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OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Robert Maxwell, Jr.
1415 Ojai Rd., Santa Paula, Calif., 316856

Assistant Moderator Rev. H. E. Dixon
21818 Devlin St., Artesia, Calif.

Clerk Bro. Chester Burgess
11755 Garetal St., Norwalk, Calif., TO 3-9757

Assistant Clerk Sister HESSIE Best

Treasurer Rev. Wiley Gregory
6618 Florence Pl., Bell Gardens, Calif., TO 1-4603

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Jack Craven 5 years
782 Orange St., Arvin, Calif., SP 4-5909

Rev. Marvin Bryant 4 years
11541 Florence, Norwalk, Calif., TO 4-7316

Rev. Don Bias 3 years
11703 E. 216th St., Artesia, Calif., TO 5-2039

Rev. H. E. Dixon 2 year
21818 Delvin St., Artesia, Calif.

Rev. Wiley Gregory 1 year
6590 Fry Street, Bell Gardens, Calif., TO 1-4603

PROCEEDINGS

The next annual meeting will be held at Ojai Street, Santa Paula, California, May 31, June 1, 2.

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the West Coast Association when convened with the Bell Gardens Church, Bell Gardens, California, June 2, 3, and 4, 1955.

THURSDAY EVENING

Singing led by Brother Troy Seeley. United prayer with all the ordained in the alter. Special song by the Bell Gardens Quartet. Devotional Service conducted by Reverend Billy Hood.

Message brought by Reverend Marvin Bryant. A wonderful message on "Will a Man Rob God". Dismissed in Prayer by Brother J. B. Ledbetter.

FRIDAY MORNING

Services opened by singing "Hide Me Rock of Ages" and "I'm A Millionaire," led by Sister Crosswhite. Alter of prayer. Scripture Reading by Reverend Jack Craven - Psalms 116 - Motion - The Moderator be given power to appoint ones to fill vacancies in the program. Welcome given by Host Pastor, Reverend Wiley Gregory. Respond by Reverend Bob Maxwell.

Letters from the following churches: Arvin, Artesia, Bell Gardens, Huntington Park, National City, Ontario, Oxnard, Paramount, Santa Paula read. Motion to receive the letters and seat the Delegates. Hand of Fellowship given to the Delegates while singing "I Want to Be a Worker for The Lord."

Election of Officers:

Clerk - Brother Chester Burgess; Assistant - Sister Hessie Best
Moderator - Rev. Robert Maxwell, Jr.; Assistant - Rev. H. E. Dixon

Treasurer - Reverend Wiley Gregory; Assistant - Reverend Don Bias

Building Fund Treasurer - Brother J. B. Smith

Five year Member of Executive Board - Rev. Jack Craven, Jr.

Motion to give Moderator power to appoint all committees.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Pulpit

Bro. Wiley Gregory
Bro. A. J. Bailey
Bro. John Campbell
Bro. Paregin
Bro. Edward Metcalf

Finance

Sis. Daisy Stacks
Bro. Francis Boyle
Bro. Oscar Wright

Program

Sis. Norma Voss
Sis. Mary Hammer
Sis. Frances Campbell
Sis. Shirley Wright
Sis. Ida Hollis

Resolution

Bro. Don Bias
Bro. Jack Craven
Bro. Hollis
Bro. W. H. Callison
Sis. Max Crosswhite

Sunday School

Sis. Alta Watkins
Sis. Hester Bowser
Sis. Alice Metcalf

Obituary

Sis. Dunn
Bro. Ticer
Sis. Watkins
Bro. Davis
Bro. Tom Smith
Sis. Roberts
Sis. Ledbetter
Sis. Elsie Jones
Bro. Francis Boyle
Bro. Wiley Gregory

Pulpit Committee Read — (See Reports*)

Setting of the Meetings were as follows:

1st Quarterly Meeting - Artesia
2nd Quarterly Meeting - Ontario
3rd Quarterly Meeting - Arvin
Annual Meeting - Santa Paula

Introductory speakers elected as follows:

1st Rev. Francis Boyle - Bro. Claudie Haymes-Alt.
2nd Rev. Jack Craven, Jr. - Rev. Robert Maxwell, Jr.-Alt.
3rd Rev. Robert Maxwell, Jr. - Rev. Don Bias-Alt.
Annual - Rev. W. H. Callison - Rev. Marvin Bryant-Alt.
Memorial - Rev. Wiley Gregory - Rev. Don Bias-Alt.
Motion to adjourn until 11:00 o'clock.

