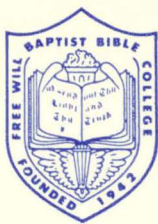


MINUTES

**MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
AUXILIARY CONFERENCE
And
YEARLY MEETING
Of
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1952

**When Convened With
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Flat River, Missouri
Rev. Rolla Smith, Host Pastor**



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Glen Lewis

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Harry Beatty Fredericktown, Missouri
Assistant	Rev. James Barker Esther, Missouri
Secretary-Treasurer	Rev. Albert Halbrook Mine LaMotte, Missouri
Statistician	Rev. Albert Halbrook Mine LaMotte, Missouri

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Benjamin Scott	3 years
Rev. Woodrow Matthews	2 years
Rev. Harvey Hill	1 year

PROCEEDINGS

The 59th session of the Southeast Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist convened with the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church at Flat River, Missouri beginning Thursday evening, August 21, 1952 and extending through August 23. Services were called to order Thursday evening, 7:30 p.m., by the Clerk with singing of hymn No. 14, "Power In the Blood," followed by prayer by Rev. Rolla Smith. Welcome address was given by Bro. Robert Dodd, with response by Rev. Roger Reeds. Devotional period conducted by Rev. Woodrow Matthews with singing No. 17, "In the Great Triumphant Morning." Scripture reading from Psalms. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Reeves followed by hymn No. 150, "Praise Him! Praise Him!" A testimonial service was conducted by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

The Moderator took charge and presented Rev. James Barker as the speaker for the evening, who read Gal. 5:1-5 for his Scripture, and offered prayer. Bro. Barker

used for his text Gal. 5:11 and delivered an instructive message.

The Moderator took charge after the message and offered closing remarks and announcements. Closing song No. 144, "Lord, Send Me," with benediction by Rev. Alvin Halbrook.

Friday—9:30 A. M.

Services called to order by Moderator with Rev. Roger Reeds conducting the singing. Songs sang No. 116, "When I See the Blood," and No. 158, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Harvey Hill. Scripture reading from Romans 12:5-12; I Cor. 14:40, with comments and emphasis placed on Rom. 12:11 and I Cor. 14:40.

The standing delegates were qualified and asked to take place on front seats.

Rev. Eunice Edwards was appointed as Clerk assistant. The letters from the Madison County and St. Francois County Quarterly Meetings were read. Absentee delegates were replaced by written proxy for St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting and by appointment for Madison County Quarterly Meeting. Motion made and sustained to receive the letters and seat the delegates. While singing hymn No. 121, "Where He Leads Me I'll Follow," the hand of fellowship was given to delegates. Rev. Wm. Reeves from Niangua, Missouri, was recognized as a visiting minister.

A Pulpit Committee was appointed as follows: Bros. Frank David, Avery DeWitt and Clell Pruitt. The Constitution of the Yearly Meeting was read by the Moderator.

The Pulpit Committee selected Rev. Robert Hill to deliver the 11:00 o'clock message.

Election of Officers: Moderator, Rev. Harry Beatty; Assistant Moderator, Rev. James Barker; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Report of the Executive Board of Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting was read and received, followed by the election of a Board member. Rev. Benjamin Scott was elected. Rev. J. F. Miller presented his resignation as a Board member inasmuch as he was called to a pastorate in North Carolina. Rev. Harvey Hill was elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Miller.

Congregation sang hymn No. 78, "When We All Get

to Heaven," led by Rev. Roger Reeds.

The Moderator appointed a Business Committee as follows: Rev's. J. F. Miller, Woodrow Matthews, Harvey Hill, John Long, Benjamin Scott, John Rogers, James Barker, and Lester Ferguson.

The pre-arranged program for the Yearly Meeting was adopted as rule and order for the Yearly Meeting session. Prayer by Rev. John Long.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Congregation sang No. 30, "Joy, Unspeakable," led by Rev. Roger Reeds. Special, "Beautiful Prayer," by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hill. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Reeves. Moderator presented Rev. Robert Hill as speaker for the 11:00 o'clock service. Bro. Hill chose for his text, Joshua 3:5. A timely and spiritual message was delivered. Benediction and expression of thanks for food was offered by Rev. Lester Ferguson.

1:30 P. M.

Services called to order by Moderator. Moderator selected a Committee on Committees as follows: Rev's. Robert Hill, Albert Halbrook and Rolla Smith.

Woman's Auxiliary Program was rendered during the afternoon session. After the adjournment of the Woman's Auxiliary Program the Moderator assumed charge. The report of the Committee on Committees was read and adopted with the amendment that Rev. Roger Reeds and Mrs. Amanda Cole be added to the Nominating Committee. Motion made and sustained to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Albert Tucker.

Saturday—9:30 A. M.

Service called to order by Moderator with Rev. S. A. Hand conducting the singing. Songs sang No. 138, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," and No. 307, "Amazing Grace." Scripture reading, II Timothy 2:1-14, by Rev. Cecil Sheppard. Prayer by Avery DeWitt.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and received and after silent prayer we were led in audible prayer by Rev. Beatty.

The report of Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the Southeast Missouri Foreign Missionary Conference was received as information.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the delegates elected with the amendment that the place of the absentee delegates be filled by written proxy.

The Moderator appointed the following for the Credentials Committee: Bro's. Henry Head, Harrison Phillips, Dempsey Matthews, Robert Dodd and Jesse Jones.

Report to the State Statistician read and accepted.

Partial report of the Business Committee read and received to be adopted item by item. Item No. 1 adopted (see reports). Item No. 2 adopted (see reports). Item No. 3 adopted (see reports).

Recess for morning worship service.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Singing led by Rev. S. A. Hand with singing of hymn No. 107, "Are You Washed In the Blood?" Rev. Rolla Smith was presented as the morning speaker. Bro. Snuth announced as his subject, "Sign of the Righteous." His Scripture reading Ezek. 8:5-18; 9:1-6. After a heart searching message hymn No. 312, "Just As I Am," was sung and an invitation was extended to the lest. The Moderator led in a testimonial service, followed by Rev. S. A. Hand singing, "Zion Hill." Benediction and expression of thanks for the food by Rev. Glen Rehkop.

