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The next session will be held at the trinity F. W. B. Church, Ft. Worth, Texas beginning Tuesday right before the first Sunday in November, 1949.

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GENERAL OFFICERS

of the Texas State Association
for the year 1948-49

Rev. N. B. Barrow	Moderator
109 S. Baylor Ave., Bryan, Texas	
Rev. M. L. Sutton	Assistant Moderator
Rt. 3, Box 48, Arlington, Texas	
Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook	Clerk
Rt. 3, Box 208, Bryan, Texas	
Rev. R. E. Conner	Treasurer
Buffalo Springs, Texas	
Rev. A. F. Ferguson	Publicity Director
Rt. 1, Box 218-A, Weatherford, Texas	
Rev. Tiff Covington	Statistician
Rt. 2, Bellvue, Texas	
Rev. N. C. Cole	Parliamentarian
Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas	

DIRECTORS

Rev. R. E. Conner	Christian Education
Buffalo Springs, Texas	
Mrs. H. Ray Berry	F. W. B. League
1031 E. 14th St., Houston, Texas	
Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook	Woman's Auxiliary
Rt. 3, Box 208, Bryan, Texas	
Rev. B. A. Grant	Denominational Literature
Henderson, Texas	
Rev. J. L. Bounds	Sunday Schools
Houston, Texas	
Rev. A. F. Ferguson	Foreign Missions
Rt. 1, Box 218-A, Weatherford, Texas	

CHAIRMAN or SECRETARY of BOARDS

Home Missions

Mr. N. C. Cole	Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas
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Superannuation

Rev. J. A. Brooks	Ft. Worth, Texas
2003 Prairie Ave.	

Orphanage

Rev. R. E. Conner	Buffalo Springs, Texas
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BOARDS

Home Missions

Mr. N. C. Cole, Bryan, Texas	1949
Rev. J. L. Brandon, Weatherford, Texas	1949
Mr. C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas	1950
Rev. Tiff Covington, Buffalo Springs, Texas	1950
Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Weatherford, Texas	1951

Supcrannuation

Rev. T. W. Smith, Henderson, Texas	1949
Rev. J. A. Brooks, Ft. Worth, Texas	1949
Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Bryan, Texas	1950
Rev. B. A. Grant, Henderson, Texas	1950
Rev., Mrs. H. M. McAdams, Huntsville, Texas	1951

Orphanage

Rev. Tiff Covington, Buffalo Springs, Texas	1949
Rev. R. E. Commer, Buffalo Springs, Texas	1949
Rev. J. H. Measures, Weatherford, Texas	1950
Rev. B. A. Grant, Henderson, Texas	1950
Mrs. M. L. Sutton, Ft. Worth, Texas	1951

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. J. L. Bounds	Houston
Rev. M. L. Sutton	Arlington
Rev. E. J. Vaughn	Beckville
Rev. E. S. Jameson	Tatum
Rev. J. M. Goode	Laneville
Rev. Troy McDonald	Laneville
Rev. T. W. Smith	Henderson
Rev. B. A. Grant	Henderson
Rev. J. E. Maricle	
Rev. A. J. Fielding	Dallas
Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelley	Huntsville
Rev. Bruce Barrow	Bryan
Rev. Alvin Young	
Rev. Henry Melvin	Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. H. M. McAdams	Huntsville
Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams	Huntsville
Rev. Mrs. Amanda Kester	Arp
Rev. John Newberry	Kilgore
Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook	Bryan
Rev. W. F. McDuffie	N. Zuleh

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Central Texas—9 churches, 584 members, 34 members dismissed, 8 members deceased, paid pastor \$8,050.50, evangelistic work \$1,503.31, bldg. and repairs \$4,695.79, incidentals \$679.00, benevolence \$108.42, student loan \$706.84, unified program \$433.32, Bible College \$320.55, foreign missions \$362.12, balance in Treas. \$897.01, value of church property \$39,259.00, superannuation \$6.00, Sunday Schools 6, average No. pupils 249, officers 21, teachers 38, leagues 4, officers 15, woman's auxiliaries 5, officers 36, dues collected \$76.00 amount special collections \$340.05.

West Fork—Members received 129, dismissed 57, total membership 1,110, No. in Sunday School 642, number in Ladies Auxiliary 28, paid pastors \$11,386.18, paid evangelist \$913.70, paid to Children's Home \$170.99, paid home missions \$938.62, paid foreign missions \$103.25, paid education \$21.59, paid unified program \$265.00, paid for publication \$223.99, paid to Association \$79.00, paid for building and repairs \$21,056.04, paid for miscellaneous expenses \$3,919.92, total income \$38,157.89, value of church property \$61,000.00.

