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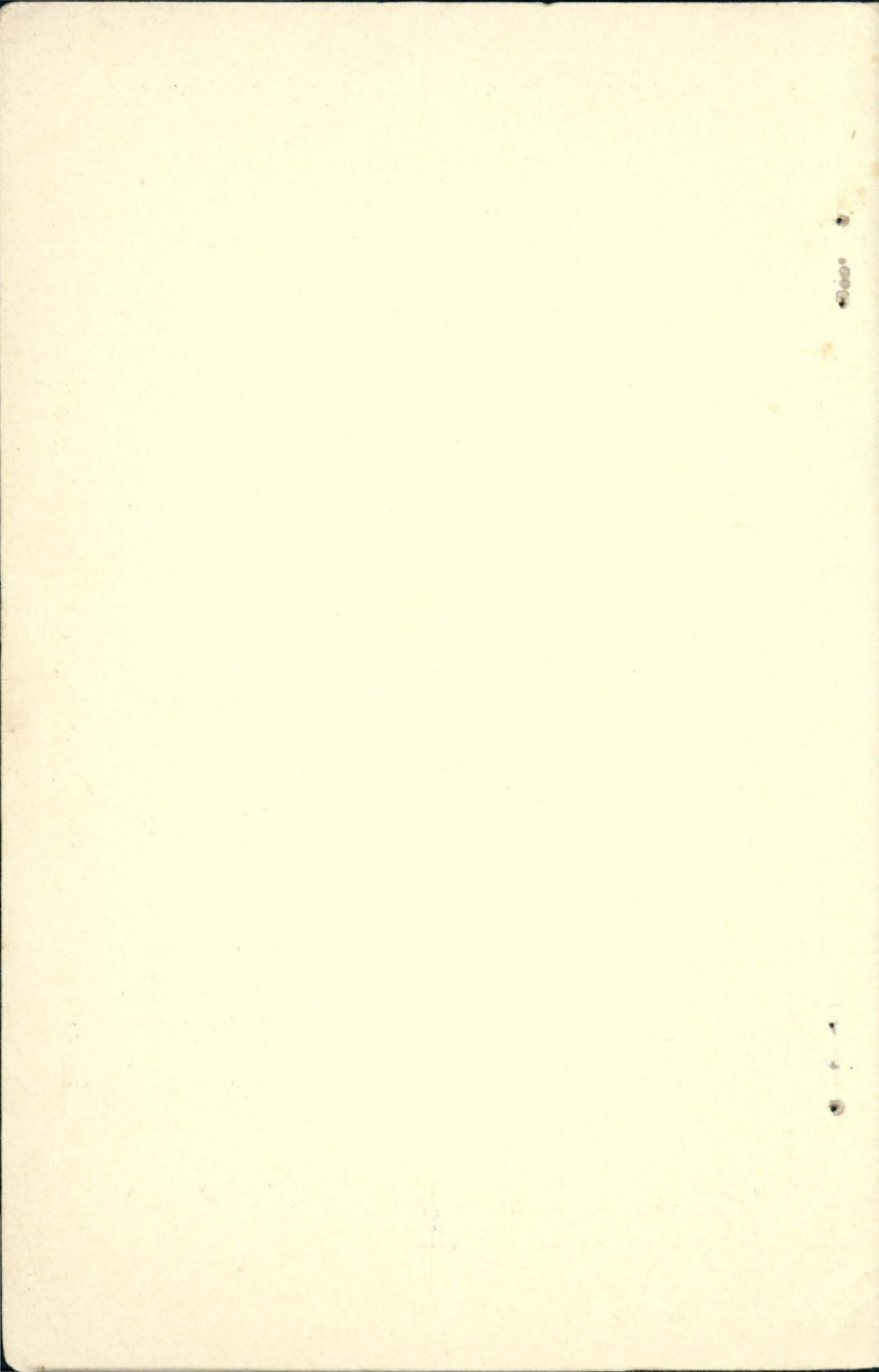
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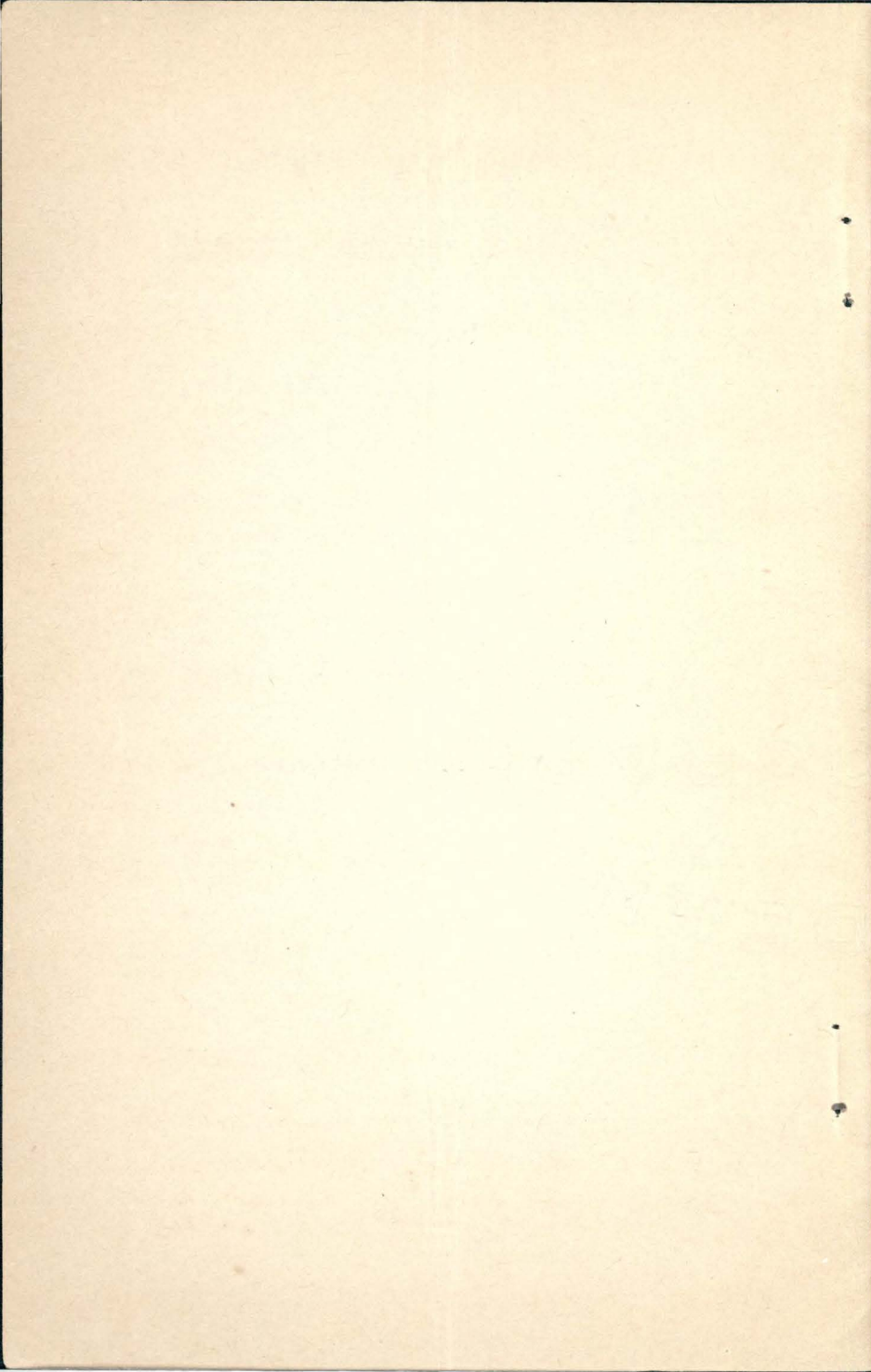
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PROCEEDINGS