Saturday Afternoon

Reconvened at 1:00 o'clock with Rev. S. A. Hand leading the song service. Songs sang No. 151, "Where He Leads I'll Follow," and, "When the Saints Go Marching In." The Moderator read Psalm 91 with prayer offered by Rev. Leslie Logsdon.

A partial report of the Denominational Enterprise Committee was read and received to be adopted item by item. Item No. 1 adopted (see report).

Motion made and seconded that a verbal report of Commission of Item No. 3 of 1951 minutes be condensed to a written report. The written report is offered as follows: This committee, who was charged with the responsibility of locating new churches in the bounds of the Yearly Meeting, reports that one new church, located at 4th and West D Streets, Salem, Missouri, was established in the month of April, 1952. Rev. Lawrence Thompson is the pastor, and the church was admitted to the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting at the July conference. A picture of the Church appeared on the cover of the Gem in a recent issue. Committee: Rev's. James Barker

and Robert Hill.

Item No. 2 adopted (see report). Item No. 4 adopted (see report). Item No. 5 adopted (see report). Item No. 6 adopted (see report).

Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention was read and received as information.

Oral report from the Southeast Missouri League Convention, Triumphant, St. Francois and Madison Sunday School Conventions, and State Sunday School Conventions were received as information.

The final items of the Business Committee were taken under consideration. Item No. 4 adopted (see reports). Item No. 5 adopted (see reports). Item No. 6 adopted (see reports). Item No. 7 adopted (see reports). Item No. 5 adopted (see reports).

The report of the Credential Committee was read and accepted. Hymn No. 125, "Old Time Power," was sung by congregation.

The reports of the ministers of the Yearly Meeting were read. Motion made and sustained that the Moderator read report of F. C. Zinn and it be accepted.

Final items of Denominational Enterprises were considered. Item No. 4: This item being written by the Committee was offered to the body and was adopted (see reports).

Item No. 7 adopted (see reports). Item No. 6 adopted see reports).

The letter which was to be sent from the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting to the State Association was read and received.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews was elected to preach the Introductory Message for the next Yearly Meeting, with Rev. Roger Reeds as Alternate.

The Financial Report of the Yearly Meeting Treasurer was read and accepted.

Announcements and information concerning the State Meeting was given by the Moderator.

An offering was taken for Cuban School of Missions to the amount of \$43.18.

Bro. Robert Dodd rendered a reading and song titled, "Where We Never Grow Old."

Motion made and sustained to adjourn. Fellowship handshake enjoyed while singing hymn No. 78, "When We All Get to Heaven." Benediction by Rev. Lawrence Thompson.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Committee on Committees:

Committee on Committee appointed as follows: Rev. Robert Hill, Rev. Rolla Smith, and Rev. Albert Halbrook. Motion carried to accept this Committee's report as follows: Temperance Committee—Rev. Albert Tucker, Sis. Belle Coffey, Sis. Robert Dodd; Denominational Enterprises—Rev. C. B. Dees, Sis. Edith McCormack, Rev. Eunice Edwards; Obituary Committee—Rev. Willard Darnell, Esther Hovis, Walter Pirtle; Nominating Committee—Rev. Roger Reeds, Mrs. Frank David, Mrs. Amanda Cole.

Business Committee:

Report of Business Committee to the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting August 21, 22, 23, 1952.

Item No. 1. Be it resolved that we petition the State Association to undertake the building of an open air tabernacle at the State Youth Camp Grounds, and that Southeast Missouri pledge our whole hearted support in said project.

Item No. 2. We recommend that the next session of the Yearly Meeting be held with the South Side Free Will Baptist Church.

• Item No. 3. We recommend Rev. Wayne Parsons be granted a letter of recommendation to the Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists.

Item No. 4. Whereas there is doubt in the minds of a number of people as to the character of Rev. F. C. Zinn, and whereas there are charges presented to the Yearly Meeting which substantiate such thinking, we as your Business Committee recommend that the annual Certificate of Standing be withheld from Bro. Zinn and that he be put on probation for one year. We further recommend that the First Church of Flat River be advised by this body that for the best interest of the cause of Christ and of the Church that Bro. Zinn be dismissed as their pastor at once.

Item No. 5. We recommend that the officers of Promotional Worker for Foreign Missions be eliminated, and

that our churches send Foreign Mission money direct to the State Treasurer.

Item No. 6. Inasmuch as Rev. J. F. Miller is moving to North Carolina, we recommend that a letter of recommendation be given him and he be given a standing vote of thanks for his faithful labors among us.

Item No. 7. We recommend that the letter of recommendation from the Northeast Missouri Association in regards to Rev. Rolla Smith be accepted and that he be received into fellowship of the ministry of this Association and that he be granted a certificate of good standing.

Item No. 8. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given the host church and others who helped, and the officers of the Yearly Meeting for their fine hospitality and service during the Yearly Meeting.

Temperance Committee:

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

1. We urgently call attention of every Free Will Baptist to the tendency to let the cause of intemperance go unrestrained, and the indifference of our people toward a power which is wrecking and ruining the lives of young and old in our midst.

2. We recommend to our people a careful study and strict adherence to the Bible and our church covenant, teaching on the subject of temperance.

3. We further recommend that this body go on record opposed to the licensing, sale and use of all alcoholic beverages and narcotics, the use of tobacco, the theatre, dancing, unwholesome literature, and gaming devices.

Denominational Enterprise:

We, the Denominational Enterprise Committee, submit the following recommendation:

Item No. 1. Whereas the first Sunday in September is designated by the National Association and the Board of Trustees of the Bible College as a day of prayer and praise—prayer of thanksgiving for what the Bible College has done in training lives for service: praise to God for needs that has been met: prayer for God to move on the hearts of Free Will Baptists to meet the present needs for expansion, which is \$65,000.00—therefore, we urge the co-operation of each church.