Texas—Members received 80, baptized 41, dismissed 19, died 6, total membership 602, average No. pupils 286, No. officers 24, No. teachers 40, paid pastors \$4,442.31, paid evangelist \$436.17, home mission \$204.70, foreign missions \$216.70, building and repairs \$1,203.82, education \$185.23, publication \$167.44.

Southcast Texas—No. churches 4, new members 21, deceased members 3, total members 86, No. Sunday Schools 4, No. in Sunday School 132, benevolence \$34.00, building and repairs \$500.00, paid evangelist \$17.14, paid pastors \$508.16, other purposes \$72.45, home missions \$52.09, publications \$25.00, value of property \$6,000.00.

Northwest Brazos—No. churches 5, membership 168, paid pastors \$823.74, No. deacons 4, building and repairs \$304.97, evangelist and home missions \$94.87.

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with New Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Henderson, Texas on November 2, 3, and 4, 1948.

Tuesday Evening

The session was opened with song and prayer.

The Moderator, Rev. M. L. Sutton appointed the Committee on Credentials which was composed of Rev. J. A. Brooks, Rev. B. A. Grant, Rev. J. L. Bounds, and Rev. J. M. Goode.

After the appointment of this committee, the Moderator introduced Rev. A. F. Ferguson of Weatherford, Texas. The text was from Rom. 3:8 with subject "An Open Door."

At the close of the sermon, the Credential Committee gave a partial report. Delegates were seated and visiting ministers invited to seats. (See report).

Announcements were made and the service closed with prayer.

Wednesday Morning

The Association re-assembled at 9:00 o'clock with singing and prayer.

The Moderator called for the balance of letters to be given to the Credential Committee.

Rev. C. C. Lamb of Vernon, Texas, led in the morning devotions reading from Ephesians 6.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees which was composed of Rev. H. M. McAdams, Chairman, Rev. J. E. Maricle, and Rev. M. T. Holley.

The report of the Bible College was given by Rev. Henry Melvin, Treasurer and Business Manager.

Motion carried that Texas pay her balance of the suggested quota on the expansion program for the Bible College which is \$250.83.

Motion carried to receive an offering for the Bible College at the 11 o'clock hour.

Motion carried to accept the partial report of the Credential Committee.

The right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator to the delegates. (See report).

The report of the National Association was given by Mrs. J. L. Vance. The same was received.

Motion carried the Director of Woman's Auxiliary be

given more time to complete her report for the minutes.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given and received. (See reports).

Motion carried to recess for the 11:00 o'clock hour.

Eleven O'clock Service

The service opened with singing and prayer.

Rev. J. M. Goode of Laneville, Texas led in the devotions.

The time for the morning sermon now having arrived, the Moderator presented Rev. N. B. Barrow of Bryan, Texas, who spoke from I Thess. 1:6-10.

At the close of the message the Moderator presented Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook as the only ex-student present from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. Received for the Bible College in pledges, cash contributions, and offerings, the amount of \$170.16. This amount plus \$128.00 in pledges and cash received in an earlier part of the morning session made a total of \$173.16 in cash and \$125.00 in pledges or a grand total of \$298.16.

The benediction was by Rev. Henry Melvin.

Wednesday Afternoon

The body assembled for the afternoon session with singing led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson of Weatherford, Texas.

A duet was given by two small girls from the S. E. Texas District Association.

Rev. Alvin Young of Kirbyville, Texas led the devotions with scripture reading from John 14:1-4.

Rev. J. B. Lovett of Arkansas was welcomed as a visiting minister.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was read, received and delegates seated. (See report).

The report of the Treasurer was read and received. (See report).

The report of the Orphanage Board was given by Rev. R. E. Conner.

Rev. Rex Weatherman, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Ringling, Okla., gave a report on the Home.

Motion carried the reports be received.

Rev. M. L. Sutton gave a report in regard to the Children's Home in Ringling, Okla.

The report of the Home Mission Board was given which included a report by the Secretary-Treasurer, N.

C. Cole, and a report of the Home Mission Field Worker, Rev. R. E. Conner. (See report).

Motion carried the reports be received.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Chairman of the Home Mission Board, spoke in regard to the Home Mission Program.