Union Association of Free Will Baptists, met with the Big Creek Church near Yukon, Texas Co. Mo., being the Fortieth Annual Session, at 4 o'clock, P. M., August 30, 1939.

House was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder Clarence Ussery.

Moderator called for Introductory Sermon, which was delivered by Elder L. T. Koch. Subject — "We are laborers together with God." Brother Koch brought a wonderful message. After Christian hand shake the Moderator took charge.

Call for registration of Ministers, Ministers' Wives, Deacons and Church Clerks, names will appear elsewhere.

Temporary Committee appointed on Divine Service as follows: Deacons — Walter Sheets, Ed Fagan, L. D. Fletcher and Virgil Bandy.

Temporary Committee appointed on credentials as follows: Elders — Clarence Ussery, Oliver Letterman and L. T. Koch.

Call Church letters and instructed them to hand them to the credential committee.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder Oliver Letterman, until eight thirty o'clock Thursday morning.

Wednesday Night Divine Service

Singing by Big Creek class.

Scripture Lesson, part of 3rd Chapter of Romans.

Prayer by Sister Alice Burney and Elder L. J. Gearing.

Scripture Subject: "Therefore being justified by Faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Stand filled by Elders Oliver Letterman and L. J. Gearing, both brought heart reaching messages, after christian hand shake, dismissed by Sister Emma Pryor.

Thursday Morning Session

Convened at eight-thirty o'clock. Called together by Moderator. Praise by Congregation.

Scripture Lesson 116th chapter of Psalms.

Prayer by Moderator.

First call for report of credential committee reported favorable on the following churches: Willow Springs, Oak Grove, Wright Co., Pleasant Ridge, Breeden, Mt. Olive No. 1, Union, Wolf Creek, Providence, Mt. Zion No. 1, Pleasant Grove, New Home, Mtn. Valley, Pleasant Home and Union Chapel No. 1.

Motion carried report be adopted, delegates given right hand of

fellowship and seated in the conference. Delegates registered names will be found elsewhere.

Sister Emma Pryor was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Call for letters from Quarterly Meetings.

Letter read from Wright County Quarterly Meeting with Brother Eldon Gearing as delegate. Letter read from Douglas County Quarterly Meeting, Elders Oliver Letterman and O. C. Keller, delegates.

Motion carried both quarterly meetings be received, and delegates seated in conference. Call for Petitionery letters. None reported.

Roll Call.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator Elder Geo. W. Scott

Assistant Moderator..... " Claud J. Smith

All Christians invited to seat in Council.

