:** Gracie Elliott, Paul Stark, Doris Burkett.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Lloyd Plunkett, Jimmy Jones, James Wilson.

**PROGRAM JUDGES:** B. A. Long, Paul Pursell, Mrs. Harry Lee.

Letters read and accepted. Song by Non Quartet. Programs were

presented by First Oklahoma and Canadian Associations. Dismissed by Bro. Bob Duncan.

Vesper services were directed by Mary Alice Bond, girls; and Rev. Bob Duncan, boys.

### Wednesday, 7:45 P.M.

Services were opened by singing conducted by Bro. Johnnie Postlewaite, with Waldo Young at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Ted Shipley. First Oklahoma, First Mission, Union, Eureka, Progressive, Canadian, Gains Creek and Center associations were present. A handshake was enjoyed by all.

Blessing on the offering was prayed by Bro. Lynn Wood. Offertory solo was sung by Helen Pelfry, accompanied by Hazel Munkus at the piano. Special by Duncan Brothers quartet composed of Bro. Bailey Thompson, Bro. Dale Munkus, Bro. Weldon Wood, accompanied by Waldo Young.

The speaker for the evening, Rev. O. T. Dixon of Russellville, Arkansas, was introduced by the president. His text was taken from Luke 23:39-43. Solo, "There were Three Crosses." Dormitory sponsors were appointed. Dismissed by Bro. R. B. Tipton.

### Thursday, June 23, 1955

Services were opened by singing led by Bro. Weldon Wood, with Hazel Munkus at the piano. Devotion was given by Kathleen Florence taken from Psalms. Prayer by Weldon Wood. Sword Drill judges were appointed as follows: Delmer Priest, Bro. Evans, Bob Duncan, and Roy Hearon. Contestants from Canadian and Eureka associations were present in the Junior drill. Contestants from Eureka, Canadian and Gains Creek were present for the Intermediate Sword drill. Sister Bob Duncan had charge of the drill. Canadian Association contestants won both drills.

Special song was sung by Non trio, Rita Jane and Vonita Barkley, with Joan Lewis accompanying them at the piano. Rev. John West brought the message for the first part of the morning service. His subject was "Can I Know His Presence?" Acts 17:22

### 11:00 A.M.

Services were reopened by singing directed by Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite with Ann Munkus at the piano. Devotional was given by Gerald Mangum from Matt. 4:1-6. Prayer by Ernie Deeds. Special song by Helen Pelfry with Hazel Munkus accompanying her at the piano.

Message for the morning was brought by Rev. Elvis Priest, Holdenville, using for his subject "Defining the Walk." Benediction was by Roy Hearon.

### 1:30 P.M.

Afternoon services were opened by singing conducted by Norma Finemore with Ann Munkus at the piano. Devotion by Rebecca Lee, Ecclesiastes 12th chapter. Prayer led by Bro. Woods. Late Letters

were read and accepted.

Special song by Non quartet. Quartet was arranged with Bailey Thompson, Lynn Wood, Johnnie Postlewaite and Elvis Priest with Doris Burkett at the piano. Progressive Association presented their program. Choruses were led by Bro. Dale Munkus. Dismissed by singing "Thank you Lord," and prayer by Bro. Ben Scott.

### Thursday, 7:15 P.M.

Boys Vesper service was conducted by Jimmy Bundy.

Girls Vesper service was conducted by Barbara Grizzle.

Services were opened by singing conducted by Bro. Johnnie Garner. Devotion, John 4:19 was given by Rev. Jimmy Bunday. Bro. Dale Munkus prayed the blessing on the offering. Bro. Glen Webb sang the offertory solo. Sister Doris Burkett gave a talk on Stewardship and its rewards. Sister Norma Finemore rendered a solo with Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite at the piano. Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Postlewaite with Doris at the piano. Song by Duncan Brothers. Quartet arrangement of Elvis Priest, Weldon Wood, Dale Munkus and Bailey Thompson, Doris Burkett at the piano.

Our speaker was Rev. O. T. Dixon. Special song from Checotah. Rev. Dixon's text was taken from Jeremiah, 5th chapter. The Lord wonderfully blessed with conversions and rededications to his work. Report registration of 471. Dismissed by singing.

### Friday, June 24, 1955

Services were opened by singing led by Bro. Lynn Wood. McAlester, with Cleora Hendrix at the piano. Devotion was given by Rev. Paul Stark, Oklahoma City. Scripture: Romans 6:23.

