

The 29th Annual Session of the
 The Freewill Baptist Yearly Association
 of Southern Illinois, when
 convened with the Hazel Dell Freewill
 Baptist Church Sept. 9-12 1948. Called into
 Session by the Yearly Clerk calling for Election of the
 Moderator. Elder W.R. Burton duly Nominated
 and elected by acclamation. The Moderator took
 over and duly appointed Elder C.H. Curry as
 Asst. Moderator for this Session. Minutes
 of the Previous Yearly read by the Clerk and
 Approved. Letters from the Franklin County
 Quarterly Meeting, Freedoms Quarterly Meeting
 and the Wayne County Quarterly Meeting were
 read also an individual Church letter was
 read. Delegates seated from Churches that
 were represented. Minutes of Ministerial Conference
 read. Moderator proceeded to appoint Committees
 Pulpit Committee, Melvin Robertson, Pittsburgh,
 Edgar Bain, Webb's Prairie and Arthur Jones of
 Union. Memorial Committee, Hershel Hale
 Ina, Ed Robelard, White Ash, and Tom Hall
 Oak Grove. Closing Resolution Committee
 Frank Burton, Rescher, Gilbert Galloway, Hazel
 Dell, Marie Burton, Bear Point, Jack Cox
 Freedom, and Charles Coursey of Rock Springs Valley.
 No Business Committee appointed as Standing
 Business Committee appointed at Last Yearly
 Conference. Topic "Why Support the
 National Association Program?" Opened
 by Rev. Chas. R. Porter whose remarks were
 good. Reading of Constitution and
 By-Laws of Conference and prayer by Bro.
 W.E. Russell. Partial Report of the
 Pulpit Committee selecting Rev. A.J. Edens
 to deliver Eleven O'clock Message Friday Sept
 10th. Topic "What is Consecration?" opened
 by Elder Chas. R. Porter followed by Bro.
 Willie Huffman reading Romans 12:1

Bro. J. W. Throgmorton and Bro. C. J. Kettman all talks were good.

Motion by Bro. C. J. Kettman seconded by Bro. C. H. Curry the Yearly Conference admit the Rev A. J. Edens into the Yearly Conference of Southern Illinois Freewill Baptist with right hand of fellowship, The Rev A. J. Edens coming from the Oklahoma Yearly Conference. Vote & Carried
Adjourned until 1:30 P.M. Eleven O'clock Service opened with song and Prayer. Rev. Eden based his stirring message on the life of St. Paul and the Power of God. His message moved the entire congregation. One high point in his message was when he said "Our Old Patriarch of the Southern Illinois Freewill Baptist is the Elder Chas. R. Porter, leaving his (Bro. Porter's) home in England to come to the land of opportunities thanked his dear Mother for showing to him his Blessed Saviour. His life now is as the Apostle Paul's just before his death. He is pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". Noon Adjournment.

Evening Session opened with singing Prayer by Sister Emma Moore. Devotional led by Sis. Ella Mae Hiltibidal stirring our souls by her remarks on "Examples of Zacheus". Relating his determination to see Jesus. Business Clerk read names of Ministers reporting to the Freedom Quarterly Meeting as they were not included in letter to the Yearly Ass'n. Talks on Ministers renewing their annual cards stating "Ministers should be very careful to file their yearly Report to be approved by the ~~standing~~ examining Board in order to receive their annual Ministers Cards".

Motion by H. E. Bain seconded by Sis. Emma Moore the Business Committee be retained another year (Porter, Bunnell, Gullidge, Eden and C. H. Curry) Vote and Carried.