11:00 O'CLOCK

Singing led by Sis. Crosswhite. Numbers 163-69. Moment of Silent prayer in remembrance of the deceased concluded by Rev. Bob Maxwell. That's the Reason I want to go, by Rev. Talbot.

Memorial message brought by Rev. H. E. Dixon. A wonderful message.

12:00 Lunch

1:30 FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song Service led by Rev. Jack Craven - No. 139, 140. Scripture Reading by Fannie Smithen - Psalms 19-4, James 1-26, James 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Gal. 5:16, 17

Prayer by Rev. Don Bias.

Report from Sunday School read and accepted.

Report from Finance Committee read and accepted.

Resolution No. 1 accepted - No. 2 on Temperance Rejected, No. 3-8 accepted.

Program Committee Report read and accepted.

Delegates elected to the State Association were: Sis. Daisy Stack, Sis. Fannie Smithen, Bro. Oscar Wright, Bro. HESSIE BEST.

John Campbell, Sis. Norma Voss, Sis. Alta Watkins, and Sis. HESSIE BEST. Alternates: Bro. Ed Ticer, Bro. Paregin, Sis. Shirley Wright, and Sis. Elsie Jones.

Motion that the Delegates turn in their expenses, to the Treasurer and be paid.

Motion to have 500 minutes of this setting printed and distributed accordingly to Membership. Motion to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday Morning.

FRIDAY EVENING

Song Service led by Bro. Paregin - No. 58

Devotional led by Bro. Talbot. Specials: "The Keys to the Kingdom" - Margaret Spurlock, "Somebody Knows" - Bro. Adcock, "Tell Me His Name Again" - W. A. Carnett, "The Pearly White City" - Max Crosswhite, "Jesus Paid It All" - Sis. Betty Bryant, "When I Bid This World Adieu" - Bell Gardens Quartet.

Message by Rev. W. H. Callison on Memories. Psalms 137:1

SATURDAY MORNING

Song Service led by Rev. H. H. Easterwood - No. 115, 76.

Scripture Reading by Bro. Oscar Wright. Phil. 2:1,14.

Prayer by Bro. Ed Metcalf.

Song No. 100. Obituary Report given and accepted. Special by Sis. Crosswhite. Piano Solo - "Land Where Living Waters Flow," by Sis. Mary Nichols.

Motion we do away with resolution No. 2 of the 1954 Setting. Motion to give the Ladies a Handshake as a vote of thanks for the good food and fine hospitality after church.

Executive Board Report given by Bro. Don Bias and accepted. Rev. H. E. Dixon gave a talk on the Executive Board and some of their duties. Motion to recess until 10:45. Meeting called together again, singing No. 61, led by Rev. Jack Craven. Prayer by Rev. Easterwood. Specials: "A Wonderful City" by Bro. Paregin. "In The Garden" by Shirley Wright. "Can He Depend On You" by Sis. Doris Connell.

Letter to the State Association read and accepted. Minutes read and approved - Motion to give the officers a standing vote of thanks along with the ladies. Motion to close the Conference and dismiss all Committees. Dismissed in Prayer by Sis. Callison.

Rev. Bob Maxwell Jr., Moderator
Chester S. Burgess, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PULPIT — Rev. H. E. Dixon will bring the 11:00 Memorial Sermon. Rev. W. H. Callison to preach at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Rev. Talbot 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — We recommend that our churches have Bible Study for the purpose of qualifying Sunday School teachers and that we use literature printed to instruct our teachers. Signed Committee.