### BUSINESS SESSION

Resolutions were as follows:

1. We recommend that the State League Convention pay the Progressive association \$25.00 to defray the expenses of this meeting.
2. We recommend that Sister Fern Duncan get last year's sword drill winner and this year's winner together for a run-off to determine who will represent Oklahoma at the Nation-wide Convention next June.
3. We recommend that we pay the expenses of our contestant to the National Convention.
4. We recommend that the Chairman of the League Board see that banners are offered for the State Convention—program and attendance.
5. We recommend that the league board be paid five cents per mile to and from board meetings. We think this only fair since other boards have their expenses paid.
6. We recommend that a rising vote of thanks be given the Progressive associations for their hard work put forth for our welfare in this meeting. Especially would we mention the Fairview Church which has done the cooking.

Resolutions Committee.

Report of Auditing Committee:

We, the auditing committee, find the treasurer's books in order.

Report of Convention Winners:

Canadian Association won the Program banner and the Progressive Association won the Attendance banner.

Officers were elected as follows: Sponsor, Rev. Paul Pursell; President, Rev. Bailey Thompson; Vice President, Rev. Jack Dodson; Secretary, Zelma Wellington; Treasurer, Hazel Munkus.

The 1956 Convention will convene at the First Mission Camp Grounds, located 12 miles northeast of Drumright. The introductory speaker will be Rev. Jack Dodson. The League Board will make out the program. Installation of officers by Rev. Cleo Pursell.

### 11:00 A.M.

The morning worship service was opened by singing directed by Bro. Dale Munkus with Cleora Hendrix at the piano. Devotion, John 21:14-17, was given by Carl Cheshier. Quartet arrangement by Delbert Akin, Bailey Thompson, Weldon Wood, and Elvis Priest with Cleora Hendrix at the piano. Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Dale Munkus.

Speaker for the morning was Rev. N. R. Smith, Wewoka. His text was Philippians 3:14. Dismissed by Bro. Pete Connor, California.

President, Dale Munkus

Secretary, Zelma Wellington.

## The Fifteenth Annual Session STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

October 18, 1955

Theme: "Streams In The Desert." Isaiah 35:1-7.

Thought: "Overflowing Lives."

Convention opened with singing hymn, "Showers of Blessings," directed by Fern Ray with Cora Bruce at the piano.

Prayer led by Mrs. M. L. Sutton of Fort Worth, Texas.

Greetings from the W.N.A.C. and our missionaries were read by Cherry Fipps. Those read were from Mabel Willey, Rev. Raymond Riggs, and Mrs. Hubert Sloan.

Meditations were given by the president, Cleo Purcell, using the theme of the convention from Isaiah 35:1-7. The congregation sang the convention hymn, "Make Me A Channel of Blessings."

Report of the Executive Committee were read and accepted item by item, Items 1 through 6 were accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Credential Committee was read and accepted. (See Report.)

A petitionary letter was read and the Claremore Auxiliary was seated in the convention. Appointment of the Committees. (See Reports.)

Report of the Nomination Committee was read. The recommended officers were elected. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to adjourn until the worship hour. Benediction by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Worship service opened with organ meditations by Bessie West. Hymn "Throw Out The Life Line," "Come Thou Fount," directed by Fern Ray with LaVerne Lee at the piano and Bessie West at the organ.

Visitors were recognized by the president. They were Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, both of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Sutton of Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Homer Parker, Arkansas State Home Missionaries, and Mrs. Elmer Chandler of California.

The Spring Hill Quartet sang "Peace Like A River," as Noma Mae Meadows gave a chalk talk. Rev. Lonnie Davoult of Holdenville brought the Convention message. Subject, "The Life Giving Stream." Text: John 4:5-15. The congregation sang the Doxology and the benediction was given by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Afternoon Session opened with Singspiration led by Barbara Grizzle accompanied by LeVarne Lee at the piano.

Offering was taken and the offertory prayer by Ernest Harrison.

Solo, "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone," by Fern Ray accompanied by LaVerne Lee.

Judges appointed for the Declamation Contest were Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Edna Davoult and Fern Duncan.

State Officers reported giving out the challenge of opening new channels through their offices. Recommendations given by the Youth Chairman were accepted. (See Reports).

Genell Scott installed the new officers giving each a charge to keep and likened her office to a mighty river. Leona Mayfield gave the dedicatory prayer.