Item No. 2. We recommend that a report from the

commission appointed last year at the Yearly Meeting be made.

Item No. 3. Inasmuch as the Teacher Training Course that we suggested last year was not carried out, we recommend an attempt be made to have such a course this year.

Item No. 4. We recommend that a special offering be taken by each church in the Yearly Meeting each quarter to meet our quota of the National Home Mission Board or that each church choose its own method of meeting the quota.

Item No. 5. Inasmuch as ground for an Aged Folks Home has been promised, we recommend proper steps be taken by the Executive Board to investigate the establishment of such a place.

Item No. 6. Inasmuch as we have already sent four (4) Foreign Missionaries to the fields from this Yearly Meeting and the fifth one is to sail October 17th for India, and others are ready to go when funds are available, we recommend the increased support of foreign missions.

Item No. 7. Since the No. 1 need of Free Will Baptist in the U. S. A. is the Home Mission Work as we cannot move forward in other departments until we move forward in Home Missions, therefore we recommend that first, we make Home Mission an object of prayer and second, that we make a greater effort than ever before both financially and in trying to organize new churches in the several towns in promising prospects.

Item No. 8. We are informed of a number of needs at the Cuban School and we feel that we are able as a Yearly Meeting to accept part of these needs as one of our projects. We recommend an offering be taken or pledges made for these needs.

Obituary Committee:

We, your Committee on Obituary, submit the following: Whereas God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst our dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, be it resolved that we bow our heads in humble submission to His will. Deceased are as follows: Mrs. Susie Jane Simmons, Mrs. Mary Hahan, Mrs. Emma Wilfong, Mrs. Louisa Wampler, Mrs. Bertha Frey, Mrs. Joe Weston, Sgt. Leeman Wilfong, Mrs. Bertha Skaggs, Mrs. Eula Mae Vicks, Mrs. Louise Lix, Mr. Frank J. King, Mr. John Massengden, Mrs. Roy Williams.

Credential Committee:

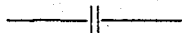
Having carefully considered these reports, we, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the following report and recommendations: Having examined each ministers' report separately, we recommend that Ministerial Cards of Standing for one year be granted the following ministers: Rev's. J. F. Miller, Willard Darnell, John Rogers, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Truman Huffman, Charles Moyer, Wayne Parsons, O. D. Matthews, Benjamin Scott, Loy E. Smith, S. A. Hand, Harvey Hill, Roger C. Reeds, George Hibbits, Albert Halbrook, John Long, Robert C. Hill, C. B. Dees, James Barker, H. Albert Tucker, Harry Beatty, Woodrow Matthews, L. A. Ferguson, Cecil Sheppard, Robert Wilfong, and Leslie Logsdon.

Nominating Committee:

We, your Nominating Committee, suggest the following names for delegates to the Missouri State Association: Mr. Frank David, Mr. Irvin Eaton, Mrs. Nellie Stegall, Mrs. Nellie Rasnie, Mrs. Marie Sherrill, Mrs. Robert Dodd, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Templeton, Mrs. Minnie Jackson, Mrs. Anna Mae Fairecloth, Mrs. Maggie Head, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turnbough, Mrs. Marie Tripp, Mrs. Bebout, Mrs. Dorothy Dettmer, Mrs. Edith McCormack, Mrs. Esther Hovis, Mrs. Glenda Burcham, Mrs. Nettie Rogers, Mrs. Virginia Pirtle, Mrs. Belle Coffey, Mrs. Elma Hovis, Mrs. Mildred Killian.

Divine Service Committee:

Frank David, Avery DeWitt, Clell Pruitt.



CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting and the Madison County Quarterly Meeting.

Article I

When the delegated body shall meet in regular annual session for the transaction of business, the Moderator, or in his absence, the assistant Moderator, shall call the

meeting to order and invite all to take part in congregational singing.

After a sufficient number of hymns, the Moderator shall read, or have read, some suitable Scripture, then prayer shall be offered.

Article II

Five or more delegates from one or more churches of each Quarterly Meeting comprising this Yearly Meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.

Article III

The letters from the Quarterly Meetings are read and the delegates seated. All ordained ministers and their companions and licensed ministers who are in good standing and full fellowship with some church in the Yearly Meeting, together with ordained deacons, church clerks, and church treasurers, shall, by virtue of their authority, be standing delegates in this Yearly Meeting.

Article IV

When all delegates, both elected and standing, have been seated, the body will then proceed to elect officers as required by rule, number one governing the organization. All officers elected shall be instructed in the duties of the offices to which they have been elected. The instruction to be given by the Moderator, or someone qualified to do so.

Article V

The Moderator elected shall at once take charge of the meeting and shall, when present, preside over all meetings. In the absence of the Moderator, the assistant Moderator shall preside over the meeting.

Article VI

The Moderator shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ruled by the Body.

Article VII

The Moderator shall have the privilege to solicit the help of any minister or delegate present in appointing committees.

Article VIII

After the organization has been completed, correspond-

ing messengers and visiting brethren from other religious bodies are invited to a seat in council. Should there be letters of greetings or reports from other bodies they may at this time be read.

Article IX

All items of business coming to this Yearly Meeting, except routine business, must come through the Business Committee or a Committee appointed for that special purpose.

Article X

Before any question can properly be discussed by the delegated body, it must be before the body by a motion properly sustained. All questions are settled by a majority vote of the delegates present. When a question is properly before the body, any regular delegate has a right to speak on the subject. No person shall be allowed to speak more than five (5) minutes on any subject at one time, and not more than twice on the same subject without special permission from the Moderator.

Article XI

The Moderator shall have power to stop all discussions that are leading to confusion.