FINANCE — We retain the 40 cents per active member to finance our Minute publication.

We retain the 10 dollars from each church for feeding the delegates.

We pay our clerk 25 dollars per year and Moderator 10 dollars for each quarterly conference and association. Signed Committee.

RESOLUTIONS —

1. Be it resolved that the Association pay for the publishing of the West Coast Reporter each month.

2. Be it resolved that this Association adopt the same Constitution, except Article 3, as the State Association.

3. Be it resolved that we order 25 treatise for each church in the Association, to be paid by the Association Treasurer, to be sent to each church by our Clerk.

4. Be it resolved that the Host Church be given a standing vote of thanks.

5. Be it resolved that we keep the resolutions as printed in the 1954 Minutes.

6. Be it resolved that the West Coast Association will not recognize any minister advocating Pre-millenarian Doctrine, and will not fellowship any church in the West Coast Association calling a pastor that believes, teaches, or preaches Pre millenarian Doctrine. The Minutes of Preachers and Deacons Conference to be printed in association Minutes.

7. Be it resolved that we print our League Minutes from our Annual Meeting in with the minutes of our Association and Ministers and Deacons Conference.

(The following Resolutions from the 1954 Minutes)

8. Be it resolved that every pastor of a church study the laws that have been set forth for taking in members to our local churches, such as explaining to those wishing to unite, what we believe and what we won't tolerate in our church.

9. Be it resolved that this Association shall not license nor ordain any Deacon nor Minister who does not believe and practice Tithing. Their Tithing being a part of the record to be submitted to the Board at the time of presentation for examination for Credentials.

10. Be it resolved that the address of the church where the meeting takes place be put in the program.

11. Be it resolved that our Articles of Faith be printed in our Minutes with the Scriptures added to it.

12. Be it resolved that our Quarterly Conference convene on Friday evening and run through Saturday.

13. Be it resolved that our Treasurer's report be printed in full, that is, total receipts and disbursements as in our 1952 Minutes

14. Be it resolved that every pastor and delegate take to his church a report of League work and the necessity of its support financially. Signed Committee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD — Examined for ordination one Minister, thirteen Deacons. Examined for Licenses, eleven Ministers and continuation one license. Assisted in organizing one new church August 15, 1954 at Ontario, with 23 members. Also Fullerton Mission.

TREASURY REPORT —

Receipts:

June 1	Balance Brt. Forward	\$653.83
	Annual Meeting	\$ 134.60
	Sept. 4 - 1 quarter	151.50
	Dec. 5 - 2 quarter	168.80
	March 5 - 3 quarter	162.20

Paid Outs:

Annual Meeting

State Association	\$ 120.00
Program Material	3.11
Printing Minutes	61.80
Postage	1.28
Brief Case	18.66
Moderator	10.00

Sept. 4 - 1 Quarter

Moderator	10.00
Program, Postage, Stencil	10.78

Dec. 5 - 2 Quarter

Moderator	10.00
Phone Call	2.75
Church Signs	285.26
Treatise	47.25
Clerk	25.00
Bulletins	6.21

Mar. 5 - 3 Quarter

Moderator	10.00
Printing paper	35.23
Program and Stencil	5.90

Total Received \$1270.93

Total Paid Out 663.23

Balance in Treasure 607.70

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE West Coast Association Churches

Total Membership	488
Members received this year	189
Members dismissed this year	18
Members baptized this year	77
Members died this year	4
Number of Ministers	16
Number of Deacons	33
Paid Pastors	\$14,327.90
Paid Evangelists	\$930.71
Paid Missions	\$552.43
Building and Repairs	\$10,795.37
Number of Churches	9
Number of Leagues	8
Number of Sunday Schools	9
Average No. of Pupils	552
Officers and teachers	81
Value of Church Property	\$194,500.00

Church	Address
Artesia	22110 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia, Calif.
Arvin	782 Orange St., Arvin, Calif.
Bell Gardens	7216 Garfield Ave., Bell Gardens, Calif.
Huntington Park	5500 Block of Pacific, H.P., Calif.
National City	3335 Olive St., National City, Calif.
North Long Beach	15547 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, Calif.
Oxnard	Highway 101, Oxnard, Calif.
Ontario	143 North Vine St., Ontario, Calif.
Santa Paula	Ojai St., Santa Paula, Calif.