By Laws read by Assistant Clerk

Call for corresponding letters and delegates. None reported

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Business—Elders J. E. Burney, H. B. Smith, L. J. Gearing, Verl Tate and Jason Johnston.

Obituary — Elders Herbert Vandivort, Howard Barr, and A. A. Hogue.

Temperance—Elders John Oxley, Geo. W. Scott and Wm. Mishler

League—Elders Clifton Harrison, Otho Means and Brother Eldon Gearing.

Sunday School — Sisters Della Findley, Alice Burney, Myrtle Harrison, Jane Butcher and Bertie Mishler.

Observance of the Sabbath—Elders N. E. Snyder, Mose Johnson and H. T. Edwards.

State of Religion —Elders Claud J. Smith, J. E. Smith, Oliver Letterman, N. E. Snyder and Clarence Ussery.

Temporary Committee on credentials and Divine Service were made permanent.

Second call for report of credential committee. Reported favorable on the following churches, Big Creek, Mt. Pisgah, Mountain Grove Tyrone, Mt. Zion, No. 2, Oak Grove Texas County, Fox Creek, Union Chapel No. 2 and Pleasant Hill.

Motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated in conference

Thursday Eleven O'clock Divine Service

Singing led by Elder A. A. Hogue

Prayer by Elder H. T. Massey and Verl Tate.

Scripture Lesson from 2nd Chapter of 2nd Timothy.

Subject: We press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ. Message brought by Elder Harry Beatty of Cave Springs Association and Elder Verl Tate, which was rousing spiritual messages. Gods power seemed to be mani-

among all his children present. After Christian hand shake and rejoicing, dismissed for the noon hour by Elder L. T. Koch.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Called together by Assistant Moderator, Claud J. Smith
Singing by Big Creek Class, "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven For You. Scripture lesson, part of the 14th Chapter of St. John. Prayer by Elder J. E. Burney.

Third call for report of credential committee. Reported favorable on the following churches; Pleasant Ridge No. 2, Rock Springs, Pleasant Springs, Pleasant Home and Brushy Knob.

Motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated in council.

Second call for corresponding letters and delegates. Clerk read letter from Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist.

Motion carried we receive the letter, invite the delegates to seat in council and give them the right hand of fellowship. Delegates names were registered as follow: Elder Harry Beatty and wife, Lucille Beatty, Deacons C. W. Crewse and W. E. Crewse together with Deacon Pruitt Cansler from New Harmony Church in Dallas County. We were glad to have them with us and invite them back to the 1940 session.

Call for report of Executive Board and passed for the present time. Reason—The Moderator Geo. W. Scott, Jr. was called to preach a funeral and had this report in his possession.

Call for Treasurer report. Motion carried it be adopted as follows

Money on hand at close of last Association	\$35.14
Sept. 19, 1938, to M. S. Glenn in part for Prtg. Minutes	\$15.00
Balance on hand	\$20.14
Postage, Stationery ann other expenses	2.00
Balance	\$18.14
To Self. clerical work by order of Executive Board	5.00
Balance	\$13.14
Balance for Minutes to M. S. Glenn, Oct. 27, 1939	9.00
Balance on hand	\$ 4.14
Motion carried Treasurer be paid for clerical work	4.14
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At this time rules were suspended and delegates elected to Cape Springs Association 1940 meeting as follows: Elders L. T. Koch, L. J. Gearing, Oliver Letterman, H. T. Massey, Geo. W. Scott, Jr., Jas. E. Burney, Deacon Henderson, Wilson, and Clerk John N. Pryor.

Call for election of member of Executive Board. Elder Claud J. Smith, re-elected for five years.

Elder Clarence Ussery elected member of Executive Board for the unexpired term of Elder Walter E. George.

Call for report of corresponding delegates. Elder Geo. W. Scott, Jr. reported on Missouri Association of General Baptists as follows:

I was at this Association one day and night, was received and given seat in council. I find a good spirit existing among these people. They elected delegates to our Association. I also find these people humble and still preaching Christ and him crucified. Anyone of us who can go to this Association will be glad they went.

Report of Elder Geo. W. Scott, Jr. on the Cave Springs Association of Free Will Baptist as follows:

I went to the Cave Springs Association, Elders Chas. E. Burney and Bro. John N. Pryor were with me. We found a fine group of people, was received and given a seat in the council. They have about twenty churches in the Association. On Friday, they had twenty ministers present. One new church was received. They seemed glad to have us with them and elected a delegation to our Association, and invited us back to their 1940 meeting.

Miscellaneous business called for. Clerk read letter from Elder John G. Koch, from Long Lane, Dallas County, and we were very sorry to hear that Bro. Koch is very sick with blood poison. Free will offering was taken of \$20.00, same was sent to Brother Koch by Brother Pruitt Cansler, and clerk instructed to write letter for Association.

Clerk made report on letter he received from Elder Walter E. George from Los Angeles, California. He enclosed \$2 for the benefit of the Association. He and family send their best regards to the Association. Clerk instructed to write letter for the Association to Brother George and family.

Motion carried that the Association stand in one minute silent prayer for Elder Koch and family, and Elder George and family, which was done. Minutes read and approved up to this time.