Auditing Committee appointed by the Moderator, Sis. Emma Moore, Bro. C. J. Kettelman and Bro. George Hulley. Clerk read an ~~invitation~~ invitation from the Wayne County Quarterly Meeting to entertain the Next Yearly Conference. Conference voted to go to Blue Point Freewill Baptist Church of the Wayne County Quarterly Meeting in Sept. 1949. Bro. C. J. Kettelman made a Motion the Clerks Salary be raised to \$25.00 per year and the Treasurers salary to \$15.00 per year. seconded by Bro. J. W. Throgmorton Voted and Carried. The Ladies Auxilliary gave their report to the Conference by Sister Chesta Clampt of Bear Point Church. Reported she attended the Nat'l. Ass'n. and out of 19 States having Freewill Baptist Churches on 11 States reported having Ladies Auxilliaries with total of 2192 Members and the State of Illinois is now in Group A. Sis. Clampt also made an individual report Bear Point & Oak Grove Churches. Sis. Clampt also stated that the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting have 8 Ladies aux. and Freedom Quarterly Meeting have 1 making a total of 9 Churches with Auxilliaries. Sis. Emma Moore reported for the Mt Vernon Church also made a Treasurers report. Sis. Eugene Jiles reported for the Watouville Church. Sister Emma Moore stated she had in her possession 2 books 1 written by herself the other by the Rev. Emice Edwards of Missouri selling for 30¢ and 40¢ respectively.

Bro. Edgar Bain. Made a Motion and duly seconded by Bro. Chas. R. Porter the Minutes of this yearly Conference be printed and the Treasurer be empowered to pay the bill for same voted & Carried

Conference called upon Bro. Melvin Robertson of Pittsburgh to render a special song at this time which he proceeded to do so singing "The Haven of Rest". Moderator ~~at this time~~ appointed Bro. C. N. Curry of Bear Point, Bro. C. J. Ketterman of Webbs Prairie and Bro. A. J. Edens of Rescue as Examining and Ordaining Council to wait upon Bro. Floyd ~~Shelton~~ Shelton of the Hazel Dell Free Will Baptist Church for Deaconship. The afore-mentioned Council stated the Ordination service would be held Sat. Eve service. Another partial report by the Pulpit Committee. 11 o'clock Sat 11th Rev. March Harpole, 7:30 P.M. Sat Eve Rev. N. T. Little. Conference stands adjourned until 7:30 Fri. Eve. Friday Eve. service opened by congregational singing. Prayer. Bro Wallace Malone, on the Mission Board, made his report on Missions and brought a good message on Missions.

Saturday Morning Sept. 11. Session opened singing "what a Friend we have in Jesus". Prayer by Bro John Hiltibidal song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Scripture Reading by Bro J. W. Throgmorton reading from 1st Psalm. Led in prayer by Bro. Throgmorton. Special song by Bro. Melvin Robertson. "After" enjoyed by all. Minutes of previous days business read and approved. Report of Ordaining and Examining Council. "We examined Bro. Floyd Shelton for Deacon of Hazel Dell Church and find him worthy, and recommend that he be ordained at this yearly Meeting" signed Committee. Jack Eden Jack Ketterman and C. N. Curry. Motion by Bro. Chas. A. Porter business be suspended for time being and have talk by Sis Opal Hiltibidal on "Missionary Thoughts" seconded by Bro W. E. Russell vote & carried. Sister Opals talk was very good. The Clerk Rev Tracy W. Doo ~~extended his resignation~~ ~~for his~~ ~~as yearly~~ ~~Conference Clerk~~ as yearly Conference Clerk. Motion by Rev. Chas.

P. Porter seconded by Rev. W. R. Spurlock.
 voted and carried. Business Committee made a report
 at this time. We the Business Committee
 wish to recommend that the said Business
 Committee be given the power of Final
 Authority on such actions as are deemed
 necessary in the scope of their field of
 Authority.

This makes whatever action they may
 deem necessary, legal.

It is further recommended that this
 Committee be a permanent body. Each
 Member would thus go out of office on
 resignation, death or by request of the
 Yearly Meeting.