MINISTER'S ROLL

Rev. Marvin Bryant - 11541 E. Florence Ave.,
 Norwalk, Calif. TO 4-7316
 Rev. Wiley Gregory - 6590 Fry Street,
 Bell Gardens, Calif. TO 1-4603
 Rev. Leroy Cupit - 21803 S. Joliet Ave., Paramount, Calif.
 Rev. Billy Hood, 12237 Aegean St. Norwalk
 Rev. Bob Maxwell - 1415 Ojai Rd., Santa
 Paula, Calif. 424ML
 Rev. H. E. Dixon - 21818 Devlin,
 Artesia, Calif. L. B. 316856
 Rev. Eual Gorman Oklahoma
 Rev. Don Bias - 11793 E. 216th St., Artesia, Calif. TO 5-2039
 Rev. W. A. Carnett - 808 Greenfield Dr., El Cajon, Calif.
 Rev. Fred Wynn Arvin, Calif.
 Rev. Jack Craven - 782 Orange St., Arvin, Calif. SP 4-5909
 Rev. Albert Jocoe Gen. Del., Arvin, Calif.
 Rev. Henry Scroggins 21822 Devlin St., Artesia, Calif.
 Rev. Francis Boyle - 508 E. D St., Ontario, Calif. YU 636-476
 Rev. W. H. Callison - Rt. 2 Box 273A, Oxnard, Calif., HU 3-1884
 Rev. H. H. Easterwood - 835 W. Magnolia St., Compton, Calif.
 Rev. F .C. Berry - 338 E. 8 St., National City, Calif.
 Rev. Wilburn Roberts - 525 Sholmaker St., La Habra, Calif.
 Rev. Edward J. Ticer - 7071 Broadway, Lemon
 Grove, Calif. HO 6-9456
 C. R. Harrison - 632 S. K St., San Bernardino, Calif. 63101
 Gerald Casey - 6718 Charner Ave., Bell
 Gardens, Calif. TO 9-5751
 Jess Williamson - 7435 Scout Ave., Bell
 Gardens, Calif. TO 9-1720
 Rev. John Real - 9545 Flower Ave., Bell Flower Ave.,
 Bell Flower, Calif. TO 6-4824

DEACON'S ROLL

- Bro. Elijah Wheeler - 1801 E. South St., N. Long Beach, Calif.205-177
- Bro. Kenneth Carpenter - 6043 Amos, Bellflower, Calif.TO 6-1571
- Bro. Clarence Eagle - 5818 Gotham St., Bell Gardens, Calif.
- Bro. Chester S. Burgess - 11755 Garetal St., Norwalk, Calif.
- Bro. Troy Seely - 12175 Alondra St., Norwalk, Calif.
- Bro. Andrew Roberts - Bell Gardens, Calif.
- Bro. Dave McCormack - 6621 Ira Ave., Bell Gardens, Calif.LO 5-2837
- Bro. Bob Duren - 521 Acacia Rd., Santa Paula, Calif.
- Bro. Pat Henthorne - P. O. Box 332 Santa Paula, Calif.
- Bro. Everett Lewis - Rt. 1, Box 216 Santa Paula, Calif.
- Bro. Estel Newport - Rt. 2, Box 255 Santa Paula, Calif.
- Bro. Leonard King - 335 Acacia Rd., Santa Paula, Calif.
- Bro. Ed Gilliam - 5520 Pacific Blvd., Huntington Park, Calif.
- Bro. Carl Smithen - 25019 Cypress St., Lometa, Calif.
- Bro. Truman Mims - 151 St. Mary's Dr., Oxnard, Calif.
- Bro. Ed Netcalf - National City, Calif.
- Bro. O. H. Ellis - 1715 Sunshine Ave., Bakersfield, Calif.
- Bro. George Davis - 928 Franklin St., Arvin, Calif.
- Bro. W. F. Holiday - Rt. 1, Box 118, Arvin, Calif.
- Bro. H. H. Bennett - 778 Laurel St., Arvin, Calif.
- Bro. Henry Horton - Rt. 5, Bakersfield, Calif.
- Bro. J. B. Smith - 457 Hood St., Arvin, Calif.
- Bro. Barney Van Winkle - 1305 Uffert St., Bakersfield, Calif.
- Bro. Carl Rodden - 2633 Hill St., Huntington Park, Calif.LU 1-9679
- Bro. A. J. Bailey - 207 Hughes Dr., Oxnard, Calif.HU 3-0084

PREACHERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

West Coast Association of Free Will Baptist

March 3, 4, 1955

THURSDAY NIGHT

Gathered together with the Santa Paula Church, enjoyed some good singing led by Bro. C. C. Stafford of Tyler, Texas who has been holding a singing school at the Santa Paula Church. Bro. H. A. Lewis brought the message, WHAT THINK YOU OF CHRIST. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. C. C. Stafford

FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing, all were called into the alter for a united prayer. Elections of officers: Rev. Jack Craven was elected clerk, Rev. Fenney Berry Assistant clerk. Rev. H. E. Dixon was elected Pres.; Rev. Bob Maxwell Vice-Pres.

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Rev. Bob Maxwell	5 years
Rev. Jack Craven	4 years
Rev. Wiley Gregory	3 years
Rev. Don Bias	2 years
Rev. H. A. Lewis	1 year

Pres. and Vice-Pres. given power to appoint all committees.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Pulpit
Bro. Bennett
Bro. Ellis
Rev. Bob Maxwell

Finance
Rev. Fenney Berry
Rev. W. A. Carnett
Bro. H. H. Bennett

Resolution
Rev. Don Bias
Rev. Francis Boyles
Rev. H. A. Lewis
Rev. Easterwood
Rev. W. A. Carnett

Clerk and Ass't. Clerk were elected Treas. and Ass't. Treas.
Report of the Pulpit Committee.

Rev. Albert Jacoe will bring the eleven o'clock message.

Motion and second to adjourn until one-thirty o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Open by singing SUNSHINE IN MY SOUL. Scripture reading 2nd John, by Rev. H. E. Dixon. Prayer by Rev. Cecil Thurman. Committee Reports.

FINANCE — We recommend that a free will offering be taken tonight to start off our treasurer.

We recommend that each church send six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) to each setting of this conference. Five dollars (\$5.00) going to the Host Church, and one dollar twenty-five cents (\$1.25) for our conference expenses.

CREDENTIAL — We have examined Rev. H. A. Lewis and have found him sound in doctrine. We welcome him back into our association.

RESOLUTION — No. 1. Be it resolved that this Association institute a ministers training course.

Amend. This must first come before the **EXECUTIVE BOARD** of the West Coast Association before being accepted.

No. 2. Be it resolved that we set the Preachers and Deacons Conference to convene on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in May, which will be May 27, 28, 1955.

No. 3. Be it resolved that we accept the By-Laws as written in the State Ministers and Deacons Conference Minutes.

No. 4 Be it resolved that we accept the constitution as written in the State Ministers and Deacons Conference as amended. (it was read.)

Amend. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE OF THE WEST COAST ASSOCIATION WILL NOT RECOGNIZE ANY MINISTER ADVOCATING PREMELLINIALISM DOCTRINE, AND WILL NOT FELLOWSHIP ANY CHURCH OF THE WEST COAST ASSOCIATION CALLING A PASTOR THAT BELIEVES, TEACHES, OR PREACHES PREMELLINIALISM DOCTRINE.**

No. 5 Be it resolved that we accept this card as the official card for our ministers. (The card that Bro. Bias showed us.)