Invitations for the entertaining of the 1949 session of the Texas State Association were received from the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas and the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, Texas. The body voted to convene in the 1949 session with the Trinity Church in Ft. Worth.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and received. (See report).

In complying with the above report the body stood in silent prayer for those who are left bereaved; after which, Mrs. A. F. Ferguson led in audible prayer.

The report of the Director of F. W. B. Leagues was read and received. (See report).

The report of the Director of Foreign Missions was given, including the reading of a letter from Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach of Durham, N. C. (See report).

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. M. L. Sutton.

Wednesday Evening

The service began with singing.

Prayer was led by Rev. J. E. Maricle.

A solo, A Wayfaring Pilgrim, was sung by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Prayer was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

Evening devotions were led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie reading Ex. 12:11,22; 14:15.

A solo, Ship Ahoy, was sung by Rev. Henry Melvin.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Henry Melvin who brought the evening sermon from Heb. 1:1-3.

Prayer was led by Rev. Melvin.

At the close of the sermon an invitation was given those who wished to accept Christ, the opportunity. Three persons, two men and one woman, who had previously known the Lord came back to Him.

Motion carried to hear reports from the Director of Layman's Work and the Director of Denominational Literature.

A report on Sunday Schools was given by Rev. M. L. Sutton, which was received as information.

Motion carried to adjourn.

During the closing hymn the hand of Christian fellowship was given to Rev. N. B. Barrow and Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

Dismissed in prayer by Mrs Tiff Covington.

Thursday Morning

Met at 9:00 o'clock.

Song service led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Prayer was led by Mr. H. H. Howard.

Morning devotions were led by Rev. J. L. Bounds of Houston, Texas with scripture from I John 1.

Motion carried to elect members to fill vacancies on the various boards.

Home Mission Board— Motion carried to retain Rev. A. F. Ferguson, term to expire 1951.

Superannuation Board—Motion carried to retain Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams, term to expire 1951.

Orphanage Board—Motion carried to retain Mrs. M. L. Sutton, term to expire 1951.

Election of officers:

Motion carried to proceed with the election of officers.

Officers elected were:

Rev. N. B. Barrow, Moderator.

Motion carried to give a rising vote of thanks to Rev. M. L. Sutton for his splendid service as retiring Moderator.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Clerk.

Rev. R. E. Conner, Treasurer.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Publicity Director.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Statistician.

N. C. Cole, Parliamentarian.

Following the election of officers the report of the Resolutions Committee was read.

Motion carried No. 1 be adopted.

Motion carried item No. 2 be referred back to the committee.

Motion carried item No. 3 be adopted.

Motion carried item No. 4 be adopted.

The report of the Director of Denominational Literature was given by Rev. B. A. Grant and received.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of Resolution Committee.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Appointed were:

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook

Rev. M. L. Sutton

Rev. Tiff Covington

At this time a recess was entertained.

Eleven O'clock Service

The 11:00 o'clock service began with singing led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

The Moderator introduced Rev. J. A. Brooks of Ft. Worth, Texas who brought his sermon from Luke 2:40-49 with subject, "A Busy Life."

During the closing hymn, the hand of Christian fellowship was given to Rev. Brooks.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. A. Brooks.

Thursday Afternoon

The body re-assembled with singing led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

Devotions were led by Mrs. H. Ray Berry of Houston, Texas from Gal. 6, subject, "The Walk of the Believer."

The Director of Foreign Missions, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, led in special prayer for our Foreign Missionaries and the Children's Home.

The report of the Publicity Director was given and received.

Motion carried to have reading of a letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Midlands, Texas.

Motion carried to receive the First Free Will Baptist Church of Midland, Texas into the Texas State Association.

The report of the Superannuation Board was given and received.

Motion carried to dispense with the office of Director

The names of the members of the Revision Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and of Directors were read.

A prayer of consecration was offered for them by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

A charge was given them by the incoming Moderator, Rev. N. B. Barrow.

Motion carried the Moderator appoint the delegates to the National Association.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, the Texas State representative on the National Revision Committee on the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists, gave his report which was accepted.

Motion carried to expunge from the minutes the pre-

vious motion, and notify the National Association we are in harmony with the National Association on the Treatise of the Faith and Practice as revised at Pocahontas, Arkansas July, 1948 with the exception of Sec. V, Art. 2 under Government of the Church.

Motion carried the matter in regard to the Texas State Association purchasing an interest in the church paper owned by the Oklahoma State Association, "The Small Voice." be placed in the hands of the Texas State Ministers' Conference.