Joyce Mounce from First Mission Association was the Declamation Contest winner and the award was presented by Leola Williams.

Glenara Staires gave an inspiring talk on "Dredged Channels" using Amos 5:4 for a text.

Report of the finance Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Obituary Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Appreciation Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Digested Report was read and accepted.

Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Cherry Fipps was elected editor of the State News Sheet and Bessie Staires her assistant.

Sue Foster, the State Sword Drill winner, was introduced by Fern Duncan.

The following delegates to the National Convention were elected: Ladonna Inbody, Bessie West, Fern Duncan, Glenara Staires, Edna Davoult, Catherine Smith, Orela Kennedy, Leonna Mayfield, Genell Scott, and Hattie Newman.

Minutes were read and accepted with the necessary corrections. Verdun Bingham, the newly elected president, took charge.

Congregation sang, "Amazing Grace" directed by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham with Bessie West at the piano.

A moment of silent prayer was observed in memory of the deceased. The benediction was given by Rev. Harry Staires.

## REPORTS

### Executive Committee Report

We, the Executive Committee met October 18, 1955. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bessie Staires. We submit the following recommendations to the convention.

1. We recommend that the State News Sheet be printed quarterly and mailed to each auxiliary free of charge.

2. We recommend that this convention follow the Manual of Methods in the election of its officers.

3. We recommend that we accept the W.N.A.C. plan of allocation of \$100.00 for the visual aids for our missionaries and that the State Treasurer re-allocate to each District their proportionate part.

4. We recommend that we give Doris Burkett, our State Declamation Contestant winner \$10 to help defray traveling expenses to the W.N.A.C. in Tulsa last July.

5. We recommend that we give the declamation contest winner of this year \$50.00 for expenses to the W.N.A.C. at Huntington, W. Virginia and that the districts be allocated.

6. We recommend that we have at least one State Auxiliary Work Shop during the coming year.

### Credential Committee Report

We, the Credential Committee have examined the reports and find the following districts and local auxiliaries eligible for seats in this convention with the following report:

| Districts                 | Members reported | Dues paid |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| First Mission .....       | 271              | \$54.20   |
| Hopewell No. 2 .....      | 67               | 13.40     |
| Progressive .....         | 100              | 20.00     |
| First Oklahoma .....      | 82               | 17.80     |
| Ada Auxiliary .....       | 20               | 4.00      |
| Claremore Auxiliary ..... | 13               | 2.60      |

### Appointed Committees

Registration: Mildred Cash, Wanda Barnett, Letha Mae Trent.

Finance: Cherry Fipps, Ocie Higgins, Mattie Grizzle, Jewel Chaudion, Mrs. Russell Allen.

Appreciation: Opal O'Donnell, Nettie Barnett, Anna Akin, Cathleen Johns.

Resolution: Catherine Smith, Louise Womack, Glenara Staires, Margurite West, Effie Wood.

Auditing: Mrs. Ernest Kennedy, Marceline Thompson, Mary Lou Pilgrim.

Nomination: Velma McAffery, Fern Duncan, Catherine Smith, Bessie West, Oleta Pate, Marie Roberts.

### Nominating Committee Report

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| President .....                         | Verdun Bingham  |
| Vice President .....                    | Letha Mae Trent |
| Recording Secretary .....               | Alice Wood      |
| Associational Recording Secretary ..... | Edna Davoult    |

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Corresponding Secretary .....     | Mildred Cash   |
| Treasurer .....                   | Cherry Fipps   |
| Youth Chairman .....              | Vivian Lewis   |
| Study Course Chairman .....       | Cleo Purcell   |
| Stewardship-Prayer Chairman ..... | Lee Guinn      |
| Personal Service Chairman .....   | June Young     |
| Field Worker .....                | Bessie Staires |

### Report of Youth Chairman

1. I recommend that the W.S.A.C. sponsor essay contests among Y.P.A. and G.T.A. on the subject, "The Worth of Family Altars."
2. That in the future speech contests both G.T.A. and Y.P.A. contestants appear before an elimination committee and that the winner and runner-up be present at the convention.
3. That we adopt the subject "Missions" for our speech contest next year instead of Stewardship.
4. That a minimum time limit of seven minutes be included in the speech contest rules.

### Finance Committee Report

1. We the finance committee, recommend that we pay the Powers Printing Co. of Tulsa \$16.83 for printing of badges and registration cards.