Recess taken until Eight-thirty o'clock Friday morning.

Closing prayer by Elder H. T. Edwards.

Thursday Night Divine Service

Singing by Big Creek class.

Free will offering taken for Elder T. H. Massey. \$3.82.

Prayer by Elder Arthur Rich and Sister Emma Fryor.

Scripture lesson from 13th chapter of 1st Cor. Elder H. Edwards and Elder Claud J. Smith brought wonderful messages on love. God's spirit was felt and in the hearts of all His people. After Christian hand shake, stood adjourned until eight thirty o'clock Friday morning.

Friday Morning Session

Called together by Moderator.

Praise by congregation. Scripture les on 4th chapter of 1st Thess., read by Moderator.

Prayer by Deacon Owen Saladine.

Fourth call for report of credential committee reported favorably on the following churches: Faith, Hope, Merritt and No. 1. Motion carried report be adopted and delegates seated

in conference.

Call for Ordination of Ministers. None.

Call for Pastorless churches. None reported.

Second call for report of Executive board. Report read and motion carried it be adopted as follows:

Report of Executive Board of Union Association. The board met Nov. 3, 1938 and organized with Elder Claud Smith, Pres., Elder Homer Smith, Vice Pres., Elder O. L. Allen, Sec., Elders Walter E. George and Oliver Letterman Members. On the same date the board discussed the matter of No. 3 Quarterly meeting and Niangua church uniting with or forming a new Association in as much as their actions were not in harmony with the teachings of the Free Will Baptist Treatise. Both bodies notified of the action Nov. 12, 1938.

Financial Report

Balance carried forward Sept. 1, 1938	\$ 85
Expenditures ending Sept. 1, 1939	None
Balance on hand	.85
Claud J. Smith	President
Oliver Letterman	Vice
H. B. Smith	Member
O. L. Allen	Secretary

Call for ministers written report, same as given to clerk, which will be found in table of Statistical Report.

Call for election of Evangelist. None elected.

Election of corresponding delegates.

To Laclede County Association: Elder J. E. Burney and Deacon Walter Sheets.

To Little Vine Association of Gen. Baptists:

Clarence Ussery and Otho Means.

To Missouri Association of Gen. Baptists: Elders G. W. Scott, Sr., Jason Johnson, H. B. Smith, H. T. Massey. Deacons Henderson Wilson, John H. Hickman, H. H. Bowden.

To Niangua Association of Gen. Baptists: Elders N. E. Snyder and Geo. W. Scott, Jr.

To Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists: Elders Jas E. Burney and G. W. Scott, Jr.

Motion carried we have 1000 minutes printed. Call for minute money, which was paid to the Treasurer by different churches.

Call for report of League Committee read and motion carried be adopted as follows: We, your committee on League, sincerely urge that all pastors of our churches try to maintain a league in each church and that all christians assist him in his efforts. We also recommend that all League Officers must be christians, since the League is one of the most important auxiliaries of the church.

COMMITTEE

C. R. Harrison

Eldon Gearing

Otho Means

Call for report on Observance of the Sabbath. Report read and motion carried to adopt as follows: We feel that there is a great lack

of proper Observance of the Sabbath, therefore we recommend that each minister insist on a strict Observance of the Lord's Day, by all our people attending Church and Sunday School instead of going to ball games, picture shows or other worldly amusements.

COMMITTEE

N. E. Snyder

Mose Johnson

H. T. Edwards

Wolf Creek Church selected for 1940 session of Association, 6 mile north of Mansfield, 6 miles south of Hartville. 1 mile east of Highway 5. Ora Keller to preach Introductory Sermon, Eld Claud J Smith, Alternate.

Recess taken until one-thirty o'clock P. M. Dismissed with prayer by Elder H. T. Massey.

Friday Eleven O'clock Divine Service

Singing by Big Creek class.

Prayer by Elder Geo. W. Scott, Sr., and Deacon Homer Vandivort. Scripture lesson, part of 24th chapter of Matthew. Elder Homer Smith brought a wonderful spiritual message on the subject: What think ye of Christ? And glad to report one soul responded and gave his heart to Christ. Great rejoicing among God's people. Dismissed for noon hour.

Friday Afternoon Session

Called together by Moderator.

Singing by Elders O. C. Keller and H. T. Massey,

Prayer by Bro. Earl Barnett.

Call for report of Business Committee. Report read and motion carried that report be adopted as follows: Item No. 1: We, your business committee, after careful consideration, ask that the request of Big Creek Church for the Ordination of Bro. Cornealison be deferred at this time for further consideration.

COMMITTEE:—J. E. Burney, H. B. Smith,
L. J. Gearing, J. H. Johnston, Verl Tate.

Fifth and last call for report of credential committee. No report.

Call for report of Obituary Committee. Report read, motion carried it be adopted as follows: Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from Labor to Reward since last Association the following named members:

Deacon Elias Sillings from Breeden church

" William Lakey from Wolf Creek church

" Esta Ellis from Oak Grove church, Texas Co.

