

Southern Illinois Freewill Baptist Ministers Conference
 when convened with Mason F.W.B. Church Mason Ill. Sept
 5, 1946. Opened with song, prayer by Bro. Chas. Porter
 Scripture reading by Rev. Wm. Buster. Songs by Bro. Porter
 and Bro. Paul Suleer. prayer by Rev. Dewey Meritt. Rev. Jack
 Eden elected as Moderator. Motion & second we deviate from
 the program when best suited for business. Vote & Carried.
 Minutes read and approved as read. Bro. Everett Albright
 appointed asst. Moderator. Topics for 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. ~~Carried~~
~~and handled by several, which was very good. Motion & second~~
~~we adjourn for 5 minute recess before message. Vote & Carried~~
 Rev. Chas. Porter was elected to bring 11 o'clock message. Motion
 and second we adjourn for 5 minute recess before message. Vote & Carried
 message. Bro. Chas. Porter was inspired and stirred our hearts with his
 message. Motion & second we adjourn until 1:30 P.M. Vote & Carried.

Evening session opened by singing "Camping in
 Canaan Land". Prayer by Rev. Dewey Meritt. Song by Sister
 Rogers "Zion's Hill". A shouting good time was ~~and~~
 enjoyed by all. Scripture reading by sis. Emma Moore
 from Psalm. Business. Old business handled.
 Nomination open for Minister to preach next introductory
 message to Ministerial Conference. Rev. Paul Suleer and
 Rev. Jack Edens nominated. Bro. Suleer duly elected.
 Bro. Wallace Malone made a nice talk on Superannuation
 Offering being taken for same in the amount of \$16.50
 which was turned over to Bro. Malone. Topic John 1:12-13
 opened by Rev. Paul Suleer, handled by several. at this
 time someone suggested an altar of Prayer. which we
 all enjoyed, and followed by good testimonial service
 The Good Lord blessed wonderfully. Motion & second
 we adjourn until next regular Ministerial Conference
 Vote and Carried.

Those attending Ministerial Conference
 Namely. Rev. Jack Eden
 .. Charles Porter
 .. Paul Suleer
 .. Jess Brooks
 .. W^m Buster

Those attending Ministerial Conference cont'd.
Rev. J. S. Harris
" Wallace Malone
" C. H. Curry
" Louis Schram
" Emma Moore
" Willie Huffman
" Sherman Sullivan
" Dewey Merritt
" Everett Albright
" Curt Rogers
" B. A. Merkel
" Tracy W. Reed
" Opal Kittibidal
" Juanita M^e Whiter

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The Freewill Baptist Yearly Conference of Southern Illinois Deal

When convened with the Mason Freewill Baptist Church at Mason Illinois September 6, 1946. Opened with song and Prayer. Proceeded to elect Moderator. Bro. Olan Kersh duly elected & proceeded into business. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Next in Order of business was placing of Pulpit Committee. Namely Bro. Willie Hanna, Bro. Ody Settle and Sister Sullivan. Next was appointing of Business Committee. Rev. Jack Ketterman, Rev. Raymond Pritchford Rev. Opal Hiltibidal. Rev. Jack Ketterman duly appointed as Asst Moderator. Bro. Davidson gave a very good talk on the two topics "Report on Nat'l Assn." and "Promotional talks on our Nat'l. Program". Bro. Wallace Malone added a few words to Rev. Davidson's talk, Making mention the Yearly Conference was indebted to Sister Opal Hiltibidal the sum of \$10.00 for National Assn. dues. Sis. Opal Hiltibidal added a few good words. Motion by Bro. Jack Ketterman, seconded by Rev. Marsh Harpole the Body reimburse Sis. Opal the \$10.00. Vote and Carried. Motion and second we accept Bro. Davidson's report, also of Bro Malone and Sister Hiltibidal of National Assn. Vote & Carried Motion & seconded we drop topic: 'Reverence in God's House' and make way for 11:00 O'Clock Message vote and Carried. Motion and second we adjourn until 1:30 P.M. vote and Carried. Adjournment.

