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ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

Moderator.....	Rev. E. M. French
	Newport, Tennessee
Vice-Moderator.....	Rev. Thurman Pate
	Knoxville, Tennessee
Associational Secretary.....	Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar
	Chuckey, Tennessee
Treasurer.....	H. D. Bailey
	Chuckey, Tennessee

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Rev. J. S. Burgess, W. Q. M.....	Johnson City, Tennessee
Rev. Orville Stokes, E. Q. M.....	Johnson City, Tennessee

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	Knoxville, Tennessee
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	Midway, Tennessee

ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Session of The Union Free Will Baptist Association met in regular session at the Greggs Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, in Newport, Tennessee on Wednesday morning, August 13th, 1947 promptly at 10:00 o'clock. The Moderator, Rev. E. M. French, called the meeting to order and announced the opening of the Seventy-Fourth executive session of the body.

Rev. John McLean, a recent graduate from the Bible College, read the First Psalm and offered the devotional prayer.

ENROLLMENT

Following the usual announcements the following ministers, Deacons, and delegates were enrolled:

MINISTERS—F. C. Atkins, Frank Basket, Minnis Bible, J. A. Brown, J. S. Burgess, Jesse Curtis, Robert Cutshaw, E. F. Drayne, Geo. D. Dunbar, E. M. French, W. L. Gilton, Ray Harp, John Harris, C. E. Holder, W. J. Holdway, J. C. Howington, T. F. Lewis, Loyd Light, John McLean, H. W. Morelock, Thurman Pate, P. A. Paxton, W. F. Phillips.

DEACONS—G. F. Cannon, Carl Huskins, Alex Fowler, Bob Huskins, Andrew Livingston, C. W. Bryant, L. A. Reed, J. H. Holdway, Lynn Eeley, H. D. Bailey, Ellis Freshour, R. H. Julian, C. M. Price, Will Watts, Shay Taylor.

DELEGATES—Eastern Quarterly Meeting, Dora White, Georgie Lewis, Carson Hilton, Blanche Howington, Laura Holder, Mrs. George Blevins, A. Hall, Stella Holder, Corine Broyles, M. A. Davenport, Mrs. S. F. Lankford, Mrs. Walter Bowman, Mrs. John Cansler, Bessie Gilton, Della Griffin, H. G. Crowder, Mrs. H. L. Broyles, Guy Hardin, Marjorie Davenport, Ima Jean Campbell, Donald White, Lura White, Mrs. W. E. Woods, Mrs. Brown L. Street, Lloyd J. Collins, John Prichard, J. B. Taylor.

Western Quarterly Meeting—Alex Bailey, Mary Cannon, J. A. Worley, and wife, J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Ray Knight, Raymond Knight, J. H. Woods, Hamie Bivins, Charles Bradley.

Central Quarterly Meeting—Daisy Lowe, Dossie Paxton, John Kinley, Mrs. Frank Basket, Mrs. Robert Cutshaw, Z. J. Stanton, Tom Goin, John F. Teague.

COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following committees to serve during the present sitting:

On Resolutions—Rev. J. S. Burgess, Rev. Orville Stokes, Rev. T. F. Lewis.

On Christian Literature—H. W. Morelock, J. A. Johnson, H. D. Bailey.

On Christian Missions—Z. J. Stanton, C. E. Holder, Herman Christian.

On Christian Education—Thurman Pate, F. C. Atkins, W. L. Gilton.

On Next Session—P. A. Paxton, Blanche Howington, Mrs. John Cansler.

On Temperance—C. L. Long, Jesse Laws, John McLean.

In delivering the Welcome Address the local pastor, Rev. H. W. Morelock, gave a hearty welcome to all and with it outlined the plan for the entertainment of the large delegation present.

THE MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to each member of the seventy-fourth annual session of the union Free Will Baptist Association. Many changes have been wrought since we last met at Wooddale Church one year ago at this time. Many of the followers of Christ have been called home. For some reason best known to Him who giveth life, a number of us have been left here in charge and to promote the cause of Christ. Now He who has been so gracious, calls upon us for the best we have, and most of all He calls upon us for unity. "United we stand divided we fall." Now, may we let every sentence that comes from our lips during this Association be underscored with unity. It is the purpose of your Moderator to help you to expedite the business of this Association so as to give more time to the worship of the Lord and the social hours. It is further wished that in trying to perfect these things that we may have your full cooperation, and that the spirit of the Lord may be permitted to pervade every heart. Your Moderator believes in keeping in tune with every phase of our denominational program and wishes that we may all do our best to promote the same while we are together for the next few days in the business of this Association. The blessings of God be upon all, as and only as, we promote the cause of our Heavenly Father.

E. M. French, Moderator.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey sent a cablegram from the Indian Mission Field which read, "God bless Association." The message was received and read with solemnity. The Woolseys were greatly missed from the work of the entire conference.

On motion the association stood adjourned until 2:45 P. M. following the work of the Ministers' Conference.