The session closed with a hymn and Christian handshake.

Dismissed in prayer.

REPORTS

Eleven Month Report of R. E. Conner, Texas State Missionary

This has been one of the best years of our lives in the Lord's work. We have traveled about 17,500 miles in the Home Mission Work. We have held 10 revivals, visited all our associations, held services in every Free Will Baptist Church except about 4 or 5 we would have gone to these churches but could not get permission. We have received 63 new members into our churches, converts 38, reclaimed 42, baptized 28. We have carried our church papers everywhere to get our people to read them and have taken 17 subscriptions. With the help of Bro. Tiff Covington organized one new church in Bowie, Texas. Total amount of money raised for Home Missions \$1817.22, salary received for our work \$1,500.00. We appreciate the men of the Home Mission Board and do hope the work will continue on.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Conner
State Missionaries

Report of Superannuation Board

To the Texas State Association

Since Superannuation is in its infancy, we should still stress the Unified Program in all our churches, and we further suggest that our pastors take time to explain to their congregations how the funds are divided and if the church isn't satisfied with the 10 percent, urge them to give more. Our beloved ministers who have given their best to God and us, deserve our best in their declining

years. We praise our Heavenly Father for the progress that has been made in the last decade toward this great cause. This is a precious phase in our great program, and we, as your board, ask all of our churches to join us in prayer that this splendid move may be carried on till the return of our Lord and Master.

Lizzie McAdams
B. A. Grant
J. A. Brooks
Alvin F. Halbrook
T. W. Smith

Further Report of Board—

We, the Board voted to continue to pay Rev. J. H. Dowell five dollars every two months.

Motion carried to adopt a form of application for superannuation.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook offered his resignation as the Chairman-Treasurer of the board because of numerous duties.

Motion carried to accept the resignation.

Rev. J. A. Brooks was nominated and elected chairman-Treasurer of the board.

Secretary, Rev. B. A. Grant

Financial Report of Chairman-Treasurer of Texas State Board of Superannuation

Receipts Nov. 1, 1947 to Oct. 31, 1948

Amount brought forward	\$120.46
West Fork Quarterly Meeting	44.91
Central Texas Quarterly Meeting	59.87
Clayton Church	45.30
North Zulch Church	6.00
Bright Light Church	1.00
Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Edge, Texas	1.00
Total	\$278.54

Disbursements Nov. 1, 1947 to Oct. 31, 1948

National Board of Superannuation	\$ 39.52
Rev. E. S. Jameson	120.00
Rev. J. H. Dowell	30.00
Miscellaneous	.55
Total	\$190.07
Balance on hand Oct. 31, 1948	\$ 88.47

Chairman-Treas., Alvin F. Halbrook

Report of Director of Leagues

The major part of my work during the past year as director of Leagues has been that of taking a census of

the leagues in the state.

This was done for the purpose of getting accurate information upon which to base my work and to answer the request of the Secretary-Treasurer of the National Free Will Baptist League Board for a list of the leagues in the state of Texas. This information he was to file with that of leagues in other states of the denomination.

Inasmuch as this census was taken during January, February, and March several months in the past, it probably will not be accurate at this date. Individual leagues may have increased or decreased in membership. New leagues may have been organized. Old leagues may have ceased functioning.

The result of the census is as follows:

Central Texas District Association	
Churches	Members
N. Zulch	20
Bryan	40
Evergreen	27
Houston	15
Total	102
S. E. Texas District Association	
Church	Members
Bowie	26
Total	26
Texas District Association	
Church	Members
Fellowship	50
1st F. W. B.	27
Total	77
West Fork District Association	
Church	Members
Bennie View	16
Total	16

Number of churches in the state having leagues 7. Total membership 241.

The above shows that only about 14% or one out of seven churches in the state has a league organization for their young people.

However, progress, though slow, is being made in the league work in the state. The Central Texas Quarterly Meeting in its session Oct. 30th unanimously voted to back the youth movement and contributed fifty dollars (\$50.00) toward sending young people to the National Free Will Baptist League Conference in Tulsa, Okla. in

the summer of 1949.

In the interest of the league work I wrote ten letters and six cards.

In order for the league work of the state as well as other phases of our work to make rapid progress, one of two things is needed. Either the State Association place a promotional secretary on the field or each district association place a promotional secretary on the field in that district association.