Article XII

All ordained ministers who are members of this Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting are required to submit in writing a full and complete report of their ministerial activities to this body while in annual session. These reports shall be examined by a Committee on Credentials and submitted to the body for approval. Failure to make said report forfeits their rights to a Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

Article XIII

Official papers of this Yearly Meeting must be signed by the Moderator of the Yearly Meeting and the Secretary.

Article XIV

Each Quarterly Meeting belonging to the Yearly Meeting shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the organization and two (2) delegates for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof belonging to the said Quarterly Meeting.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES OF SOUTHEAST M

	Southside	Berkeley	St. Louis 3rd ..	Richwoods ...	Fellowship ...	Fiat River 1st	Dealoge
State of religion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Membership July 1, 1951	165	98	149	34	157	209	65
Received July 1 to July 1	39	32	19	11	12	14	11
Number baptized	26	31	11	6		7	8
Dismissed by letter	2	6	2		15	8	
Number excluded	1			1			2
Number deceased	1			2	1	4	2
Resident members	169	97	95	38	146	198	51
Non-resident members ..	31	27	65	7	7	11	14
Tot. mem'ship July, 1952	200	134	160	45	153	209	65
Number tithers	48	32	30	8	18	37	
Condition prayer meet. .	*	*	*	*	*	*	!
Condition of League	*	*	!	!	*	*	x
League membership	93	84	35	24	60	35	25
Condition home mission .	!	*	*			*	*
Home mission mem'ship	11	14	16			30	12
Condition Sunday School	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Number pupils enrolled .	140	217	120	79	138	138	135
Number officers	4	5	4	4	11	-14	3
Number teachers	8	12	8	4	10	11	7
No. ordained ministers ..	3	2	1	1	2	2	1
No. licensed ministers ..	4	2	1	1	2	1	
No. ordained deacons ...	6	6	5	2	7	7	3
Amount paid pastor	3,839	3,740	3,120	898	3,252.50	3,379.85	2,080
For evangelistic work ..	234.31	450.00	325.00	151.24	246.73	541.24	100.00
For building & repairs ..	5,927.55	5,127.36	4,175	275.44	2,137.63	1,045.88	669.05
Amount for incidentals .	1,302.13	37.25		505.43	1,766.68	2,352.70	446.29
Value church property ..	31,000	23,000	25,000	2,200	50,000	25,000	6,500
Amt. for foreign missions	80.00	260.00	420.00	52.18	1,800.00	424.55	294.75
Amt. for home missions	120.00	188.60	90.00	69.19	25.46	320.43	
Amt. for missions							
Amt. for education	75.00	75.00	120.00	27.25	155.00	12.56	16.04
Amt. for superannuation			60.00				
Publications-SS lit., etc..	540.22	137.50	325.00	54.88	301.31	202.76	98.33
Amt. for unified fund ...	20.28		360.00			751.25	
For youth encampment .	115.00					86.38	
Amount for orphanage ..			20.00				44.85
For State entertainment	35.00		5.00	6.66		5.00	15.00
Amount for minutes	20.00						

LEGEND: "*" is good; "!" is fair; "x" is poor.

MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING—From July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1952

Leadington ..	Aulsbury C ...	Fredericktown	Copper Mines .	Mill Creek ...	Mine LaMotte.	Twin Oak	Union Light ..	Old Bethel ...	Marble Hill ..	Total
35	100	372	93	84	61	63	27	21	26	1,832
22	6		10	10	2	7		26	8	229
12		13	8	8	1	7		5		123
5		1	4		3					46
		1								5
		1		1	4					16
52	93	289	92	90	32	31	16	19	16	1,524
1	13	97	7	5	24	32	11	7	10	369
57	106	386	99	95	56	63	27	26	26	1,909
*	*	!	14	8	14	2	!	1	2	214
		!	*	*	!	!	!	*		
35	30	62	48					40		550
	*	!	*							
	20	30			!	*	*	*	*	133
96	67	*	122	100	60	55	156	44	40	1,707
3	3	5	3	8	3	5	5	4	2	94
9	7	8	9	5	4	3	9	4	3	121
1	1	7	1	2	3	1	1			29
1			1						1	14
2	3	6	3	3	3	1	2	2		61
157.85	1,325	3,377.58	1,321.60	780	1,040	250	325.44	151.36	322	30,360.38
119.56	123.52	535.69	331.53	176.00	13.31	71.41		60.00	130.00	3,669.54
502.66	83.00	221.09	1,258.93	2,200.00	200.00			256.64		25,080.23
496.32	430.43	726.89		184.00	112.42	270.00		4.70	217.86	8,585.80
4,000	3,500	25,000	8,000	2,500	1,800	1,000	10,000	750	250	219,500.00
105.18	162.88	643.76	36.00	108.00	35.34	22.00	83.54		3.68	4,531.86
	63.00	274.00	21.00							1,150.67
			239.63		78.04	23.00		71.80		416.47
	135.65	738.81	54.50							1,409.81
	33.95									93.95
125.68	77.88	213.74	70.57	74.00	24.14	25.00	109.11	27.10	19.76	2,427.03
		582.00			71.35					1,783.88
										201.38
		103.77								163.62
										35.00
	2.00	2.00	12.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	4.00		1.00	88.00

Article XV

Any person who is a delegate to this Yearly Meeting, wishing to speak on any subject properly before the Body, shall arise and address the chair, by saying, "Brother Moderator" or "Brother Chairman" and shall speak no farther until they have been recognized by the Moderator.

Article XVI

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that one day's previous notice of proposed change or amendment has been given.

BY-LAWS ADOPTED FOR THE BODY

Known As

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist Church, and at the present date, composed of the Madison County Quarterly Meeting and St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

No. 1—Governing the organization. The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall also be an Executive Board of three or more members who are actively engaged in work of the Free Will Baptist Church in Southeast Missouri.

No. 2—The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall be elected annually and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

No. 3—Choice of these officers shall be made by nomination and by legal vote. In case where there is but one nominee the officer shall be elected by acclamation.