No. 6 Be it resolved that the Pres. and Vice-Pres. draw up a card for the Deacons.

Our meetings were set as follows:

2nd - ARTESIA, May 27, 28. Rev. H. A. Lewis to preach the Introductory Message, Rev. Bob Maxwell alternate.

3rd - NATIONAL CITY, July 29, 30. Rev. Jack Craven to preach the Introductory Message, Rev. Francis Boyle alternate.

The 4th Meeting to be held with the State Ministers and Deacons
State Ministers and Deacons Conference in Turlock.
Conference in Turlock Oct. 27, 28, 29, 1955.

PROGRAM — Each Church where the meeting is to be, will
take care of printing up the program.

Motion carried to have 250 each of the Ministers and Deacons
cards printed.

Motion carried to present to the Association the Amendment
of the constitution that we have adopted regarding our Preach-
ers and Deacons constitution.

Motion carried that each church be notified by the clerk that
each church must recommend their Preachers and Deacons by
letter to this conference.

Motion carried that we ask the WEST COAST ASSOCIATION
to print our minutes with their each year.

A report was given by Bro. Boyles and Bro. Maxwell about our
West Coast Association paper.

This Conference (Preachers and Deacons) recommends this
paper.

Motion carried to give this church our Heart Felt Thanks for
taking care of us at this setting.

Motion carried that we dismiss until our next meeting, May
27, 28. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Duren.

Rev. H. E. Dixon, President

Rev. Jack Craven, Jr., Clerk

ANNUAL LEAGUE RALLY

April 16 and 17, 1955

Minutes of the Annual League Rally when convened with the Arvin Church on April 16 and 17, 1955. Saturday night "Onward Christian Leaguers," "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," and "Anywhere is Home." Led in prayer by Bro. Bob Maxwell. Message by Bro. Hames, text was taken from Matthew 24-29. Alter call was given.

The pastor assigned visitors to homes. Announcements were then made. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Delbert Clegg.

Sunday morning service was opened by singing "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," led by Bro. Chester Burgess. Scripture reading by Gene Rial reading from Ecc. 11-12. Welcome by John Smith. Response by Pansey Cravens.

Motion and seconded we went into business. A corresponding secretary was nominated for the day. Elected was Sis. Lucille Boyle. A Vice-President was also nominated and elected was Bro. Bob Maxwell.

Reading of letters from Santa Paula, Arvin, Ontario, Bell Gardens, Huntington Park, Oxnard, Artesia. Accepted with exception of Bell Gardens Baseball team. Minutes were read and accepted. Rules for the leaguers were read.

RULES —

1. The President or Vice-President or in their absence the President of the home league, shall call the house to order.
2. Each session shall open and close by prayer.
3. Leaguers from two or more leagues shall constitute a quorum. A lesser number may adjourn until a quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren we invite to seat as advisory member.
5. Those who speak shall rise and address the president.

6. If any proposition or motion under discussion contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the president.

9. The president shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the president may be over-ruled by a 2/3 majority of the membership voting.

11. Anyone leaving building during business sessions must have the permission of the president.

Motion and seconded that the president and vice-president have power to appoint committees.

Pulpit Committee

Joe Harrison

Cell Bush

Barbara Spurlock

Jeanette Ash

A. Cravens

Virginia Mims

Gerald Henthorn

Motion and seconded we have five persons on each committee, for today, and rotate churches so each church will be represented on some committee.

Resolution Committee

Cecil Spurlock

Bill Johnson

Melba Holloday

Bobby McClish

Gene Rial

Finance Committee

Ed Branson

Charlene Matthews

Marjorie Tuggle

Rose Clegg

Jimmy Smith

Offering was taken up for host church, singing "Bringing in the Sheaves." Offering was \$23.42.

Pulpit committee returned and Bro. Leonard Rial was to bring the 11:00 o'clock message. Songs were sung and led by Bro. Burgess while committees were returning.