Prayerfully submitted

Alvin F. Halbrook

Report of Director of Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. A. F. Ferguson, Director

No. auxiliaries	7
No. members	119
Dues collected	\$156.00
Sick calls made	106
Social calls	50
Trays given	35
Flowers sent	40
Vacation Bible Schools held	3
Study courses in missions	2
Special mission programs	1
Daily Bible readers	8
Amount given to Children's Home	\$52.50
Benevolence	\$10.00
For missions	\$17.00
Special	\$8.15
Bible School	\$13.00
Co-labor fund	\$21.00
Special gifts to the church	\$42.90
Superannuation	\$10.00
Total meetings held	42

One auxiliary supports one native missionary in Cuba.

Report on Denominational Literature

What we need today is better cooperation among each one. We need to stress the fact that each Free Will Baptist should read our own literature first of all, that each church in the state of Texas use our own Sunday School and league literature instead of literature of different denominations which are being used in some of the churches.

We would like to report that we can see a great improvement of the advancement of both paper and literature.

Let us pray that each Free Will Baptist will be more concerned about his own denomination.

B. A. Grant •

Report of Director of Foreign Missions

Brethren, we have much to thank God for. More and more of our people are awakening to see the harvest fields, and carry out the great commission of our Lord.

The past year has been one of the greatest in the history of Free Will Baptists, and yet it is only meager compared to what we could do if Free Will Baptists everywhere would rise up to meet the challenge, and carry out the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ.

An itinerary was worked out which covered most of the work in Texas. Rev. Herbert Richards who covered this field brought in and mailed to Rev. Winford Davis \$218.98. Some parts of our state Bro. Richards met with discouragement and bitter opposition. Bro. Richards received for his labors \$193.36 and expenses. From July 1, 1947 to July 1, 1948 Texas gave \$616.03 to Foreign Missions which leaves us behind \$583.97 as the suggested quota by our National Board of Foreign Missions. We have six missionaries in India at present; and the work in Cuba is growing, therefore our responsibility has increased. May we get behind our Mission program and put it over for the glory of God. Let us make the ensuing year the GREATEST yet.

Yours for more souls,
Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Report of Texas State Association Treas.

1947-48

Balance brought forward Nov. 1, 1947	\$ 33.82
Received from 1947 session	176.00
Received for delegates expenses to Revision	
Committee meeting	137.55
Total received	\$347.37
Disbursements—	
Nov. 13 Alvin Halbrook for clerical services	10.00
Dec. 12. F. W. B. Gem for minutes	86.00
April 12 C. B. Weir Sr. for Rev. M. L. Sutton's	
expenses on Revision Comm.	100.00
June 2 National Ass'n. Dues	35.00
Aug. 24 Gem Press for programs of 1948 Ass'n.	8.75
Total paid out	239.75

Total balance Nov. 1, 1948\$107.62

Texas State Ass'n. Treas.

Mrs. Alvin F. Hallbrook

Delegates to National Association

Convening in Columbus, Georgia beginning Tuesday evening following the second Sunday in July, 1949.

Mrs. M. L. Sutton

Mrs. R. T. Trant—Alt. Mrs. N. C. Cole

Mrs. T. . Blacwood

Mrs. E. E. Adam

Mrs. Bill Berry

Mrs. Bert Moore

Mrs. Val Stone

Mrs. R. C. Cloud

Mr. J. B. Estes

Mr. J. L. Vance

Report of Credentials Committee

1948

Churches

Harper Grove\$5.00.....

Yeung Blood 5.00

Evergreen Keeth 5.00

Union Arbor 5.00

Bright Light 5.00

North Zulch 5.00

Bowie 5.00

Weatherford 5.00

New Salem 5.00

Gartmans View 5.00

Trinity Church Ft. Worth 5.00

Houston 5.00

Huntsville 5.00

First Church Ft. Worth 5.00

Bryan Church 5.00

Fellowship, Henderson 5.00

Pleasant Mound, Buffalo Spgs. 5.00

Mt. Olive. Compton 5.00

Vernon 5.00

Dett 5.00

Cambell Church 4.00

Mt. Union 5.00

1st Church, Henderson 5.00

Center Point 5.00

Associations

Central Texas\$15.00

Southeast Texas	14.00
West Fork	20.00
Texas Ass'n.	16.00
Northwest Brazos	5.00

Credentials Committee

Rev. J. A. Brooks

Rev. B. A. Grant

Rev. J. L. Bounds

Rev. J. M. Goede

A Petitionary Letter

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the New Hope Church at Henderson, Texas November 2-4, 1948.