At the 11:00 o'clock worship hour the audience was treated to several spirited song numbers mingled with prayer and praise, after which the pastor presented Rev. W. L. Gilton, pastor of the Central church of Johnson City, who read devotionally, Philippians 3:1-17. He reread vv. 13, 14 as a text and then went on to announce his subject, "The Preacher's Waste-basket." Rev. Gilton mentioned many things which should be forgotten and cast into the waste basket. Some things were to be forgotten and some to be remembered.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Immediately after the work of the Ministers' Conference, which adjourned at 2:45 o'clock, the Moderator called the association into executive session and the work was resumed.

A motion was sustained that all visitors attending any session of the association be invited to sit with us as Advisory Council.

The Statistician's report was read and adopted as follows:

WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING—1946 Conference Year, Membership 908, value of church property \$30,500.00. 1947 Conference Year, membership 1004, value of church property \$46,500.00—a gain of 96 members and \$16,000.00 in church property.

CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING—1946 Conference Year, membership 1422, value of church property \$93,000.00. For the 1947 Conference Year, membership 1536, value of church property \$94,050.00—a gain of 114 members and \$1,050.00 in church property.

NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING—For the Conference Year 1946, membership 360, value of church property \$16,000.00. For the Conference Year 1947, membership 385, value of church property \$19,500.00—a gain of 25 members and \$3,500.00 in church property.

EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING—For the Conference Year 1946, membership 1677, church value \$95,000.00. For the Conference Year 1947, membership 1783, church value \$124,500.00—a gain of 106 members and \$29,500.00 in church value.

THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION—For the Conference Year 1946, membership 4367, value of church property \$235,000.00. For the Conference Year 1947, membership 4708, value of church property \$284,500.00—a net gain of 341 members and \$49,550.00 in church property.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted:

Balance on hand from 1946	\$626.87
Receipts to August 13, 1947	91.86

\$718.73

Disbursements

State Tax	\$ 25.00
National Dues	10.00
Minutes	69.92
Other Printing	72.89
Statistician	10.00
Delegates to State	20.00

Total	\$207.81	<u>\$207.81</u>
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Balance	<u>\$510.92</u>
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Reports of the four Quarterly Meetings were submitted without reading subject to approval as printed in the Minutes of the association.

The names of Sherman McLain, W. P. McLain, Lowell Ramsey, O. M. Ledford, Johnnie Sauceman, Hughie Berry, Walter Bowman, and Raymond Knight were reported from the various Quarterly Meetings as candidates for license to preach the Gospel. These names were given to the Ordaining Council of the Ministers' Conference.

On motion the session stood adjourned until Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

A large audience assembled for worship at the evening hour. Several spirited numbers were rendered by the choir. The pastor, then presented Rev. J. S. Burgess, pastor of the Fair View church, and the oldest minister in the conference in point of service, who read very touchingly from John 5:1-10. He announced as a text the fifth verse: "Nevertheless, at thy word we will let down the net." He used as his subject, OBEDIENCE UNDER EVERY CONDITION OF LIFE. It was a great message well received.

THURSDAY MORNING

The opening was delayed until 9:10 o'clock. Rev. Orville Stokes, pastor of Moore's Chapel church, Saddle, Tennessee, was in charge of the devotion. He read only three verses from the book of Jude and offered the morning prayer.

ENROLLMENT

Present for the morning enrollment were: **MINISTERS**—Rev. M. L. Bowman, Juna Wilkerson, James R. Dean, Wayne Light, Marlin Vaughan, Walter Blankenship, Fred L. Bradshaw, Emmet Bennet, Hubert Taylor. **DEACONS**—Creed Allen, Will Sliger, Cecil Wiley, Henry Shorter, Martin Moony, Jim Hale, Lloyd Hodges, Homer Hodges, G. C. Price, Tol Blake. **DELEGATES**—Mrs. Harold Nails, Mrs. Mike Lusk, Mrs. H. S. Bible, Naomi Strange, Mrs. F. C. Atkins, Hazel Ledford, Ruth Rose, Gladys Hodge, Mrs. Ben Fox, Mrs. Clarence Malone, Maudie Burgner, Mrs. Don McLain, Lee McLain, Mrs. Henry Shorter, Bobby Deaton, Mrs. Homer Hodge, Mrs. Ray Coakley, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fine, Mrs. C. A. Christian, I. L. Baker, Mrs. G. C. Price, Mitchell Strange.

On motion we were to elect delegates to the State Association which is to meet on August 27, 28 at the Harris Memorial church. The delegates elected were Lee McLain, Northern; J. A. Johnson, Western; Mrs. Robert Cutshaw, Central; Blanche Howington, Eastern, and Mrs. George Blevins, at large.

A motion was made and passed that the clerk is to present to Treasurer an expense account for all expenses incurred in the preparation and printing of the Minutes, which is to be paid for out of the regular funds.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Temperance reported:

Seeing the dire and ever increasing traffic in liquor and its dreadful consequences among the people and especially among women and girls, we feel that time, efforts and money should not be spared in our efforts to cope with this terrible menace. The Pulpit and the pew should join forces against this destructive evil. Rallies should be held, lectures given, sermons preached and any other reasonable means employed to educate our people upon this ever increasing threat to society and the church.