A vote was taken for the second quarter league rally between Ontario and Artesia. Ontario won.

Report from Resolution Committee.

Res. 1 Be it resolved that we have business once a year except if an urgent item comes up.

Res. 2. Be it resolved that we take \$5.00 out of the \$20.00 that each league sends to the association and donate it to the host league for the feeding of the leaguers.

Treasurer's report was given by Marjorie Tuggle.

Motion and seconded each league write out their resolution before business session and hand to the committee when resolutions are asked for.

Recess for 10 minutes. Reopened by singing "When we all get to Heaven."

Res. 3. Be it resolved that we start our annual league rally on Saturday at 1:30 p.m., and our business meeting on Saturday night.

Committees were dismissed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President - Bro. Bob Maxwell

Vice-President - Bro. Williamson

Recording Secretary - Carolyn Cook

Corresponding Secretary - Pansy Cravens

Treasurer - Marjorie Tuggle

Assistant - Neve Lee Williamson

Song Leader - Joe Harrison

Sword Drill Leader - Lucille Boyle

Pianist - Mary Nichols

Assistant - La Juana Voss

Sponsor - Bro. Marvin Bryant

The League Rallys will be:

1st quarter Bell Gardens

2nd quarter Ontario

3rd quarter Arvin

Annual (4th quarter) Santa Paula

Song was led by Bro. Burgess singing "I'm Getting Ready to go Home". Prayer by all the leaguers. 11:00 o'clock message by Bro. Leonard Rial. Message on "The Preacher" using for text Ecc. 11 chapter. Prayer on noon meal by Harold Talley.

Afternoon service was opened by song service led by Bro. Burgess. Scripture reading by Bro. Adcock, prayer by Bro. Adcock.

Installation of new officers by Bro. Maxwell reading 2nd chapter of Mark. Prayer by Bro. Jack Craven. Special prayer for outgoing officers by Bro. Maxwell.

Jr. sword drill - Oxnard - Sharon Adcock; Carl Royal
Winner Sharon Adcock.

Special solo by Oxnard singing "He Calls for Me."

Judges were then chosen. Special song by Max and L. C. Crosswhite singing "The Old Country Church."

Ontario Play "I Surrender All."

Intermediate sword drill: Oxnard - Delma Wright; Huntington Park - LaJuana Voss; Bell Gardens - Barbara Spurlock; Santa Paula - Baxter Long

Winner was Delma Wright. Delma will represent the West Coast Association at state.

Artesia play "A Broken Promise."

Bell Gardens play "But This I Know". Special song by Bell Gardens singing "I Am Redeemed."

Huntington Park play "I Believe."

Special by Artesia quartet singing "I'll Walk and Talk."

Oxnard play "Watch Ye Therefore."

Solo by LaJuana Voss singing "The Lord's Prayer."

Santa Paula play "The Golden Calf."

Arvin play "Lead me to the Cross."

Attendance banner went to Huntington Park.

Program banner - Oxnard.

Santa Paula will represent the West Coast at the State League Rally with a play "With An Eye of Faith."

Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Lucille Boyle.

— Betty McCary, Recording Secretary

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: From long experiences, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better denominational government.

Article I

This organization shall be known as the West Coast Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of California.

Article II

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of our churches and associated bodies of this Association and to devise and execute measures of expanding our work in the cause of Christ in broader fields.

Article III

Representation to the West Coast association is to be by subordinate church. Each subordinate church shall be entitled to three delegates to be selected from the laity.

Article IV

The West Coast Association shall have the right to settle any and all questions of discipline doctrine or practice, that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing this organization or act upon an appeal that may be made by any church or individual which is a component part of this body. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies making such appeal from the lower to the next higher body.

Article V

Officers: The officers of this West Coast Association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, and treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the opening of each setting of the annual association.

Section 2. Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise provided for and shall hold office until work is completed or their successors are appointed.