Greetings:

We, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bowie, were organized September 19, 1948 with 14 charter members. We now have 28 members. We have organized a Sunday School, and have Wednesday night prayer meeting. We would like to become a member of the State Association.

We send as delegate, Sis. R. E. Conner, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

Done by order of church assembled in conference this 6th day of October, 1948.

Rev. R. E. Conner, Moderator

Mrs. L. W. Roland, Clerk

Enclosed: \$5.00.

Report of Resolutions Committee

1. Be it Resolved that this State Association request each church to cease yearly calling pastors but rather call with 60 days provision in call each way.

2. Be it Resolved that the State Executive Committee work out plans for 1949 to more clearly define each director's and officer's work. Expenses to be paid at 2½c per mile by Association.

3. Be it Resolved that the Executive Committee compile proper blanks for each department.

4. Be it Resolved that we give the church a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality and those who have helped them.

Committee:

Rev. N. B. Barrow

Rev. R. E. Conner

Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Report of Temperance Committee

Conscious that intemperance is one of the decisive

forces in favor of evil, that the church is the main soul-saving institution in the world, and that we are powerless to cope with evil except by divine leadership.

Therefore, be it resolved that we as a state body of denominated Free Will Baptists stand at attention before Almighty God to be directed as He sees fit to oppose this terrible curse and keep ourselves consecrated daily to His will to be used of Him in overcoming all evils that would hinder the bringing in of His Kingdom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Tiff Covington, Chairman

Mrs. T. A. Blackwood

Mrs. Lilly Kelley

Report of Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee, find that the following members from various associations have departed from our midst during the year: Texas, 6; Central Texas, 8; Southeast Texas, 3; West Fork, 3; Northwest Brazos, 2; total, 22.

We extend our sympathy, and recommend that this body stand in silent prayer for those who are left bereaved.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Committee:

Mrs. A. F. Ferguson

Mrs. Gus Smith

Mrs. Carrie Covington

Report of Committee on Committees

We, your Committee on Committees recommend the following names for consideration:

Temperance

Rev. Tiff Covington

Mrs. T. A. Blackwood

Rev. Mrs. Lillie Kelley

Resolution

Rev. Bruce Barrow

Rev. R. E. Conner

Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Program

Rev. J. A. Brooks

Mrs. B. A. Grant

Mrs. M. L. Suttan

Credential

Rev. J. L. Bounds

Rev. Claud Lamb

Rev. H. M. McAdams

Obituary

Rev. Mrs. A. F. Ferguson

Mrs. Gus Smith

Mrs. Tiff Covington

Committee:

H. M. McAdams

J. E. Maricle

M. T. Holley

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Central Texas Association

Rev. Bruce Barrow, 109 S. Baylor Ave., Bryan, Texas,
Bryan Church, Phone 2-7749.

Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1031 E. 14th St., Houston, Texas.

Rev. J. L. Bounds, Houston, Texas, Houston Church.

Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, Calvert, Texas.

Rev. W. F. McDuffie, N. Zulch, Texas, N. Zulch Church.

Rev. H. M. McAdams, Huntsville, Texas.

Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams, Huntsville, Texas, Huntsville
Church

Rev. J. W. Handy, 7837 Baltimore Ave., Houston, Texas

Rev. Alvin E. Halbrook, Rt. 3, Box 208, Bryan, Texas,
Bright Light Church, Rt. 3, Bryan; Evergreen Church,
Rt. 2, Iola

Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelley, Huntsville, Texas

Rev. J. L. Payne, 6708 Ave. C., Houston 9, Texas

Rev. Astin Pegues, Houston, Texas

Rev. Gus Turbyfield, 12628 Yaner Dr., Houston, Texas.

West Fork Association

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Rt. 3, Box 48, Arlington, Texas,
Pastor Trinity Church, Ft. Worth.

Rev. Joe H. Haney, Ft. Worth, Texas

Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rt. 1, Box 218-A, Weatherford,
Texas, Pastor First Church Weatherford.

Rev. Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Rt 1, Box 218-A, Weather-
ford, Texas

Rev. Mrs. Verda Walker, 416 Eureka St., Weatherford,
Texas

Rev. Henry Measures, 304 York Ave., Weatherford, Tex.

Rev. J. L. Brandon, 416 Eureka St., Weatherford, Texas,
Gartman's View, Church.