C. L. Long
John McLean
Jesse Laws
Committee

Report of Committee on Missions:

In Acts 1:8 Christ tells the Disciples to be witnesses for Him, first, at home and then to the uttermost parts of the earth. We feel that it is the duty of every Christian and especially the deacons and Pastors to visit the sick and needy and care for them spiritually and financially in the name of the church.

We should feel honored that two of the few Free Will Baptist missionaries now in foreign fields, are from our own Union Association, Brother and Sister Woolsey, who are now in India.

We urge each church to contribute monthly to the support of foreign missions, and that each pastor feel that it is his duty to see that his church contributes according to their ability to this worthy cause.

We feel too, that our churches would prosper more if they would adopt the tithing habit and bring this into the store house of the church that there might be meat in the house for financing our missionary cause.

Zenas J. Stanton, Chm.
Herman Christian
C. E. Holder
Committee

Report of Committee on Christian Literature:

We urge that greater care and extra vigilance be exercised providing reading matter for homes and our people. Caution should be used in subscribing for papers and magazines, and especial care should be used in the purchase of books to be kept in our homes.

We recommend the reading and study of the Bible by everyone, and that books and literature upon missions, stewardship, prayer, soul-winning and Bible helps be provided by every home and that our folk subscribe for our church papers and by all means that our Sunday Schools use our own LITERATURE.

H. W. Morelock, Chm.
J. A. Johnson
H. D. Bailey
Committee

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Be It Resolved, that this association grant to the Surgoinsville Free Will Baptist church, the Horse Creek church and the Keensburg church \$100.00 each from the general treasury.

Ruled out of order by the Moderator since it conflicted with a previous ruling of the body.

Be It Resolved, that the resolution passed at New Liberty two years ago, which provides that a church cannot recommend a man to the Ministers' Conference for a license until he has been a member of the church one year, be repealed thus leaving the licensing entirely in the hands of the Ordaining Council. The vote was almost unanimous against the resolution.

Be It Resolved, that all pastors be asked to recommend our own ministers for their revivals. Passed by vote.

J. S. Burgess, Chm.
T. F. Lewis
Orville Stokes
Committee

NEW ENROLLMENT

Upon the arrival of several ministers, deacons and delegates time was taken to enroll them.

MINISTERS—W. H. H. Morelock, J. N. Carroll, Earnest Cairmacle, Hubert Morelock. Revs. W. H. H. Morelock and J. N. Carroll were retired ministers whose presence was felt to be a blessing to the younger ministers present.

The business was then adjourned until Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Superintendent I. L. Stanley of the Children's Home, led the audience in singing the old, old hymn "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," to introduce the morning worship hour. Superintendent Stanley's

father from Mississippi was present and spoke tenderly to the group.

This was followed by the high lights on the National Association, and a discussion of the value of camp life for our youth. Mr. Stanley then introduced the Children of the Home, who, under the efficient direction of Mrs. Stanley, presented one of the most impressive programs ever offered by the children in any public gathering. As a token of appreciation for this program the audience laid an offering of \$117.00 on the altar.

One of the largest audiences to attend any session of the association was present for the bounteous luncheon offered by the women of the church and community.

THURSDAY EVENING

The song service for the evening worship began at 7:30 and continued until after 8:00, with specials galore. The pastor then spoke at length in introducing Brother J. C. Howington, pastor of the First church of Elizabethton, who in turn used as his text Paul's bold statement "I am not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation." Mr. Howington's subject was GOD'S POWER.

At the close of the evening message the Ordaining Council of the Ministers' Conference presented Horace Teague and John I. McLean, licentiates, who were publicly ordained to the Gospel ministry by prayer and the imposition of hands. Rev. Howington led the rites, Rev. J. S. Burgess led the prayer and Rev. H. W. Morelock delivered the charge while Rev. P. A. Paxton presented the candidates.

FRIDAY MORNING

The final session of the association was called together at 9:10 o'clock Friday morning. Rev. Fred L. Bradshaw, pastor of the First Church of Sparta, Tennessee, read for the devotion from Second Thessalonians 3:1-4 and H. W. Morelock led the prayer.

Rev. Dewey Kirk arrived and was seated.

On motion the Superannuation board was increased to five members, a means of appeasement to some in the Eastern Quarterly Meeting. Rev. E. F. Drayne was elected as the new member and Rev. P. A. Paxton was elected to serve the unexpired term of Rev. Paul Woolsey who resigned for work in the Indian Mission Field.

A delayed report from the Committee on Christian Education was read and adopted viz:

We recommend—

First, that each church organize and maintain a Free Will Baptist League for the young folk.

Second, that each Sunday School endeavor to get more efficient teachers, and use our own literature.

Third, that each church sponsor a Vacation Bible School for the children of the church and community.

Fourth, that especial efforts be made to encourage some of our young people to attend Bible college and prepare for this type of Christian service.