Evening Session opened with song and prayer Business Session opened. Rev. Jack Edens gave a report of the Sunday School Alliance. Rev. Wallace Malone asked we give Rev. Edens a vote of thanks for his unflinching efforts in this work. Pulpit Committee made their report. Motion made and seconded we accept the report. 8:00 P.M. Fri. Eve Rev. Marsh Harpole 11:00 a.m. Saturday Rev. J. C. Ketterman 1:30 P.M. Sat. Memorial Sermon Rev. W.R. Burton. Saturday 8:00 P.M.

Ordination Sermon Rev. Hwey Merritt. Sunday
 11:00 AM Rev. Wallace Malone Sunday 8:00 PM.
 Rev. William Buster. Bro. Buster asked we
 reimburse the delegate to the last National Assn.
 for his expense. Motion by Bro. Buster second by
 Bro. Marsh Harpole this body pay Rev. Wallace
 Malone his expenses to the National Assn.
 vote & Carried. Next was electing of the Delegates
 to the Next Nat'l. Assn the Year of 1947 to be held at
 Detroit Michigan Rev. Davidson made known
 the yearly was entitled to five Delegates. Bro. John
 Willhite Nominated and elected by acclamation.
 Sister Mabel Tetterman, ^{Rev.} Willie Huffman, Bro
 Taylor Corsey then were Nominated, Motion and
 seconded Nomination be Closed and elect delegates by
 acclamation vote & Carried. Bro. C. J. Tetterman made
 Motion the body set \$50.00 as expense for ~~the~~
 delegates ^{to Nat'l Assn} this ~~to~~ be divided as the delegates may
 Choose. ~~second~~ Motion was seconded. Vote ~~& Carried~~ and
 all voted Yea except Bro. John Willhite ~~and gave~~
 voting Nay. He gave his reason, feeling everyone
 should bear their own expense for the Glory of God.

Letter from Wayne County Quarterly Meeting
~~Discussion on whether to accept them back into the~~
~~Yearly Meeting after being suspended last year~~ vote and
 Carried read stating they wished to be reinstated
 in the Yearly Conference. Talks by several, very good
 also report from Sister Hillard on same. Motion
 and second we reinstate the Wayne County Quarterly
 Meeting into the 'Freewill Baptist Yearly Conference
 of Southern ~~Conference~~ 'Illinois' vote & Carried
 Sister Lucille Willhite (a treasurer) asked the body do
 something about expenses Money. Motion by Bro
 John Willhite second by Bro. Buster each Church
 pay a fee of \$4.00 instead of the customary \$2.00 per
 year. for their stated dues vote and Carried.

Radios Auxiliary made a good report at
 this time. Motion and second we accept
 report vote & Carried.

The Topic "Reverence in God's House" that had been dropped in the Morning was at this time opened by Rev. Marsh Serpole. Followed by others which was good. Motion & second we stand adjourned. Vote & Carried.

Saturday Morning Sept. 7 Opened by singing and prayer. Reading of Freedom Quarterly Meeting letter also Wayne County Quarterly Meeting read. Motion and second we accept the letters vote & Carried. Next meeting of the yearly conference to be held at Union Church. Topic "The responsibility of the Lay Member of the Church" opened by Rev. ~~Wm. Serpole~~ Malone which was spirited. Reading of the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting letter. Motion and second the letter be accepted. vote & Carried.