" Carol J. Jones from Mt. Olive No. 2 on Elk Creek

Brother H. M. Brazeal from Wolf Creek church

Sister Vina Helsley from Wolf Creek church

" Rosa Micham from Willow Springs church

" Ellen Clark from Mt. Olive church (Odin)

" G. H. Wood from Providence church

" Vesta Hutsell from Union Chapel church (Graff)

" Sopha Gearing from Mountain Grove church

Lilla Young from Pleasant Hill church
Brother Matt Sanders from Mountain Valley church
While we will greatly miss their presence here but will be Heaven's gain, they will greatly illuminate our Heavenly Home.

COMMITTEE

Herbert Vandivort A. A. Hogue Howard Barr

Call for Report on Sunday School Committee. Report read, motion carried be adopted as follows: We, your committee on Sunday School, report as follows: We recommend the Bible King James Version, used and all officers and teachers be christians. We also urge parents to attend Sunday School with their children and try to get others to attend and all put forth a greater effort to have year around Sunday School.

COMMITTEE

Della Findley Alice Burney Myrtle Harrison
Jane Butcher Bertie Mishler

Call for report of Temperance Committee. Report read. Motion carried that report be adopted as follows: We, your committee on Temperance, after carefully considering the evil effect intemperance has brought to the human family, we wish to submit the following report. Then seeing the awful destruction of both life and property, with the distress suffering and poverty that has followed the legalizing of the sale and use of intoxicating beverages. We most earnestly recommend that we as a christian body, abstain from the sale and use of this terrible evil and also as much as possible refrain from patronizing such places of business offering for sale intoxicating beverages, and by so doing we hope to close such places which are enticing our boys and girls to drink this damnable poison. And we further recommend that we should abstain from all appearance of evil such as theaters, picture shows and Sunday base-ball games, that will lead us away from Christ, and destroy our christian influence. And that we take a firm stand against these evils by teaching our people that such sinful amusements are drawing the unsaved people away from the church and it's services.

COMMITTEE

G. W. Scott, Sr. John W. Oxley William Mishler

Call for report of Committee on State of Religion. Report read. Motion carried that it be adopted as follows: We, your committee on the State of Religion, submit the following. We believe that our people are manifesting a deeper interest toward God, and a greater love for each other. Although we find that some of our people are slack in observance of the Ordinance and keeping the commandments. We believe that our ministers are standing for the principles of Doctrine of Christ.

Mt. Pisgah church recommends Bro. Albert Judkins of Tarkio, Atchison County, for license. Motion carried that Bro. Judkins be given license for one year which was done.

Motion carried that the Association give a vote of thanks to Big Creek church and community for their kindness in taking care of the Association while with them.

Big Creek church gave vote of thanks to the Association for meeting with them.

Vote of thanks given Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk

for their fairness and services.

At this time Free Will Offering was taken for the benefit of the Merritt Church. Amount \$5.01.

Treasurers report at the close of the Association.

Money collected from different churches \$39.46

From Elder W. E. George 2 00

Total \$41.46

All Committees discharged

We are glad to report friendly spirit and christian fellowship existed throughout the whole session. Motion carried stand ajourned to meet with Wolf Creek Church, August 28, 1940.

Closing prayer by Brother Virgil Bandy.

Geo. W. Scott, Jr., Mtn Grove, Mo. Moderator

Claude J. Smith, Macomb, Mo., Assistant Moderator

John N. Pryor, Hartville, Mo., Clerk

Emma Pryor, " " Assistant Clerk

DEACONS

H. H. Bowden	H. E. Wilson	Elza Edwards	W. T. Curry
John H. Hickman	J. A. Dean	Riley Hutsell	A. L. Massey
Ernest Hutsell	T. E. Dobbys	Ed Fagan	Walter Sheets
Virgel Bandy	Fran Bandy	L. D. Fletcher	J. P. Driskell
D. J. Altis	Dale Kiser	John Bates	

CHURCH CLERKS

Myrtle Jones	Ester Sheets	Mrs. H. Coffman	
Luther Curry	Hazel Altis	Edna Ellis	Eva Dobbys
Cinda Kempt	Ellen Gentry	Ester Burris	Chas Burris
Chas. Neal	Emma Pryor	Francis Dean	

MINISTERS WIVES

Alice Burney	Myrtle Harrison	Golda Tate	Bertie Mishler
Tassie Branstetter	Mrs. W. L. Cornelison		

DELEGATES

Wm. Ballard	F. A. Mitchen	Earl Barnett	Owen Saladine
Tom Boyer	Walter Lund	L. O. Letterman	Ernest Wood
Evert Wood	Earl Carter	Clifford Clingensmith	Della Findley
Jane Butcher	Carman McKinney	Jessie Barker	Inez Curry
C. H. Coffman	Ester Sheets	Erna Sheets	Anna Mitchell
Vivian Plunk	Clyde Montgomery	John Oxley	Frank Coday
Myrtle Coday	Claud McCoy	Grace Hutsell	E. H. Freeman
Ava Freeman	Lizzie Giles,	Phenie Poboy	Sherman Gray