No. 4—The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not be elected jointly, but shall be elected separately by nomination and by legal vote.

No. 5—The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by nomination and by legal vote as the Moderator and Assistant Moderator. He or she will hold the office for one year, and be paid a salary agreed upon by him or her and the body. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be the same person. It shall be the duty of said officer to keep

an accurate record of the proceedings in a book or books furnished him or her by the body. The said officer agrees faithfully to discharge all the duties of the office willingly in the interest of the cause of the Free Will Baptists everywhere..

No. 6—The Executive Board shall be elected as other officers but shall serve a term of three years; terms to expire alternately. It shall be the duty of said board between sessions of the Yearly Meeting to be in charge of the work in a general way. They shall act as an advising body for each local body composing this Yearly Meeting. They shall at all times have at heart the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination and in all cases act without partiality or respect of persons.

They agree to discharge their duty or duties faithfully, to work according to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the usages of the Yearly Meeting that they are to serve. Should money or any other property of the Yearly Meeting be entrusted to them they shall handle, hold, convey, and convey said property with the greatest possible care, and will be able at all times to give a full and complete report of all property to the proper authorities.

No. 7—These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that one day's previous notice of proposed change or amendment has been given.

PROCEEDINGS

Of The

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Southeast Missouri Ministers Conference met in its semi-annual Fellowship Meeting with the Southside Free Will Baptist Church, 5818 Idaho, St. Louis, Missouri, November 17th, 1951.

Saturday Morning—10:00 O'Clock

Services opened by singing No. 96, "Where He Leads I'll follow," led by Rev. Robert Hill, followed by No. 82, "Can He Depend on You?" with Rev's. Don Hill, Robert Hill, Ben Scott, and Lawrence Thompson singing 2nd and 3rd verses.

Devotions led by Rev. Harry Beatty with Scripture reading from Psalm 100, John 4:23-24, and Eph. 5:19-20.

Rev. Harvey Hill conducted a Young Ministers Hour with Rev's. Don Hill, Lawrence Thompson, John Purdom, Glen Rehkop, Leslie Logsdon, and John Rogers speaking, followed by a praise service. Benediction by Bro. Lawrence Thompson.

After a short recess services were opened by singing No. 228, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Rev. Ben Scott conducted the devotional, reading Eph. 4:1-3. Prayer by Rev. James Barker. Rev. Alvin Halbrook delivered the message reading for his Scripture Psalm 57. Subject: "My heart is fixed." The message was followed by a fellowship handshake. Benediction by Rev. Glen Rehkop.

Saturday—1:30 P.M.

Services opened by Rev. Harry Beatty with singing of hymn, "He Included Me." Prayer by Bro. John Rogers.

Open forum led by Rev. Mark Lewis on Pastoral Problems. Rev. Lewis read for Scripture lesson, Matthew 28:18, 19; Mark 16:15; II Timothy 2:15.

After the forum a short business session was conducted by the President.

The By-Laws and Constitution were read by Rev. Harry Beatty after which an invitation was given for new members. Those received as new members were Rev. Glen Rehkop and Lawrence Thompson.

Motion made and sustained that we meet at Aulsbury Chapel Church for our Annual Session in May. Business suspended.

We then entered into worship service with devotionals led by Bro. John Vick, with singing of No. 121, "When We All Get to Heaven." Scripture reading, I Tim. 4:10-16. Prayer by Rev. John Rogers. Rev. C. B. Dees delivered the afternoon message reading for his Scripture, Acts 3:1-10. Closing song, "Amazing Grace," with fellowship handshake. Prayer at the altar led by Rev. Leslie Logsdon.

Last minutes business was considered preceeding the benediction as follows: Motion made and sustained that a letter be sent to Dr. Clyde Taylor instructing him to contact proper persons in Washington, D.C. concerning the drafting of ordained ministers of Free Will Baptist.

Motion made and sustained letter be sent to President Truman and to our two Missouri Senators condemning the sending of an envoy to the Vatican. Benediction.

The Southeast Missouri Minister's Conference met in its Twelfth Annual Session, May 17, 1952 at the Aulsbury Chapel Church, near Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Saturday Morning—10:00 O'Clock

Services were called to order by the President, Rev. Harvey Hill. Rev. Roger Reeds conducted the singing and devotional with singing of No. 100, "The Glory Land Way." Prayer by Rev. J. F. Miller, followed by hymn No. 34, "Victory in Jesus." Scripture reading by Rev. Lester Ferguson from Romans 12.

Following the devotional service Bro. Hill took charge and asked the Secretary-Treasurer to read the Constitution and By-Laws.

The minutes of the last annual session and the semi-annual session was read and approved.

President declared time for election of officers. Rev. Woodrow Matthews led in prayer, after which the following officers were elected: President—Rev. Roger Reeds, Vice President—Rev. Benjamin Scott, Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Albert Halbrook.

President appointed the following as Business Committee: Rev's: James Barker, Glen Rehkop and Woodrow Matthews.

— Motion made and sustained that we meet at the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church for the next semi-annual

Ministers' Conference in November. Five minutes recess declared. Benediction by Rev. Harvey Hill.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Singing led by Rev. James Barker, No. 126, "Standing On the Promises," and No. 74, "Kneel at the Cross." Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

In absence of Rev. Robert Hill, Rev. Wm. Buster of Illinois delivered the message. Scripture, Judges 7:1-21; text, Judges 7:21a, "Every man stood in his place." Benediction by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

1:00 P.M.

Services opened with singing No. 75, "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer by Rev. Mark Lewis. Bro. Lewis was given the opportunity to express his appreciation for the fellowship in the Minister's Conference and announced he was leaving the bounds of the Minister's Conference.

A discussion of Pastoral Problems was conducted by Rev. J. F. Miller with several ministers participating.

Rev. Willard Darnell and Rev. Glen Rehkop took charge of the Young Ministers Hour and gave testimonies.

The financial report was read and accepted.