2. We recommend that we pay Christian Book Store of Tulsa \$3.50 for the Declamation Contestant award.

3. We recommend we pay Railway Express \$4.55 for postage on the literature received on consignment.

4. We recommend we pay for printing of the State Programs.

5. We recommend the following allocations for Visual aid project:

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| First Mission District ..... | \$33.00         |
| First Oklahoma .....         | 22.00           |
| Progressive .....            | 20.00           |
| Hopewell No. 2 .....         | 15.00           |
| Ada Auxiliary .....          | 5.00            |
| Claremore Auxiliary .....    | 5.00            |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>           | <b>\$100.00</b> |

6. We recommend the following allocation for the Declamation Contestant expense to 1956 W.N.A.C.

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| First Mission .....       | \$15.00        |
| First Oklahoma .....      | 15.00          |
| Progressive .....         | 10.00          |
| Hopewell No. 2 .....      | 10.00          |
| Ada Auxiliary .....       | 2.50           |
| Claremore Auxiliary ..... | 2.50           |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>        | <b>\$55.00</b> |

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We find that God in His tender mercy has called home Mrs. Lillie Babos from the Lewis Avenue Auxiliary:

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

October 10, 1955

We, the State Auditing Committee, have audited the Woman's State Auxiliary Treasurer's books and find them to be correct.

Signed: Eula Mae Yocham, Bessie Staires

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church for their splendid hospitality, for the beautiful floral offering, also to thank the program committee for our program and also everyone who helped to make the program a success. We wish to thank the retiring officers for their service rendered during the past year. We recommend that the convention give a rising vote of thanks to all.

## REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the registration committee report 216 in attendance. This includes 22 ministers and 194 visitors and delegates.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolved: That each district or local Auxiliaries that calls the field worker will pay her expenses.

## Woman's State Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists Treasurer's Report

October 1, 1954 to October 1, 1955

### (RECEIPTS)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Brought forward October 19, 1954 ..... | \$ 216.06  |
| Co-Laborer Fund .....                  | 778.40     |
| Literature .....                       | 490.70     |
| Orphanage .....                        | 193.07     |
| Foreign Missions .....                 | 209.48     |
| State Home Missions .....              | 149.20     |
| Home Missions .....                    | 28.87      |
| National Home Missions .....           | 26.55      |
| Missions .....                         | 25.98      |
| Wanda Edwards Missionary Expense ..... | 25.00      |
| College .....                          | 16.00      |
| Contact Subscriptions .....            | 21.00      |
| W.N.A.C. Expense .....                 | 105.00     |
| Convention Dues .....                  | 114.60     |
| State NEWS SHEET Subscriptions .....   | 98.75      |
| Tithes .....                           | 43.63      |
| Offering (1954 Convention) .....       | 30.57      |
| Total Receipts .....                   | \$2,358.30 |
| Grand Total .....                      | \$2,574.36 |



## (DISBURSEMENTS)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Co-Laborer Fund .....                                  | \$ 778.40  |
| Literature .....                                       | 483.90     |
| Orphanage .....  | 193.07     |
| Foreign Missions .....                                 | 209.48     |
| State Home Missions .....                              | 149.20     |
| Home Missions .....                                    | 28.87      |
| National Home Missions .....                           | 26.55      |
| Missions .....   | 25.98      |
| Wanda Edwards Missionary Expense .....                 | 25.00      |
| College .....  | 16.00      |
| Contact Subscriptions .....                            | 21.00      |
| W.N.A.C. Expense .....                                 | 163.38     |
| W.N.A.C. Dues .....                                    | 57.40      |
| Refunds .....  | 16.75      |
| Expense of Printing Programs, Minutes, etc. 1954 ..... | 38.89      |
| Printing NEWS SHEET, Workshop Programs, etc. ....      | 48.09      |
| Office Supplies—Stamps, Envelope, etc. ....            | 29.26      |
| Total Disbursements .....                              | \$2,311.22 |
| Grand Total Receipts .....                             | \$2,574.36 |
| Balance on deposit—Peoples State Bank, Tulsa .....     | \$ 263.14  |

Cherry Fipps, Treasurer

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 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 and for the State Association from one meeting to another for said Association, 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 is 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 preceeding 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 thoroughly 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 Workers' 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.

5. **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 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 ministers 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 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.

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