Thurman Pate, Chm.
F. C. Atkins
W. L. Gilton
Committee

The Committee on Next Session reported in favor of Valley View church, four miles east of Loudon, Tennessee. Adopted.

On motion the conference stood in silence for a few moments then was led in prayer by Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar in memory of our dearly beloved and late deceased Alfred N. Benfield.

A report of the Superannuation Board was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Balance on hand when taken over	\$219.80
Received from all sources	189.19
Total receipts	\$408.99
Paid J. N. Carroll Relief	\$ 50.00
Paid J. O. Fort, Nat. Treas.	39.23
Total expenditures	89.23
Balance in Treasury as of Aug. 13, 1947.....	\$319.72

Signed
P. A. Paxton
Treasurer

A motion by Brother Howington was sustained to require each minister, deacon and delegate attending the association hereafter to register with the host church and pay a registration fee of one dollar which is to be retained by the local church to help defray expenses incidental to the entertainment.

By motion the Moderator appointed Geo. D. Dunbar, Thurman Pate, and Mrs. J. C. Howington as a special committee to work out plans for an associational Bulletin and also arrange for a Bible Conference at a convenient point.

Rev. and Mrs. James Miller of Flat River, Missouri, arrived and were recognized. Brother Miller brought greetings from the brethren in the Missouri State Conference. They were coming into our midst for a few weeks of evangelistic services.

On motion the body entered into the election of officers.

Rev. E. M. French was elected to succeed himself as Moderator.

Rev. Thurman Pate was elected as Assistant Moderator.

The old General Board were all reelected. See roster.

Upon recommendation of the pastor elect, Rev. Lloyd Ligh, Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar, Conference Secretary, was elected to preach the Conference Message at 11:00 o'clock on Wednesday of next session.

A standing vote of appreciation was tendered the local church and community for the very excellent way that they entertained the Association and Ministers' Conference.

By vote the Secretary was charged with the responsibility of preparing and printing programs for the next session.

The business having been finished the Association voted to stand adjourned to meet with the Valley View church as reported by the committee on Wednesday morning, August 11, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock. The audience stood and sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and the benediction was prayed by Rev. James Miller of Missouri.

Rev. E. M. French, Moderator
Geo. D. Dunbar, Secretary

Statistical Report for the Year 1946--1947

CHURCH	PASTOR	Preaching Sunday	Joined Church	Dropped from Roll	Died	Present Membership	Number in S. S.	Paid Budget	Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions	Paid Supernatunation	Paid Education	Spent on Bldg. and Repairs	Paid For Revival	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Property
Northern Q. M.																
Brown's Chapel	Henry Ward	1-3 11	4	4	38	40	\$ 3.00	\$ 22.00	\$	\$	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ 106.00	\$ 74.50	\$ 91.59	\$ 2000
Cedar Chapel	Wayne Light	3	...	...	32	35	1.50	30.00	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	109.63	1500
Guinney Top	M. L. Bowman	3	7	3	20	30	2.00	15.00	...	...	...	...	85.00	25.00	150.00	2000
Christians Bend	Herman Christian	1-3 2	7	1	75	60	3.60	3.49	22.00	...	...	...	...	96.95	129.34	3000
Grassy Creek	Emmet Benton	2-4 7	...	1	40	40	2.05	18.75	...	...	...	...	...	65.87	85.35	2000
Magnolia	Joe A. Brown	2-4	...	1	40	25	...	12.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	74.00	2000
Morning Star	Herman Christian	2-4	...	...	34	53	3.40	119.64	...	...	...	...	...	55.64	94.35	2000
Mt. Carmel	Marlin Vaughan	1-3 1	5	...	90	50	...	81.90	20.00	18.50	...	...	180.77	35.72	148.06	2000
Van Hill	Wayne Light	2-4 13	1	...	43	44	5.00	97.00	5.00	20.00	...	...	...	300.00	176.00	1500
Surgoinsville	Marlan Vaughan	2-4 25	...	...	25	...	2.50	...	17.00	...	...	...	...	10.00	34.70	4000
Eastern Q. M.																
anah Chapel	W. F. Phillips	Ea. 3	...	...	71	85	5.00	35.00	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	15.00	900.00
Central	W. L. Gilton	Ea. 19	...	...	221	110	8.00	139.00	60.00	...	...	60.00	840.00	204.95	2140.00	15000
Elizabethton	J. C. Howington	Ea. 29	7	1521	180	10.00	169.90	331.43	60.00	...	...	...	2,114.46	171.58	1820.00	15000
East Fair View	Johnnie Harris	Ea. 5	...	...	80	109	3.00	20.00	25.00	...	...	...	445.00	113.50	150.00	4500
Holly Springs	Jesse Curtis	1-3 6	...	...	35	40	2.00	24.00	...	...	13.00	...	250.00	135.00	...	1000
Keensburg	Jesse Curtis	Ea. 17	...	...	166	52	3.00	...	...	...	...	...	824.68	103.00	1634.00	5000
Martin Chapel	Orville Stokes	Ea. 17	...	...	4263	120	8.00	100.00	148.35	...	...	50.00	3,434.38	...	1418.71	25000
Moore's Chapel	Orville Stokes	Ea. 3	1	2167	106	4.50	48.00	56.00	3.00	...	...	...	4,413.86	106.81	2080.00	18000
New Liberty	Johnnie Harris	2-4	...	...	65	65	2.00	18.00	7.50	7.50	...	...	485.00	50.00	600.00	10000
Nidiffer Chapel	Johnnie Harris	2-4	...	...	57	...	1.50	12.00	...	...	...	...	...	76.24	390.00	1500
Watauga Valley	E. F. Drayne	Ea. 5	...	1137	125	5.00	25.00	...	...	...	...	...	774.30	83.00	1900.00	16000