Report of the Business Committee was read and received to be discussed item by item.

Item No. 1. That Rev. Mark Lewis be granted a letter of recommendation and commendation from the Ministers Conference. Adopted by vote.

Item No. 2. Due to the fact that the time of the annual meeting of the Ministers' Conference has been changed, we recommend that those ministers not reporting by letter or in person be notified of change and Clerk be authorized to issue Certificate of Good Standing to those who will report by letter. Adopted by vote.

Item No. 3. The Clerk be privileged to buy a brief case in which to carry the records of minutes, and property of the Ministers' Conference and to be paid for from the general treasury. Adopted by vote.

Item No. 4. That the officers of the Ministers Conference serve as a committee to revise the Constitution and By-Laws and that the revision be presented at the semi-annual meeting in November. Adopted by vote.

Item No. 5. We recommend that the Ministers' Conference annual and semi-annual minutes be printed each year with the Yearly Meeting minutes and the Ministers

Conference pay their part of the expense. Adopted by vote.

Item No. 6. We recommend that the Ministers' Conference give a standing vote of thanks for service rendered by retiring officers of Conference. Adopted by a standing vote.

Item No. 7. That the Aulsbury Chapel Church be given a standing vote of thanks for the hospitality shown to the Southeast Missouri Ministers' Conference. Adopted by a standing vote.

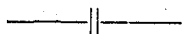
Motion made and sustained that our ministers in the Armed Forces and on the Mission Field be given Certificate of Standing.

Motion made and sustained that Bro. Miller write to Bro. Floyd Cherry inviting him to the Yearly Meeting to speak in behalf of the Free Will Baptist Paper of Ayden, North Carolina.

Singing of hymn No. 19, "Joy Unspeakable," led by President. Bro. Woodrow Matthews delivered the message of the hour reading for his Scripture Acts 9:10-18. Subject: Chosen Vessels. Benediction.

President—Rev. Roger Reeds

Sec'y-Treas.—Rev. Albert Halbrook



MINUTES

Of The

WOMEN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

—SOUTHEAST MISSOURI—

August 22, 1952

Friday Afternoon

The fourth session of the Women's District Auxiliary Convention of Southeast Missouri was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the President, Mrs. Lucille Beatty. The theme of the program, "The Hour is Come to Glorify the Son," was carried through the session.

The congregation sang, "Christ for the World We Sing." Mrs. Beatty led the devotional from John the 15th chapter. Mrs. Agnes Smith led the congregation in the National W.A. Convention hymn, "Co-Laborers."

Readings, "The Preacher's Wife," by Hazel Scott, and, "The Master is Coming," by Agnes Smith, were given.

Five minute topics, "The Hour is Come to glorify the Son through (1) Missions, (2) Bible Reading, (3) Personal Service, were given by Eunice Edwards, Elizabeth Hesselmeier, and Mrs. Eunice Miller, respectively. Rev. Roger Reeds sang, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow."

Business Session:

Minutes and statistical report were approved as read and the treasurer's report was adopted by proper vote. Motion made and sustained that the report of the Business Committee be adopted to be discussed item by item. Items 1, 2, and 3 adopted by vote. An offering of \$28.73 was received toward a set of dishes for the Cuban School of Missions. Motion carried to take the balance of the cost of the dishes (\$11.27) out of the treasury.

Report of the Obituary Committee was received by proper vote and Agnes Smith and Georgia Hill sang, "Precious Memories."

Report of the Nominating Committee was received by proper vote and the officers elected. (See Reports, following.)

Two dining chairs and six irons were pledged by one Sunday School Class and various Auxiliaries for the Cuban Mission School.

Program chairman, Hazel Scott, requested Eunice Edwards and Agnes Smith to assist in preparing next year's program.

Afternoon session adjourned.

Friday Evening—7:45

Call to order. Congregation sang, "Praise Him, Praise Him." Devotional was given by Rev. James Barker from John 12:23-32. Prayer led by Sis. Hilderbrand.

The Moeller Children sang, "I'm Free Again," and Rev. Roger Reeds again sang, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow."

Rev. Benjamin Scott brought the evening message from Matthew 25:1-13 and Amos 4, using "Preparation" as his subject.

Congregational song, "Are You Ready." A short playlet, "The Meaning of Service," was presented by the Women's Auxiliary. Prayer for dedication of our lives anew led by Bro. Scott.

Minutes of the Auxiliary Session read and approved.
Announcements. Benediction by Rev. O. D. Matthews.

Mrs. Georgia Hill, Sec'y-Treas.
Mrs. Lucille Beatty, President

REPORTS

Business Committee:

We, your Business Committee, submit the following items:

1. That we take an offering today toward the purchase of a set of dishes for the School of Missions in Cuba.

2. That each Auxiliary co-operate with the National Second Vice President when our allocation is made for the purchase of an organ for the Bible College.

3. That an Officer's Clinic Day be set and planned for by the Executive Committee.

Committee: Elizabeth Hesselmeyer, Hallie Dettmer, Genell Scott, Eunice Edwards.

Nominating:

President—Lucille Beatty, 1st Vice—Genell Scott, 2nd Vice—Elizabeth Hesselmeyer, 3rd Vice—Eunice Edwards, 4th Vice—Hazel Scott, 5th Vice—Lee DeWitt, Secretary-Treasurer—Georgia Hill, Corresponding Secretary—Erma Lee Hogan.

Committee: Mrs. Darnell, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Denton.