Rev. Ted Patton Rt. 1, Comanche, Texas

Rev. R. H. Rogers, Box 740, Comanche, Texas

Rev. J. A. C. Hughes, Comanche, Texas, Pastor South

Side Church, Comanche

Rev. Marion Gaines, Box 132, Comanche, Texas, Pastor of First Church, Comanche.

Rev. C. J. Herron, 1705 S. 11th St., Waco, Texas, Pastor First Church, Waco.

Rev. Wesley Calvery, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Co Bible College.

Rev. J. A. Brooks, 2003 Prairie Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas, Pastor of First Church, Ft. Worth.

Rev. H. C. St. John, 1816 Bessie St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

Rev. Bob Sampson, Denison, Texas

Rev. C. C. Parris, Ft. Worth, Texas, Pastor Dott Church, Chilton.

Rev. J. S. Fuller, 3132 Beauchamp St., Dallas, Texas, Pastor Bonnie View Church, Dallas.

Rev. James Fuller, 514 Andrus St., Dallas, Texas

Rev. T. W. Nelson, 2117 ½ Browder St., Dallas, Texas

Rev. R. L. Shaver, 1145 Phennett Place, Dallas, Texas

Rev. Tiff Covington, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas, Pastor Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Spgs.

Rev. W. W. Winters, Newport, Texas

Rev. Collie Harris, Buffalo Spgs., Texas

Rev. R. E. Conner, Buffalo Spgs, Texas, Pastor New Salem Church, Decatur, and newly organized Church of Bowie.

Rev. H. Z. Cox, 1412 Beaumont St., Dallas, Texas, Pastor First Church, Dallas, Texas.

Rev. A. J. Fielding, 2206 Vilbig Road, Dallas, Texas, Temporary Pastor New Hope Church, Weatherford.

Rev. J. L. Forman, 2109 Gould St., Dallas, Texas

Rev. W. V. Kennedy, 4932 Columbia Ave., Dallas, Texas

Rev. Allen Gibson, Farmers Branch, Texas

Midland Church: No Pastor

Denison Church: No Pastor

Texas Association

Rev. W. H. Dickinson, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rev. J. M. Goode, Laneville, Texas, Mt Olive Church of Compton

Rev. B. A. Grant, Henderson, Texas, New Hope Church

Rev. Mrs. Amanda Kester, Arp, Texas

Rev. John Newberry, Kilgore, Texas, First Church of Henderson

Rev. Troy McDonald, Laneville, Texas

Rev. E. J. Vaughn, Beckville, Texas, Youngblood Church.

Rev. E. S. Jamison, Tatum, Texas
 Rev. J. W. Smith, Henderson, Texas, Fellowship Church
 Northwest Brazos Association
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 Rev. Mrs. J. B. Estes, Box 1302, Memphis, Texas
 Rev. H. H. Haston, Rt. 2, Paducah, Texas
 Rev. M. T. Halley, Rt. 2 Cozy Camp, Lubbock, Texas
 Rev. Heber Johnson, Rt. 2, Vernon, Texas
 Rev. Clark Brown, Rt. 1, Foard City, Texas
 Southeast Texas Association
 Rev. A. A. Young, Kirbyville, Texas

CHURCH LETTER

Greetings from Church to
 the
 (Please state whether Quarterly or Yearly Meeting or
 Ass'n.) when convened with Church
 at

We send as delegates, our beloved:

Delegates

Alternates

whom we pray you will receive to sit with you to aid you
 in your godly deliberations.

Pastor's name and address

Names of Ministers and Deacons

Done by order of church assembled in conference this
 day of, 19.....

Moderator

Clerk

BY-LAWS

Article 1. The President or Vice President, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is known to be present, the body may proceed with business according to outlined program.

Article 2. All persons declared by the Credentials Committee to be eligible to represent in the Association are hereby made and constituted members of this body, and are authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws under which this Association is governed.

Article 3. Delegates from corresponding bodies and brethren invited to seats in the Association shall be entitled to all privileges of the Association except voting.

Article 4. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor over ten minutes at the time, without special permission of the Association; neither shall anyone be recognized by the presiding officer without first rising and addressing the chair; and shall not proceed with discussion or statement until recognized by the chair.

Article 5. It shall not be considered regular for any member of the body to leave its session without special permission of the presiding officer, and those who do such, lay themselves liable to public censure. No member shall take final leave from any regular or called session without special permission from the Association.

Article 6. The business of this Association shall be governed by good parliamentary regulations at all times.