Western Q. M.											
Bridges Chapel	1-3	2	64	75	2.00	171.00	12.00	520.00	55.60	264.80	4000
Burks Chapel	Ea.	4	6	1108	40	10.80	27.76	12.00	533.26	97.02	3500
Fair View	Ea.	20	1	2137	85	4.00	20.00	9.00	4,314.50	121.00	10000
Forest Grove	1-3	4	1	87	70	8.70	120.00	26.00	12.00	84.75	643.05
Holston Hills	Ea.	14	1	3	49	58	31.82	13.35	12.00	294.50	179.37
Johnson Chapel	4	5	70	50	6.10	48.50	7.00	12.00	145.50	3500	
Midway Union	1		58	35		4.00	6.00		6.50	73.20	1500
New Prospect	1-3		2	85	40					43.27	5000
Sparta	Ea.	19	165	150	8.00	36.30	12.00		79.56	1203.64	5000
Valley View	1		1	77	60	6.00	84.00	6.00	69.00	185.00	3500
Wooddale	2-4	6	4	106	115	10.60	201.00	50.00	12.00	81.38	163.35
Central Q. M.											
Bethany	2-4		2	74	50	3.00	277.43	35.00	5.06	48.10	306.52
Cedar Creek	2-4	5	2	1	23	20	2.50	30.00	110.50	12.06	300.29
Greeneville	Ea.	26	9	1102	125	10.20	48.00	25.00		201.25	293.40
Green Ridge	3		2	29		2.00	13.00		3.00	12.72	60.77
Greggs Chapel	1-3	32		1149	130		158.05	20.00		415.13	614.08
Grevstone	2-4			66	90	4.00	35.00	3.00		122.25	238.16
Harris Memorial	2-4	10	4	104	114	10.40	174.31	230.00		147.78	52.40
Jackson Chapel	1-4	6	1	1	34	40	3.40	12.00	10.50	8.00	140.34
Joseph Chapel	1	2		2	67	35	3.10	12.25		200.00	43.22
Liberty	2-4	3		1110	125	11.00	85.30	65.00		39.69	479.44
Limestone	Ea.	32	1	207	165	5.00	41.20	77.42	31.92	70.97	183.94
Lowes Chapel	2-4	5		95	80		78.00			250.00	177.31
McMillan	1-3	10		39	40	3.90	18.00	15.00	7.00	124.00	105.43
Midway	1-3		7	1	100	80	10.00	346.22	130.15	24.00	35.00
Mt. Moriah	3		1	61	36	6.10	131.80	89.00		45.85	76.85
New Home	3	2		80	50	7.00	12.00			53.05	125.74
Oak Grove	1-3	13	3	62	56		115.00	10.00		4.33	32.29
Piney Grove	2-4			23	30	2.30	5.35	4.50		19.70	51.58
Shady Grove	1-3	1		20	30	2.00	207.55			31.35	41.90

IN MEMORIUM

Alfred N. Benfield was born June 6, 1872, died May 5, 1947 at the ripe old age of 74 yrs. 9 mos. 24 days. He was converted some time during the year 1891, but did not begin his Gospel ministry until four years later in 1895. He was a man of limited educational opportunities but he early realized the great need of preparation for such an immense undertaking. He applied himself as few men have to a comprehensive understanding of the Scriptures. Few men have attained to such marvelous heights as he. He swayed vast audiences with pulpit oratory and his masterful interpretations of the Bible. To many of us who are younger, his prayers are yet a benediction. His fifty-two years of ministry made a lasting impression upon young and old alike. For several years he had been incapacitated for large service by a weakened heart. But many a passer-by was moved to see him sitting upon his front porch delving into the BOOK.

God has called and he answered. That we miss him all will confess. From the home, from the halls of council and from the Sunday School class where he delighted to unfold the Word, all will miss him. We bow to the inevitable and say that our loss is but Heaven's gain.

The Association and Ministers' Conference bow in grief and sympathy with the widow and children of the deceased. May our Heavenly Father bless in His own good way is our prayer in Jesus name.