MINISTERS

L. J. Gearing,	Mtn. Grove	John Oxley,	Cabool
H. M. Cope,	“ “	Otho Means,	“
C. R. Harrison,	“ “	Herbert Vandivort,	“
Geo W. Scott, Sr.	“ “	H. G. Barr,	“
Geo W. Scott, Jr.	“ “	Preston Branstetter,	“
Mose Johnson	“ “	Virgile Miller,	“
H. T. Edwards	“ “	W. E. Crain,	“
Clarence Ussery,	Norwood	W. L. Cornelison,	“
H. B. Smith,	“	Rural Parker,	“
Wm Mishler,	“	Chas. E. Burney,	Hartville
O. C. Keller,	“	L. T. Koch,	Bucyrus
Oliver Letterman,	Ava, R 3	Verl Tate,	Graff
A. A. Hogue,	Tarkio	J. H. Johnston	Drury
Claud J. Smith,	Macomb	W. E. Snyder	Huggins
Arthur Rich,	Cold Springs	Clyde Rutledge,	Tyrone
Floyd E. Roberts,	Willow Springs		

Church Covenants

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer; family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless into the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of Will. The human will is free and

self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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CONSTITUTION

From long experience we, the Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Quarterly meetings and churches, to perpetuate our union and communion among us and preserve and maintain a correspondence among each other in our union; therefore, we propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan and form of government.

1. This Association shall be called the Union Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and churches as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

2. The acting members of the conference of this Association shall be two delegates from each church, chosen by the members of their respective churches while in conference, together with all ministers, deacons and church clerks belonging to any church composing this body; also three members from each Quarterly Meeting under the Association, two to be chosen by each Quarterly Meeting, and the other shall be the Permanent Clerk of the Quarterly meeting.

3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and an Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually, and hold their office until their successors shall be elected; a permanent Clerk and Treasurer, who shall superintend the printing of the minutes; an Executive Board of five members whose duty it shall be to transact all business of this Association when this body is not in session, and whose term of office shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years; and at the expiration of each of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years and who shall hold their office until their successors are elected. And further, if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association, the board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association; all of whom shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

4. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting or church maintaining Gospel order, agree-

ing with this denomination in doctrine and practices in favor of the benevolent enterprises, as Sabbath schools, missions, temperance and education may be received into this Association by presenting a petition asking to be received; and ministers and deacons desiring to become members, must be recommended by the church to which they belong, appear in person, and then by a vote of this Association, when such vote shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

5. This Association shall have power to discipline its Quarterly Meetings and churches, exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful; to ordain deacons, to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called for God, by request of the church to which such persons belong; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as Quarterly Meetings or churches refer to them; to make any rules or By-Laws necessary to its regulation, not inconsistent with its Constitution: but in no case shall this Association reverse its decision of its Quarterly Meetings or in any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any ecclesiastical power over the Quarterly Meetings or churches composing this Association.

6. The sessions of this Association shall be held with only such churches that call for it by a vote of the church while in conference, and when two or more churches make such request for the same sessions, it shall be decided by a vote, and the majority of all votes cast shall be final.

7. The sessions of the Association shall convene annually at four o'clock p. m. on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings and churches composing this Association to represent themselves by delegates, and send written reports. The Quarterly Meetings are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, ministers licensed or ordained, and appeals if any have been taken. The churches are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, names and addresses of their ministers and clerks, the names of their deacons, meeting days, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to them through their committees; and transact such other business, not repugnant to this Constitution nor to the usages of the denomination as in their judgement may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the Quarterly Meetings and churches within the limits of this

Association.

8. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches, to point out their interests and aid them in securing pastors, to put out evangelists and other ministers in places where the Gospel is most needed, and require a written annual report of each minister belonging to this body.

9. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority of all members voting at any regular session of this Association, when written notice setting forth the exact intended alterations or amendments shall have been given at that time.

BY LAWS

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, and in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum be present the Moderator or, in his absence, the Assistant Moderator shall take charge; and if neither are present, then the senior minister in years of service shall act as Moderator.

2. All persons declared by the Committee on Credentials to be duly entitled to a seat in this Association and accepted by this body, are hereby made full members of this Association.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; a less number shall adjourn until that number is present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer, and closed by prayer.

5. All Christians shall be entitled to a seat in council, and may take part in all discussions, but members only shall be allowed to vote.

6. Any ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of all members voting.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. It shall be the duty of the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire, shall first obtain the leave of the Moderator.

9. All business, except routine, shall be brought before this body by committees; but should any committee refuse or fail to present this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to this body by any member, but can-

not be discussed, unless by a vote of this body.

10. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all members of the committee who favor them, and if the names be not a majority of all members of the committee, then the Clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

11. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will lead to discord and division.

12. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator" but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

13. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.

14. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or uses words that cast reflection upon the demonination or of one or more of its members.

15. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

16. Anyone violating these By-Laws shall be subject to a public reprimand by the Moderator.

17. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the Constitution or By-Laws, and overrule the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

18. Each minister shall be given a yearly certificate by the Association, provided there is no charge against him.

19. No minister of this Association shall pastor any church that has been excludcd from this or any other association until they set their house in order.