Article 7. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

Article 8. The program of each annual meeting shall be prepared by the regularly elected or appointed Program Committee; programs to be distributed thirty days in advance of setting of Association.

Article 9. The following committees shall be appointed at each sitting of the Association: Temperance, Resolution, Program, Credentials, Obituary, and Committee on Committees, and the following directors shall be elected:

Christian Education, Free Will Baptist, League, Woman's Auxiliary; Layman's Work, Denominational Literature, Sunday Schools, and Foreign Missions. The body shall elect boards of five members each for Superannuation, Home Missions, and Orphanage.

Article 10. Each session shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

Article 11. Minutes of each session shall be carefully read and corrected before final adjournment.

Article 13. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Association, by a two-thirds majority vote of the body, provided proposed amendment has been read before the body and placed on the table one day in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of all regularly appointed delegates from well organized and well disciplined associations; with all regular, and orderly, ordained and licensed ministers and ordained deacons who hold membership in some regular and district association of the State of Texas.

Article 2. The purpose of this Association shall be to edify and mutually uplift the Free Will Baptist Denomination, the spreading of the gospel to the end of saving the lost and the general advancement of the Kingdom of Christ in the earth.

Article 3. This Association shall consist of the various associations and churches which are known to be orthodox and orderly, and shall have representation on the following basis, to wit: each association shall be represented on the basis of one delegate per each one hundred members or fractional part thereof, and each church shall be allowed two delegates regardless of number of members. Each Ass'n. with a membership of 500 or less send with its representatives and letter a minimum of \$10.00; each Association with more than 500 members shall send \$5.00 for each additional 500 members or fractional part thereof, and that each church send a minimum of \$5.00.

Article 4. The officers of this Association shall consist

of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Publicity Director, Statistician, and Parliamentarian; all of whom shall be elected at the close of the annual session in which their term expires. One year shall be considered a term for all officers and standing committees.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint committees not otherwise provided for, and to strive to promote the general interest of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to serve in all capacities of the President in his absence, and to associate with him all the duties of the Recording Secretary to make a record of all proceedings of the Association, to prepare manuscripts for having minutes printed and negotiate deal for same, to keep files of minutes of all previous sessions and to carry on all necessary correspondence for the body. He shall be allowed \$10.00 annually for his services. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to be custodian of all funds of the Association and disburse same, only on authority of the body, and he shall be required to make a full report at each annual session. His books must be kept in balance with those of the Recording Secretary at all times. It shall be the duty of the Publicity Director to have charge of all advertising matters correlated with the work of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to endeavor to compile the statistics of all work done by Free Will Baptists in the state at each annual session of the Association; also to communicate such statistics as he shall be able to assemble to the National Statistician annually. It shall be the duty of the parliamentarian to keep before him at all times, during an assembly of the body, good rules of parliamentary usage, and when it is deemed necessary, he shall call attention to any irregular procedure. It shall be the privilege of the presiding officer to call upon the Parliamentarian for rules of order at any time he finds it necessary.

Article 6. Representation from a majority of the District Associations of the State of Texas shall be declared a quorum at any regular or called meeting of the Association.

Article 7. Any well organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Association within the State of Texas, composed of such churches as have adopted the doctrines,

and as conform to the usages of the Free Will Baptist Denomination as set forth in the Treatise of Faith of the National Association, may upon proper application become a member of this Association. Any church conforming to such regulations, as above set forth, may also become a member of this body even though the local Association of which it is a member is not a regular member of the State Body.

Article 8. It shall be required of all District Associations and churches composing this Association to represent themselves by delegates and communicate by letter, their standing, prospects, and statistics.

Article 9. At each session of this assembly it shall act on all questions and matters referred to it, and transact such business as tends to promote the interests of our denomination and the cause of Christ, in the bounds of this Association.

Article 10. This Association shall have the authority to discipline any Association or church holding membership herewith for disorderly walk and to exclude same if efforts prove unavailing; but in no case shall it have a right to reverse decisions.

Article 11. This Association shall have an Executive Committee composed of all the officers designated in Article 4.

Article 12. The functions of the Executive Committee shall be to have supervision of all associational work and shall act for the Association between sessions; minutes of all transactions to be read before the annual session of the Association and printed in minutes, should the body deem it wise.

Article 13. The Constitution may be altered or amended in any regular session of the Association by a vote of two-thirds majority of the body, provided proposed amendment has been read before the body and placed on the table one day in advance of the time the vote is to be taken.