Elizabeth Ransom Ledford died Sept. 20, 1946.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Meeting of The Ministers' Conference of The Union Free Will Baptist Association met jointly with the association at Greggs Chapel, Newport, Tennessee, on Wednesday afternoon, August 13th, 1947, at 1:30 o'clock. The meeting was called into executive session by the President, Rev. Lloyd Light of Sullivan Gardens. Rev. John Cansler, now of Johnson City, read Acts 7:37-41 and Rev. C. L. Long of Surgoinsville offered the devotional prayer.

ENROLLMENT

Those present and enrolled were F. C. Atkins, Frank Basket, Minnis Bible, C. C. Brockwell, J. A. Brown, J. S. Burgess, John Cansler, Herman Christian, Jesse Curtis, Robert Cutshaw, Elmer DeLoach, Geo. D. Dunbar, P. A. Paxton, Ray Harp, J. C. Howington, John McLean, E. F. Drayne, C. E. Lowe, W. F. Phillips, Gilbert Morelock, Lloyd Light, Thurman Pate, E. M. French, Jesse Laws, John Harris, T. F. Lewis, C. L. Long, W. J. Holdway, W. L. Gilton, C. E. Holder, Marlin Vaughan.

All ministers attending the session were invited to a seat as Advisory Council.

Herman Christian, Jesse Laws, and W. L. Gilton were appointed by the Chair as a committee on RESOLUTIONS.

The Ordaining Council has permission to make a partial report recommending Raymond E. Birchfield, formerly of the Brethren church, for full membership in the conference. Rev. Birchfield was unanimously elected and the President extended the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the body, then Rev. Birchfield spoke briefly regarding his desires to become one of us.

All ministers present reported and a few absentees reported in writing. All reporting were passed by the body and made eligible to pastor any church within the Union Association.

Some discussion ensued regarding those who do not report to the conference either in writing or in person. Again it was made clear that anyone refusing to report and have his character passed upon is ineligible to pastor a church within the association and a church employing such delinquents is held in contempt.

The meeting then stood adjourned until Thursday morning at 10:00 following the morning session of the association.

THURSDAY MORNING

The president called the conference into business session upon adjournment of the association.

The following ministers were either present or reported by letter: Emmet Bennet, Weldon Bowman, James R. Dean, M. L. Bowman, J. J. Wilkerson, Vester Ward, H. W. Morelock, Hubert Taylor, James T. Holman, Hubert Morelock, Earnest Carmichal, F. L. Bradshaw, Orville Stokes, Walter Blankenship, Wayne Light, E. C. Burkey, H. H. Daniels, Henry Ward.

The Ordaining Council reported verbally that Horace Teague and John I. McLean have been examined on the study course and doctrine and are recommended for ordination at the time of evening worship.

The meeting was adjourned until Friday at 10:05 A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING

The conference voted to send condolence to the family of Brother A. N. Benfield. A special section on the memorial page is to be reserved for his obituary.

Report of committee on Resolutions:

Resolved that every pastor read the church covenant to each applicant for membership when receiving such into the church, and that said pastors and all ministers ask for copies from our Secretary to be given to each new member for study. Adopted.

Be It Resolved, that the Secretary's salary be raised ten dollars per year. Ruled out of order by the President, since salaries are fixed by the association.

On motion the General Board is asked to raise the Secretary's salary now that the association has adjourned. Adopted.

The final report of the Ordaining Council was read and adopted viz:

We have examined Horace Teague and John McLean and recommend that they be ordained at this session.

After examination of the credentials and the application of Rev. Raymond E. Burchfield, formerly with the Brethren Church, we recommend that he be elected to membership and a new certificate of ordination be granted him.

That we have refused to renew the license of Vester Ward for not reporting before the council in person, as required by the conference. We have also refused license to H. H. Daniel because of unbecoming remarks against the study course prescribed by the Ministers' Conference.

We have granted license for one year to Sherman McLain, Pent McLain, L. E. Ramsey, Claud McCamey, Hugh D. Berry, Raymond A. Knight, J. E. Sauceman and O. M. Ledford.

J. S. Burgess

H. W. Morelock

J. C. Howington

P. A. Paxton

Ordaining Council

The conference voted to go into the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. C. E. Holder was elected President and Walter Blankenship Vice-President by unanimous vote.

Rev. J. S. Burgess was re-elected as a member of the Ordaining Council for four years. He used well chosen words in expressing his appreciation for the distinguished honor, but insisted that full and complete co-operation be given the council.

Rev. Burgess took time to explain to Rev. and Mrs. James Miller of Missouri the complete working of the Ministers' Conference, and that in as far as we are informed, it is the only similar working group of the kind among the Free Will Baptists in the United States.

The work of a very pleasant session having been completed the conference stood adjourned to meet with association at Valley View church, Loudon, Tennessee, August, 1947.