That they be empowered to act at any
 time during the year thus speeding the
 work of Committee in a way pleasing to God.
 signed Committee. Chas. R. Porter, W. E. Gullidge
 C. H. Curry. A. J. Edens. various talks
 on recommendations. Objections raised by
 Rev. Lepton Harpole and Rev. W. R. Spurlock
 Motion made by Rev. Chas R. Porter to adopt the
 recommendations seconded by C. H. Curry.
 Vote was taken For 16 against 14.

Nomination for someone to bring the
 Introductory Sermon to next Yearly Meeting
 Rev. A. J. Eden duly elected. Bro C. H. Curry
 made report on action at the Conference of
 Treatise Revision. He also stated his opinion
 of the action taken on the Business Committee
 Bro. A. J. Eden made report on the Sunday
 School Alliance stating he had made many
 trips to acquire steel for structure.
 saying the steel cost \$2060.00 delivered to
 Benton Ill. Bro Eden along with Bro
 Curry stated his stand on the action of
 the Business Com. saying "I will not
 serve on a Committee that we cannot have

more Majority than 16 for and 14 against"

Bro Chas R Porter made a talk on the Business Committee and as Chairman of the Business Committee I stand here today and take my stand for God and for what He stands for and I will so long as I live, and further I stand here as never signing anything but recommendations that I think that are right. Others made talks on Business Committee actions. Adjourned

Eleven O'clock service opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Lepton Harpole. Rev. Marsh Harpole based his message on the 7 Vials, the 7 trumpets and the 7 seals spoken of in Revelation. He also used scriptures from Daniel and Nahum and Nehemiah. Closed with an altar call and handshakes. Noon Adjournment

Evening session opened by congregational singing "Draw us nearer" and "Whosoever meeketh me"

We the Pulpit Committee select Rev. George Waggoner Sun. 11:00 O'clock and Rev. Paul Sulech Sun. Eve 7:30 signed: Melvin Robertson, A.R. Jones and D.E. Bain. Final Report Motion by C.J. Kettman to accept report and release committee sec. by Bro Little vote & carried. Memorial Committee made their reports. Eleven deaths in Freedom Quarterly and following names handed in Sis Maud Girth, Bro. Will Cushman and Sis. Sybil Nynn of White Ash. Bro. Walter Midget of Pittsburgh, Bro. Harlton Bobbit Sis Lizzie Trizzel and Bro. James Scott of Bakerville. Bro. George Jones Sis. Sarah Johnston and Sis. Bertha Cochrane of Hazel Hill signed committee Tom Hall, Ed Gobelard Marshal Hale. Motion by Bro Marsh Harpole second by Bro N.W. Little to accept report and release the committee vote and carried. A report from the Freedom Quarterly Meeting on action taken

of E. Albright as follows" We the undersigned Business Committee of Southern Illinois Free Will Baptist Yearly Assn. After hearing the Case of Rev Everett Albright concerning how after he realized he had violated his covenant and the laws of the Church he turned his Ministerial papers in to the regular elected quarterly Meeting Clerk Bro. Edd Guldage. Then when the regular Quarterly Meeting convened at Herkin Ill. The regular Meeting convening at this time Nov 28, 29 & 30 1947, did by a Majority accept said Ministerial papers. We the Business Committee after due examination sustain the said quarterly Meeting action. Believing said papers to be legally surrendered and becomes null and void. We further agree any action after above quarterly meeting is illegal we so agree. W. E. Guldage, C. H. Curry, A. J. Eden Chas. R. Porter W. R. Burton, Jr.

Discussion by Conference Motion by Committee to accept. Voted and carried.

Auditing Committee made report ~~on the~~ and treasurer's report. Treasurer Report

From Sept 1, 1947 to Sept 1, 1948

Amount received from Churches Sept 1, 47 Sept 1, 48.