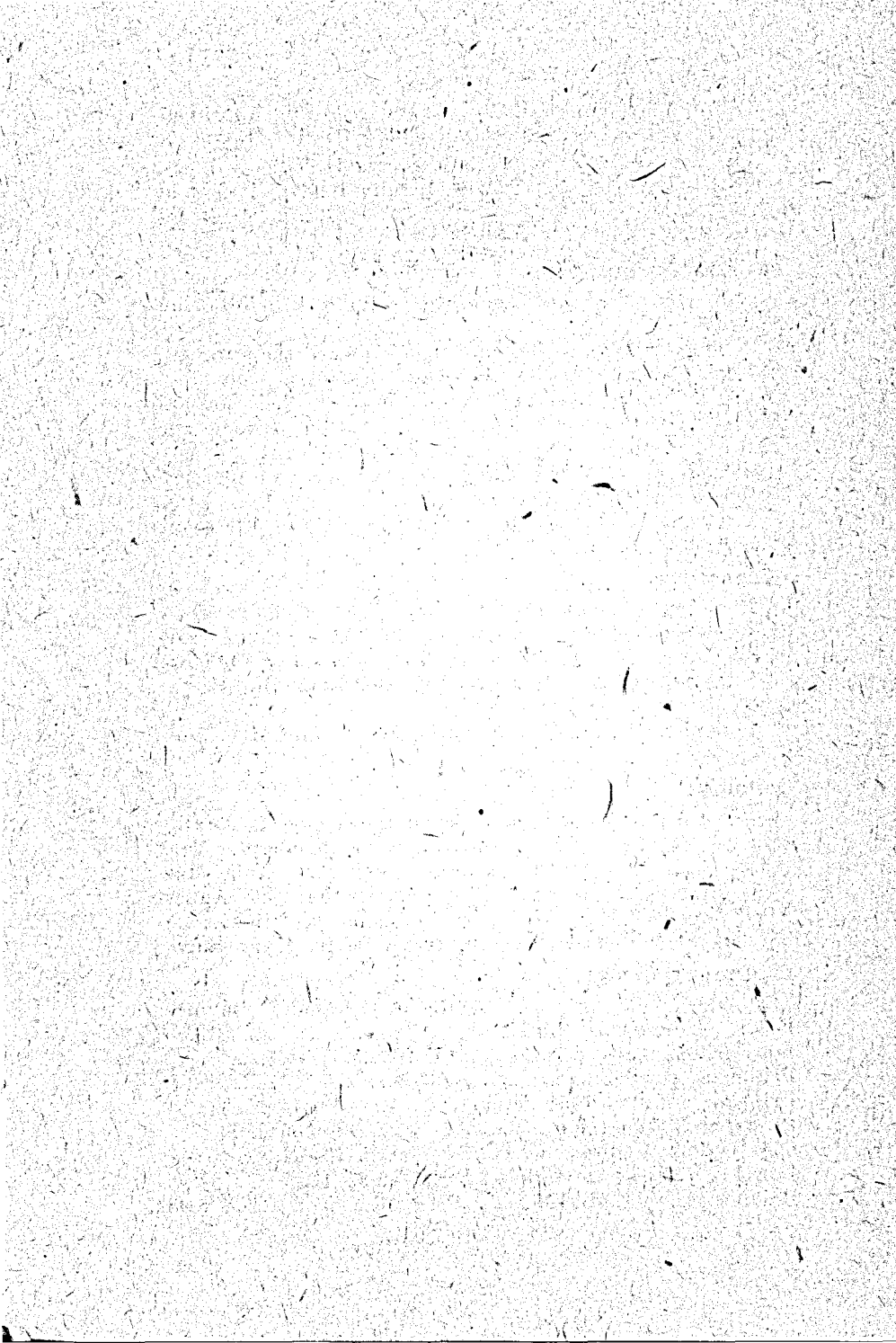
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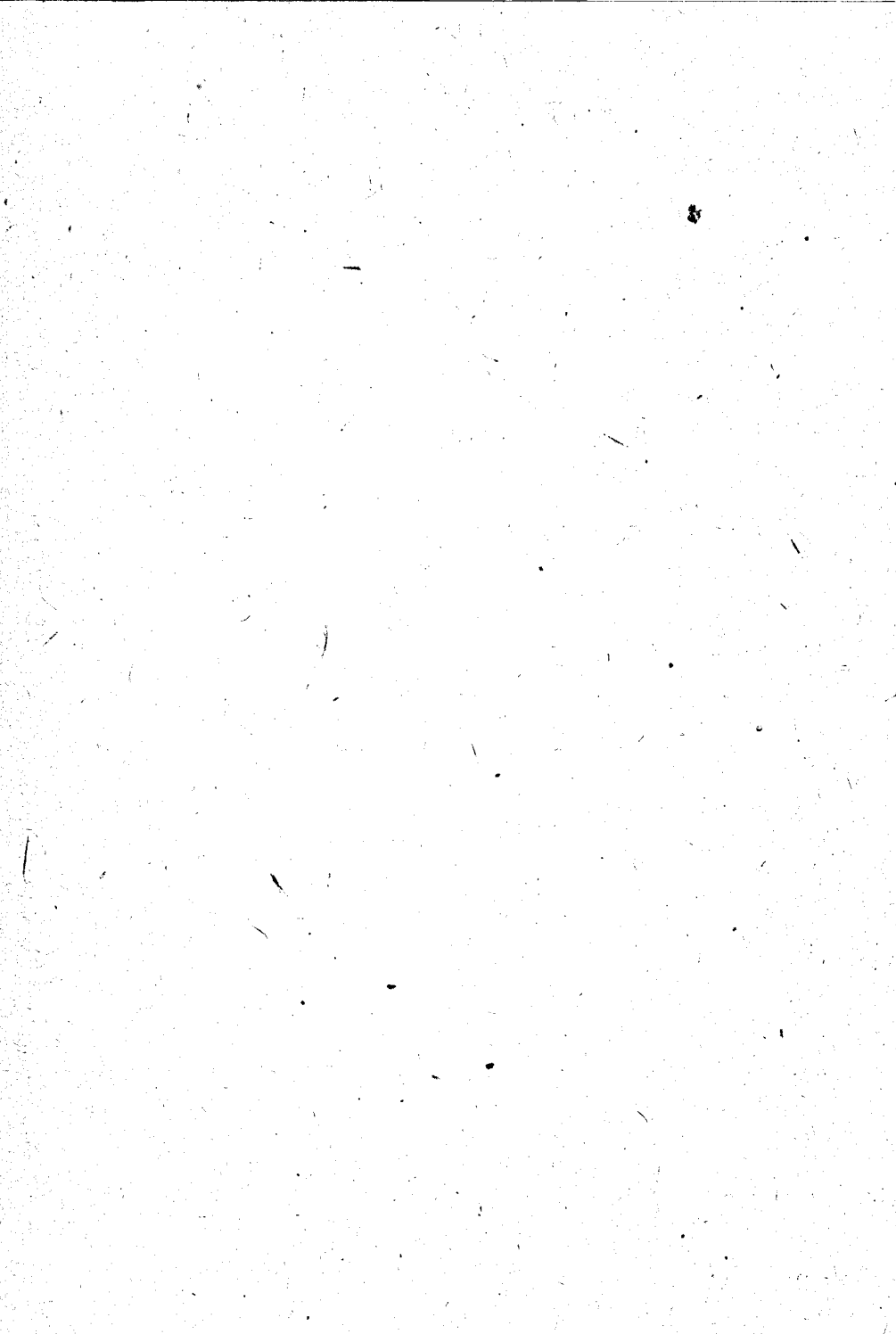
We, the Obituary Committee of the Women's Auxiliary, report the death of the following members: Mrs. Louise Lix, Flat River, Missouri, and Mrs. Eula Mae Vick, St. Louis, Missouri. We request that Sis. Agnes Smith sing "Precious Memories" in memory of them.