Lloyd Light, President

Geo. D. Dunbar, Secretary

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MINISTERS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

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Churches	Pastored	Sermons Preached	Reverals Held	Conversions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Received into The Church	Funerals Conducted	Couples Married	Paid Children Home	Paid Missions	Paid to Supernatation	Visits to The Sick	Money Received
Atkins, F. C., 815 Maple St., West Knoxville.....	2	93	2	24	4	4	3	2	\$ 6.00	\$	8.00	30	\$ 361.35
Basket, Frank, Greenville, Rt. 8		48	2	18					6.23			57	75.78
Benton, Emmet, Rogersville, Rt. 6	1	36	1	13		5			5.45		5.00	15	135.01
Bible, Minnis, Bybee, Rt. 2	1	36	1	15					5.00			3	45.00
Blankenship, Walter, Chuckey		36	4	125	13		6		31.00				300.00
Bowman, M. L., Greenville.....	3	185	8	180	20	8	78	16	5.00				1,100.00
Bowman, Weldon, 534 W. Market, Johnson City	1	39	1	12									208.00
Bradshaw, Fred L., Box 1, Sparta	1	148	4	83	25	12	3					66	1,249.09
Brockwell, C. C., Newport.....	1	60		12			2	3			2.00	15	250.00
Brown, J. A., Afton, Rt. 2	1	46	1	17			3		3.50			51	121.30
Burgess, J. S., 202 Hill Crest, Johnson City	1	145	2	52	14	21	2	2	5.00		4.00		951.75
Burkey, E. C., Greenville, RFD		13					1		5.00			14	
Cansler, John, 421 W. Locust, Johnson City	1	101	1	51	3	8				16.00			154.00
Carmichael, Earnest, Kingsport, Rt. 5		150	5				1		5.00			25	50.00
Christian, Herman, Church Hill	3	118	4	80	13	4	3	2	20.00			30	318.00
Curtis, Jesse R., Johnson City, Rt. 1	1	107	36				4	5					1,633.00
Cutshaw, R. E., 722 Forest, Greenville	2	76		12	1	1	2	1	14.97			52	344.02
Cutshaw, S. A., Greenville, Rt. 8	1	45	2	18	12	1	1		5.00			43	50.95
Daniels, H. H., Telford		19		87								1	7.57
Dean, James R., Greenville, Rt. 5	1	40	2	26	12		1					5	181.92
DeLoach, Elmer, East St., Elizabethton		6						4		2.50			20.00
Drayne, E. F., W. Market, Johnson City	1	123	2	75	2	7	10	9					1,845.00
Dunbar, Geo. D., Chuckey, Rt. 4	2	184	6	61	9	17	13		12.60	4.00		87	1,677.70
French, E. M., Newport	2	79	2	2	1	4	3		17.00			34	1,664.84
Gilton, W. L., 1002 Afton, Johnson City	1	95	1	65	6	18	2	12				78	2,160.00
Hammer, S. D., 1213 Fair View, Johnson City	1	93	1	37		10						5	235.63

Harp, R. A., Knoxville, Rt. 6	1	55	1	10	1	1	.....	2.00	.....	24	78.70	
Harris, John, Elizabethton, Rt. 5	3	185	6	75	25	20	15	12	4.00	50	1,500.00	
Holder, C. E., 700 Bod St., Elizabethton	1	50	1	40	15	36	6	10	5.00	.....	350.00	
Holdway, W. J., Bybee	1	78	1	22	3	2	66	2	.....	.....	473.21	
Holman, James T., Sparta, Rt. 6	1	99	6	68	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	286.53	
Howington, J. C., Elizabethton	1	139	1	32	23	29	23	48	12.00	5.00	1,820.00	
Kirk, Dewey, Midway	1	30	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	143.75	
Laws, Jesse, Afton, Rt. 1	3	119	1	8	4	9	8	.....	.....	2.00	6	575.50
Lewis, T. F., Telford	1	67	1	114	31	37	3	8	2.00	1.00	38	1,617.54
Light, Loyd, Kingsport, Rt. 5	1	300	10	500	25	25	52	10	20.00	10.00	.....	1,600.00
Light, Wayne, Rogersville, Rt. 6	1	175	2	12	6	6	2	.....	5.00	15.00	1	176.00
Long, C. L., Rogersville, Rt. 5	.....	25	.....	5	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	33.00
Lowe, C. E., Greeneville, Rt. 9	1	48	1	17	6	12	2	2	11.00	.....	.....	189.25
McLean, John, Midway, Rt. 1	.....	10	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.00
Morelock, Hubert, Rogersville, Rt. 6	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	12.00
Morelock, Gilbert, Rogersville, Rt. 6	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Morelock, H. W., Rogersville, Rt. 6	3	104	2	60	26	28	10	8	.....	5.00	40	1,658.00
Pate, Thurman, 215-11th, Knoxville	1	103	.....	110	10	16	2	2	7.00	6.00	.....	194.37
Paxton, P. A., Midway	2	204	6	91	21	45	7	.....	10.00	12.00	35	704.32
Phillips, W. F., Erwin	1	102	1	30	.....	3	6	.....	.....	.....	32	925.00
Stokes, Orville, 1000 Afton, Johnson City	1	196	1	42	8	3	9	5	.....	.....	89	2,080.00
Taylor, Hubert, Newport, Rt. 3	.....	50	2	60	.....	.....	3	4	.....	.....	12	142.00
Teague, Horace, Newport	.....	43	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	100.86
Ward, Henry, Rogersville, Rt. 6	1	90	1	45	11	13	1	.....	5.00	5.00	20	131.59
Ward, Vester, Kingsport, Rt. 4	.....	18	.....	3	.....	.....	2	.....	5.00	.....	12	3.00
Wilkerson, J. J., Mosheim	1	170	7	175	27	30	4	3	.....	12.00	.....	1,300.00
Wiseman, Fred B., Sweetwater	.....	44	.....	11	1	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	3	.....
Vaughan, Marlan, Surgoinsville	2	59	.....	16	12	16	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	425.50

Rev. Paul Woolsey, "SHAMROCK," Kotagiri Nilgiri S., India mission field.