Next in Order to choose one to preach the ~~next~~ introductory Message to the yearly Conference. Rev. Haseh Smith Nominated. Motion & second nomination be closed & proceed to elect by acclamation vote and Carried. Auditing Committee appointed Namely Sister Emma Moore, Bro. Henry Merritt and Bro. Jesse Robins. Discussion of printing of Minutes not stating what to be done. Partial report from Business Committee reading: Recommend vacancy of Sister Mary Jane Mayo as State Treasurer be filled. vote and Carried. Recommend the plan of work of the Superannuation be adopted. (Bro. Malone Making report) Mot. & sec. accept this report and retain the ~~Board~~ ^{Board} vote & carried. Motion & second each one on this superannuation board be paid their expense when they must leave the Quarterly Meeting and their boundaries they make their report to yearly Conference expense fund not taken from Yearly Conference fund but by the money being brought in by the Board. vote & Carried. Recommend that ~~one~~ our Home Mission funds be kept in our home state (Bro. Malone stating we keep 20% of funds in home state. Motion & second we adopt this plan. Vote & Carried. Bro. Paul

Julcer Appointed Asst Clerk. Report of Bro. C.A. Mc Bride about the Freedom Quarterly Meeting being recorded he instructing the Clerk of Freedom Quarterly Meeting what to do. Sister Aline Hanna Nominated as State Treasurer to fill vacancy of Sis. Mary Jane May. Motion & second we elect Sister Hannah by Acclamation vote & Carried. Motion & second we stand adjourned until 1:30 P.M. vote & Carried. A very gracious service followed and the Lord blessed.

Evening session opened by song and prayer. Report of Auditing Committee read and approved Motion & second accept the report vote & Carried. Resolution Committee appointed namely Bro. John Willhite Sister Lora Cook and Bro. Tom Hall. Motion & second to retain ~~the~~ Sister Opal Wells and Moderator be empowered to select and appoint 2 more for program committee appointing Bro. Curt Rogers and Bro. Ray Settle. Motion ~~and~~ retain Treasurer and Clerk by Bro. Malone second by Sis. Emma Moore. vote and carried.

Resolution Committee Report read. Motion by Rev. Raymond Pitchford second by Bro. Ray Settle the report be accepted and release Committee vote & Carried. Standing vote of thanks by all for our Moderator. Bro. Malone made mention all of our Ministers should apply for Superannuation.

Examining Committee made report. Motion & second accept report & dismiss Committee vote & Carried. Motion & second we retain old examining Committee and appoint another for board Bro. Wallace Malone appointed vote & Carried. Motion & second we make way for Memorial Sermon vote and Carried. Bro. Dewey Merritt appointed Moderator asst. to fill Night Session. Mot and second we adjourn until 7:30 P.M. vote & Carried.

7:45 P.M. Evening Session Opened by

Song and Prayer. Minutes read and approved
 Motion and seconded these minutes be adopted
 vote and carried. Bro. Lepton Harpole Made
 a very good talk expressing the feelings of the
 entire state stirring our hearts. Motion & sec.
 to adjourn until next regular yearly conference
 to be held at Union Church in Freedom Quarterly.
 vote & carried. Oran Kersh Mod. Tracy Wheeler Clerk
~~Those~~ ~~ad~~ Ministers Attending & Cards issued.

Rev's.	B. A. Merkel	Revs.	William Buster
"	Jasper Armstrong	"	Arley Robinson
"	Louis S. Schum	"	Lepton Harpole
"	A. J. Edens	"	E. P. Jenkins
"	Carlos J. Kersh	"	Chas. Osborne
"	W. R. Burton	"	Pauline Osborne
"	Wallace Malone		
"	C. J. Kettelman		
"	C. A. Mc Bride		
"	Lewey Merritt		
"	Opal P. Hiltibidal		
"	Sherman Sullivan		
"	Robert Mooney		
"	Oran Kersh		
"	Opal Jefferys		
"	W ^m Wesley Huffman		
"	C. H. Curry		
"	George Waggoner		
"	Emma Moore		
"	Tracy Wheeler		
"	Jeanita M. Whirter		
"	J. L. Harris		
"	Marsh Harpole		
"	W. R. Pitchford		
"	Ellamae Hiltibidal		
"	Paul C. Sulzer		
"	John Hiltibidal		
"	Charles R. Porter		
"	Abner V. Smith		
"	Jesse Brooks		