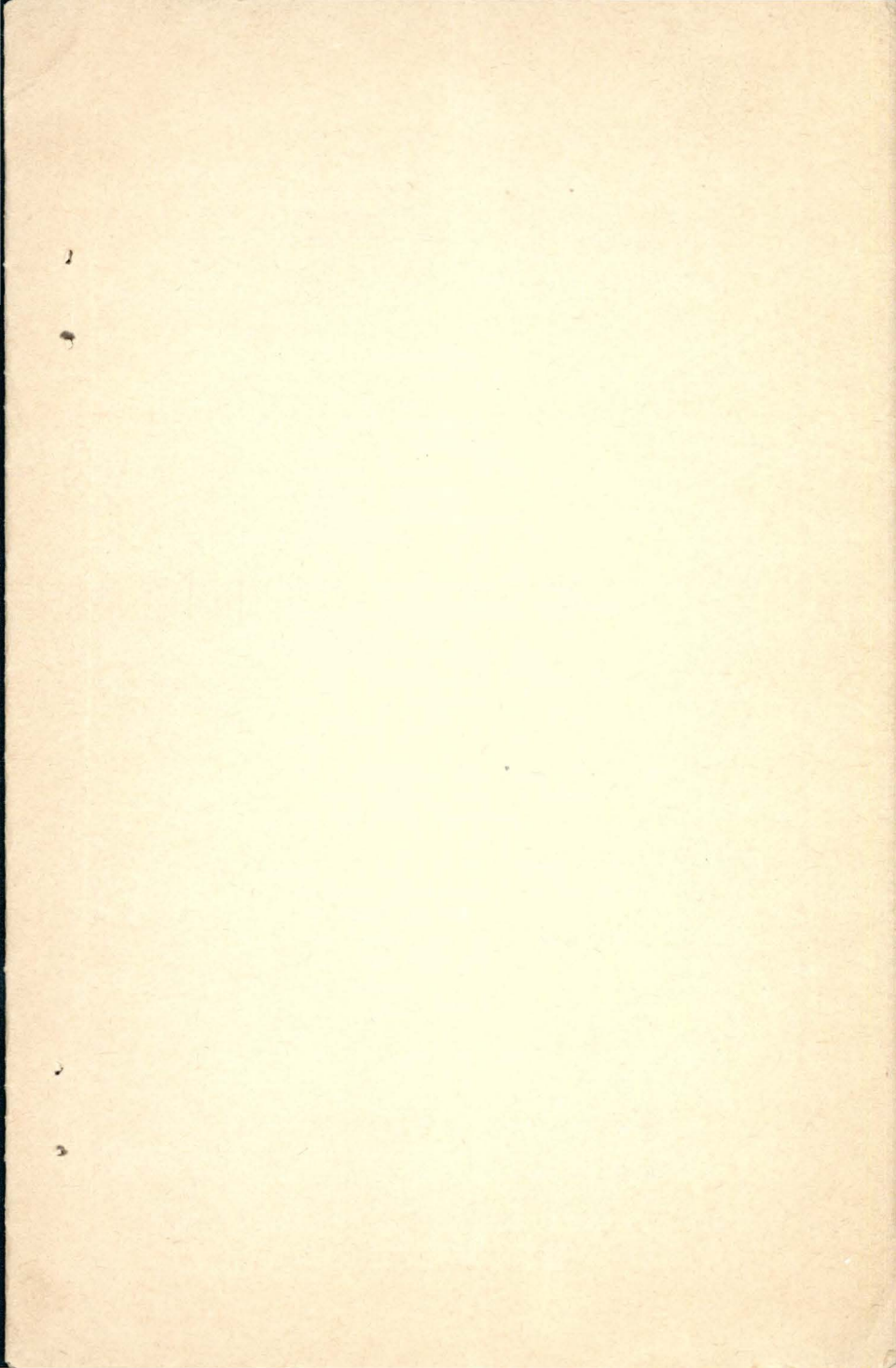
20. The ordaining or licensing council shall be composed of only all ordained ministers of the Association in good standing, present at each session.

21. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by any regular session of this Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

This conference will open each day at 8:30 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Preaching each day at 11:00 and at night.

1. Convene on Wednesday at four o'clock p. m.
2. Praise by congregation.
3. Clerk calls the Association into conference.
4. Clerk calls the Moderator to the chair.
5. Moderator calls for the introductory sermon.
6. Enrollment of ministers, minister's wives, deacons and church clerks.
7. Appointment of committees on credentials and Divine services-temporary.
8. Call for letters from churches.
9. Call for letters from Quarterly Meetings.
10. Call for petitionary letters.
11. Call for report of Committee on Credentials.
12. Seat delegates and give right hand of fellowship.
13. Roll Call.
14. Elect a Moderator and assistant.
15. Invite all Christians to seats in council.
16. Call for corresponding letters from delegates.
17. Seat delegates.
18. Read the By-Laws.
19. Appointment of committees.
20. Call for appeals from Quarterly Meetings.
21. Call for report of Executive Board.
22. Call for Treasurer's report.
23. Call for report of corresponding delegates.
24. Elect a member of Executive Board, or more, if vacancy exists.
25. Miscellaneous business.
26. Call for ordination of ministers.
27. Call for pastorless churches.
28. Call for ministers' written report.
29. Call for election of evangelist.
30. Elect corresponding delegates.
31. Report of all committees.
32. Determination of numbers of minutes to be printed.
33. Call for money for minutes.
34. Elect someone to deliver farewell address.
35. Call for vote of thanks to Moderator.
36. Call for vote of thanks to church and community.
37. Select place for next annual session.
38. Select someone to preach introductory sermon.
39. Final report of committees.
40. Discharge all committees.
41. Adjourn with prayer.