Rev. W. H. H. Morelock, Rogersville, Rt. 6; Rev. J. N. Carroll, Bybee—Retired.

Licentiates: Sherman McLain, Rogersville, Rt. 6; Pint McLain, Rogersville, Rt. 6; Lowell Ramsey, Afton, Rt. 1; J. E. Sauceman, Mosheim, Rt. 3; H. H. Berry, Elizabethton, Ray Knight, 11th St., Knoxville; O. M. Ledford, Limestone; Claud McCamey, Midway.

Rev. C. B. Oler was dropped from the roll for contempt in uniting with another denomination without leave of the Ministers' Conference.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The annual session of the Women's District Convention of the Union Free Will Baptist of the Union Association of Tenn., was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. A. Christian on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 14, 1947, at Greggs Chapel at Newport, Tenn.

Congregational hymn—"Amazing Grace," led by Rev. Lloyd Light.

Devotion—Mrs. P. A. Paxton, Romans 12.

Welcome address—Mrs. Fred Dover.

Response—Mrs. Maud McCamey.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES

Presidents of Auxiliaries present: Mrs. Ruth Rose, Mrs. P. A. Paxton, Mrs. Georgia Lewis, Mrs. C. B. Britton, Mrs. Maud McCamey, Mrs. Edna Lee.

Delegates present: Mrs. Daisy Lowe, Mrs. J. C. Howington, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Edna Lee, Mrs. Ellen Naill, Mrs. Mike Lusk, Lenora Livingston, Mrs. Pearl Jones, Mrs. Bill Smith, Mrs. H. G. Crowder, Mrs. Georg Blevins, Mrs. George Vaughan, Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Mrs. Wiley Vaughan, Mrs. Bobbie Deaton, Mrs. Homer Hodge, Mrs. Lloyd Hodges.

An inspiring and well delivered talk on "Missions" by Rev. Geo. Dunbar. Also a plan for mission offering by Rev. J. C. Howington.

Offering for Foreign Mission work was \$26.20.

Song—"Send The Light," led by J. L. Stanley.

Prayer—Mrs. Britton.

Reports read and adopted.

"Benefit of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Church," was explained by Rev. Marlin Vaughan.

Report of Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Howington, was read and adopted.

Delegates elected for State Convention are: Mrs. Maud McCamey, Mrs. Lutie Woolsey.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President.....	Mrs. C. A. Christian
First Vice-President.....	Mrs. J. C. Howington
Second Vice-President.....	Mrs. P. A. Paxton
Third Vice-President.....	Mrs. Mike Lusk
Fourth Vice-President.....	Mrs. Maud McCamey
Fifth Vice-President.....	Mrs. Ruth Rose
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Geo. Blevins
Secretary.....	Mrs. Neda Ellison
Field Worker.....	Mrs. P. A. Paxton
Amount for Auxiliary Reports.....	\$15.30

Motion for adjournment. Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. J. C. Howington.

	No. Members	No. Added	No. Dropped	Total Members	Amt. Orph.	Nat. Dues	Spent Locally	No. Chapters	No. Tithes	Amt. in Treas.	Spent for Relief	No. Books
Watauga	17			17			\$ 63.26	3548	10	\$105.00	\$ 8.50	15
Moore's	13			13			64.90	587	13		1.94	
Keensburg	219				36.00		689.13	2243		767.82		
Central	70	1		70			89.70	4725		87.85	5.46	
Midway	24		3	21	257.14	24.00	65.68		8		30.95	1
Elizabethton	15	2	4	15	72.15		103.88	5434	9	10.55		1
Harris	14	3	4	14	10.00	4.20	18.75					
Surgoinsville	18			18			292.20	255	6		2.70	
Forest Grove	13			13	5.00				6		6.00	
Phillip's Bend ...	9	2	4	7				946	4		1.95	
Wooddale	22	1		23	11.13		45.61			94.67		

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- { QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR } -

{ First Meeting }

- N. Q. M.—The Fifth Sunday
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1947.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1947.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1947.

Second Meeting

- N. Q. M.—The Fifth Sunday
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in February, 1948.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in January, 1948.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in February, 1948.

Third Meeting

- N. Q. M.—The Fifth Sunday
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1948.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in April, 1948.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1948.

Fourth Meeting

- N. Q. M.—The Fifth Sunday
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1948.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in July, 1948.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1948.