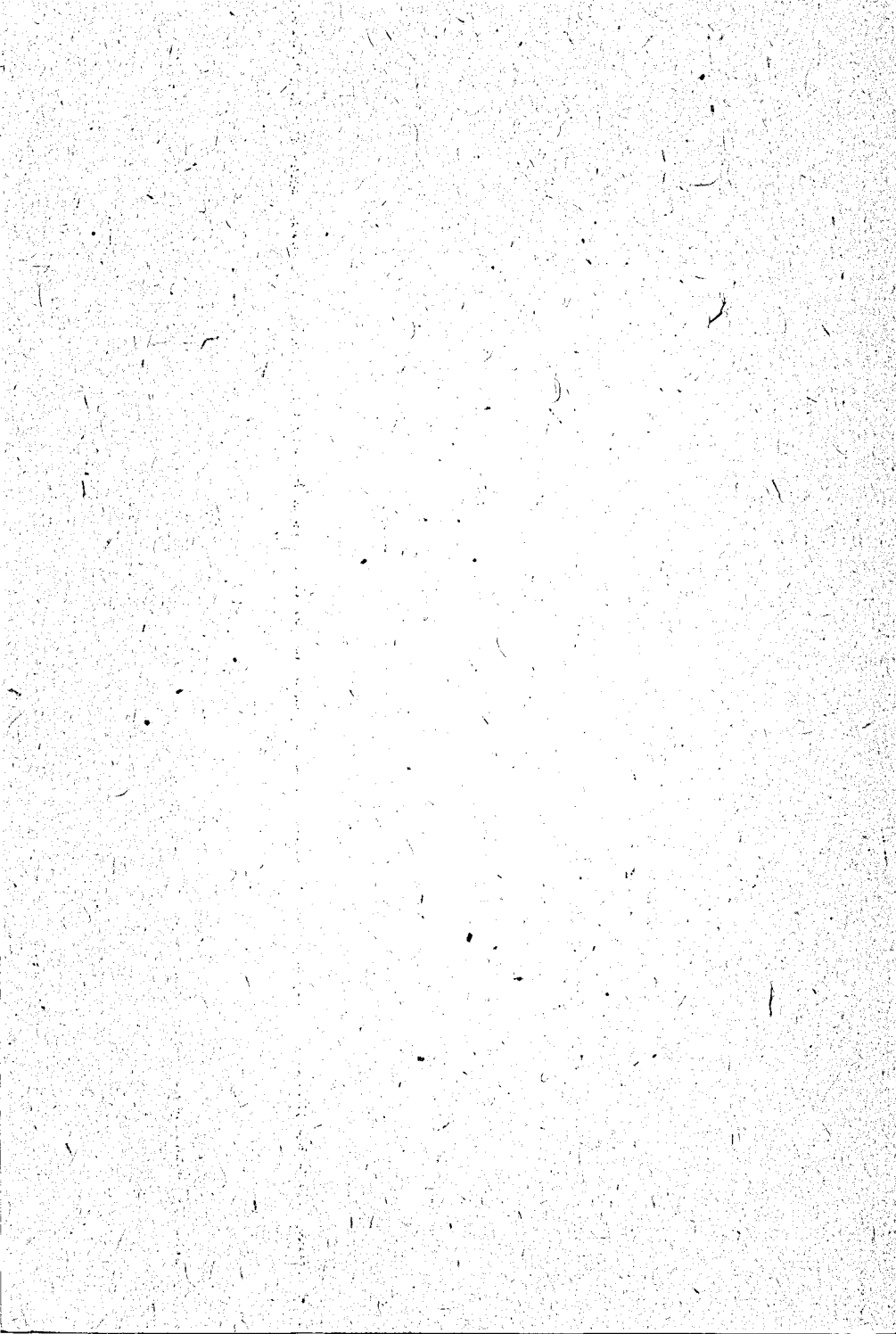
Committee Bertha Souden, Hazel Scott, Mary Regh.

Treasurer's Report:

	Rec'd.	Disb.	Balance
Balance August 31, 1951	\$13.56
Convention dues received	\$51.70.....	
Personal offering	3.50.....	
Printing minutes 1951 session	\$ 4.44.....	
Programs 1952 session	9.65.....	
66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % dues to State Conven.	34.47.....	
For set of dishes for Cuba.....	11.27.....	
Balance August 31, 1952	\$ 8.93







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