Statistical Report

Churches	Clerk	Address	Church Sunday	Amount for Minutes	Membership	Members Received	Members dismissed	Member Died
Faith and Hope	Allerga McCart	Willow Sp'gs	2	\$1.00	35			
Fox Creek	Hattie Hull	Mtn. Grove		.45	10			3
Pleasant Hill	Verba Claxton	Hartville	1	1.05	166	5		1
Mt. Zion, 1	Eller Owens	Norwood	4	1.00	44			
Pleasant Grove	Versa Garner	St. George	3	1.00	64	1	1	
New Home	Addie Long	Hartville	2	1.00	48			
Mt. Pisgah	Luther Curry	Cabool	1	1.00	53	3		
Breeden	Bertie Letterman	Ava	4	1.00	54	2		
Merritt	Cora Hicks	Dora	1	1.00	32			
Success	Chas. Neal	Success	1	1.50	58			
Union Chapel, 1	John Hutsell	Graff	2	1.50	110	1	1	
Pleasant Home 1	Mrs. L. L. Barr	Mtn. Grove		.70	10	3		
Tyrone	Delia Aldridge	Tyrone	3	1.50	108	12		
No. One	Florence Leighty	Huggins	2	1.00	77			
Oak Grove, Tex.	Edna Ellis	Cabool	1	2.10	39	4	2	1
Oak Grove, Wrt.	Ralph Fletcher	Norwood	3	2.50	212	2	56	
Union Chapel, 2	Francis Dean	Mtn. Grove -		1.00	42	2		
Big Creek	Myrtle Jones	Yukon	4	1.50	108	12		
Pleasant Home 2	Eva Dobyns	Bakersfield	1	1.00	27	6	2	
Rock Springs	W. I. Robertson	Ben Davis	1	1.00	37		2	
Mtn. Valley	Minnie Love	Mtn. Grove		1.50	80			
Mt. Olive, 1	Merl Hunter	Hartville	2	1.60	56	2		1
Willow Sp'gs	Nettie Meddleton	Mtn. Grove	5	1.25	64	3		1
Mt. Zion, 2	Nettie Kelsey	Hartville	1	1.09	65	7	3	
Brusy Knob	Lula Gray	Cold Springs	2	1.00	67		1	
Mtn. Grove	Mrs. C. Coffman	Mtn. Grove	1-3	1.00	66	5		1
Pleasant Ridge	Thuria Bogart	Macomb	4	3.91	98			
Providence	Hazel Altis	Cabool	2	1.00	49	4		1
Wolf Creek	Emma Pryor	Hartville	3	2.50	67			3
Pleasant Ridge 2	Viola Haves	Maness	1	.85	28			
Liberty	Rosa Hargus	Seymour	3	.20	33	1	1	1
Mt. Olive, 2	Mary Lowery	Grove Springs	2		30			1

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MINISTERS	Revivals held	Funerals conducted.	Churches Pastored	Sermons preached.	Professions witnessed	Addition to church	Baptised.	miles traveled	Money recieved
N. E. Snyder		3	9	288	27	24	7	3650	\$195.37
C. R. Harrison	2			50			3	855	12.00
Preston Branstetter	2			42	4			1994	12.10
H. B. Smith		14	4	130	17	5	9	2735	218.00
William Mishler	4		1	76	31		15	1755	61.50
H. T. Edwards	1	1		23	11		3	655	16.70
Mose Johnson	3		2	71	18	7	6	1845	100.42
J. H. Johnston				46				718	8.50
Wesley Crain	3	4	1	75	17	16	10	1435	52.16
Howard G. Barr		2		12				496	1.00
J. E. Burney	3	11	3	83	32	15	4	3322	274.20
A. A. Hogue	2			50	4			600	
H. T. Massey				23				100	
Rural B. Parker				30	1			2600	
Oliver Letterman		3		57	4			800	45.00
Clarence Ussery	9	3	4	239	98	36	44	6420	33.23
Geo. W. Scott, Jr.		19	4	229	33	5	2	4777	410.93
Claud J. Smith			2	116	17			2268	179.13
Lester Lawler			1	56	16		11	1804	36.54
O. C. Keller			1	29	7			325	30.30
Geo. W. Scott, Sr.				22	21			460	19.00
Otho Means				18				229	6.60
Walter E. George			3	89	18	11	6	2000	203.75
Arthur Rich		1		36				376	3.75
W. L. Cornelison				78	12			2232	25.75
Verl Tate	3			42	16		2	683	11.14
L. T. Koch	8	1	2	105	45		25	1807	97.00
T. L. Halford			3	37	12		12	286	16.71
A. M. Halford			9	3	195	4		3550	385.77
Fred Marler	3	3	3	119	24	12	16	1506	126.18
Clyde Wilson		1		28				383	2.50
O. L. Allen	1	4	1	50	22		10		40.00
Ona Richardson				76				1543	77.05