Sept 4-47 Ina Church the does	\$4.00
" 12-47 Wayne Co, 3 "	12.00
" 12-47 Franklin " 10 "	40.00
" 13-47 " " 8 "	34.00
Oct 1-47 Alexandria " "	4.00
Aug 14-48 Freedom B 13 " "	52.00
Total Amt received	\$146.00

Amt Paid out from Sept 1, 47. to Sept 1-48

Sept 13-47 Clerks Salary	\$20.00
" " " Treas. Salary	10.00
" 15-47 Natl. Quas	10.00
" " " Mt Vernon Register News for 200 Programs	16.75

Sept. 15-47 Money Order + Stamps	.30
Nov. 23-47 Freewill Baptist Sem for 500	
Minutes & 250 Constitution & By laws	20.00
Nov 23-47 Money order and stamps	.18
July 8-48 dues to Natl. Conference	10.00
" " " Stamp & Money Order	.15
Total amt paid out	\$ 87.38
amt in Treas. Sept 1-47	\$ 101.33
amt. rec'd from Sept 1-47 Sept 1-48	146.00
Making Total amt	\$ 247.33
Less amt paid out	\$ 87.38
amt in Treas. on Sept 1-48	\$ 159.95

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Auditing Committee O.K. C.J. Kettner
 Emma Moore, Motion made and seconded to
 accept report and to accept treasurer's report
 vote and carried. Election of Yearly Clerk now
 in Order and Sister Irene Sullivan of
 Valier Illinois duly elected. Election
 of treasurer. Bro. Henry Britton of
 Whittington duly elected. Moderator
 appointed program committee on ~~recommendation~~
 recommendation proceeded to retain the
 old committee with the exception of
 Clerk Tracy W. Lees which now is Irene Sullivan
 as Chairman Bro. Wm. Buster and Sis Juanita
 Smith. Conference gave the yearly clerk Tracy
 W. Lees Freewill offering in amount of \$16.02
 Memorial Sermon by the Rev Chas. R
 Porter very stirring and inspiring.

The Ministers Cards were renewed and
 distributed. Closing Resolutions Committee
 made their report. We the Closing Resolution
 Committee wish to express our thanks and
 appreciation for the kindness and warm
 friendship shown throughout this meeting.

Also we wish to thank the Moderator and
 all concerned in making this meeting a
 success. May the Lord richly bless

this church. signed Committed Frank Burton,
 Gilbert Halloway, Marie Burton, Joe Cox, Charles Coursey.
 Motion by Bro. Paul Sulcer second by Bro. J.W.
 Throgmorton to accept report & release Comm. voted and
 carried. after handshake and song we stand adjourned.
 Ministers Cards renewed as follows

Elders W.R. Burton
 W.R. Spurlock
 Chas R. Porter
 A.J. Edens
 C.A. Curry
 C.H. Curry
 James Fite
 Wm Buster
 B.A. Merkel
 C.A. McBride
 Arlie Robinson
 Hasea Smith
 Opal Hiltibidal
 James Smith
 Marsh Harpole
 Lepton Harpole
 C.J. Ketteman
 L.E. Abel
 Clay Myers
 Wallace Malone
 Aron Kersch
 Raymond Bitchford
 Paul Sulcer
 Harlan Street
 Dorsey Braden
 Barney Charles
 George Morgan
 Earnest Pearson
 John Hiltibidal
 Newey Merritt
 Sherman Sullivan
 Jasper Armstrong
 Opal Well (Retained)

Elders Wm Smothers
 M.L. Baker
 Charles Osborne
 Pauline Osborne
 Henry Schockley
 George Waggoner
 Emma Moore
 Carlos Kersch
 Agene Hanna
 Samie Hanna
 Floyd Hartley
 Abner Edwards
 J.S. Harris
 W.E. Russell
 Ethel Haffard
 Opal Jefferys
 G.H. Johnston
 Lee Davis
 Claude Childers
 Louis Shrum
 Vernell Clark
 T.R. Jones
 Willie Huffman
 H.T. Little
 J.W. Throgmorton
 J.O. Kunkler
 Raymond Boyd
 Ira Harris
 Curt Rogers
 Hazel Murphy
 L.O. Gibson
 Emma Hiltibidal