Article VI

The executive board shall be composed of five members. Each member shall be an ordained minister in good standing in the West Coast Association and their terms of tenure shall be as follows :

- (1) one for one year.
- (1) one for two years.
- (1) one for three years.
- (1) one for four years.
- (1) one for five years.

Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Article VII

The West Coast Association shall hold its meetings quarterly. The date and place to be decided upon at each annual meeting of said West Coast Association.

Article VIII

Should necessity arise which calls and requires immediate action, the West Coast Executive Board shall convene upon call of its chairman and shall take whatever action it deems necessary in the best interests of the cause of Christ. The action however shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

Article IX

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the West Coast Association by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting. All proposed alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

Article X

No minister will be received into this association who cannot obtain a recommendation from the church from which he comes, and that said church be a member of this association, and that he obtain a recommendation from the West Coast Minister's Conference before he is allowed to pastor a church in the West Coast Association.

CHURCH COVENANT

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 all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and untidy 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 faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, 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. 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 to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and, as far as we are able, to promote the success of the church and the Gospel. We will everywhere uphold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christian Society.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

of the

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Article I

THE BIBLE

We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice

Matt. 22:29; Mark 15:28; John 2:22; John 5:39; John 7:38; Acts 1:16; Acts 8:35; Acts 18:28; Rom. 15:40; Gal. 1:8; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:12, 20, 21.

Article II

GOD

We believe there are three persons in the God head. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them.

First John 5:7 Gen. 1st and 2nd Chapters; Exo. 20:9-11; Psa 33:6; Jer. 51:15; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:14-17; I. Cor. 8:5, 6; Eph. 3:8-10; Col. 1:9-17; Rev. 4:9-11.

Article III

MAN

We believe that God created Man innocent, but by disobedience he fell into a state of sin and death. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

Gen. 2:15-17; Gen. 3:14-19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:9-26; Rom. 5:12-15; I Cor. 15:21,22; Gal. 3:22; I John 1:10.

Article IV

CHILDREN SAVED

We believe that children are born in a saved state and we must become like unto them if we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matt. 18:2,3; Luke 18:16,17.

Article V

GENERAL ATONEMENT

We believe that Christ died for all and whosoever will may be saved.

Matt. 28:19,20; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; I Tim. 2:1-6; Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; II Peter 3:9; I John 2:1,2; Rev. 22:17.

Article VI

TERMS OF SALVATION

We believe the terms of Salvation are:

1st. Repetance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty renunciation of it.

2nd. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to God through faith in Christ with purpose to love and obey him in all things.

Luke 13:3-5; Luke 14:25-27; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Acts 15:8,9; Acts 16:31; Rom. 5:1,2; Rom. 10:8-13; Gal. 3:26; Eph. 2:8,9; Heb. 11:6.

Article VII

DIVINE CALL TO THE MINISTRY

We believe that God in His wisdom and goodness displays His power of Grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Yet those who are called are commanded to study to show themselves approved unto God, etc.

John 5:39; John 1:16,17; Acts 3:22; Acts 13:1-4; Acts 18:27,28; Acts 20:28; Acts 22:14,15; Rom. 10:14,15; Gal. 1:11-23; II Tim. 2:15; Titus 1:7-9.

Article VIII

THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church of God, or Christ, is the whole body of Christians throughout the world. Matt. 16:18.

Acts 2:46,47; I Cor. 12:13-20; Eph. 1:22,23; Eph. 4:4-6; Col. 1:18-24; I Tim. 3:14,15; Heb. 3:6.

Article IX

A CHURCH OF GOD

We believe that a Church of God is an organized body of believers in Christ who statedly assemble to worship God and keep the Ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Matt. 18:15-17.

Matt. 28:18,20; Acts 8:1; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 14:23; Rom. 16:1-5; I Cor. 11:12; I Cor. 11:23-28; I Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15,16; Titus 1:5; I Peter 5:13; Rev. 1:11.

Article X

ORDINANCES

We believe that Baptism, Communion and feet washing are Gospel Ordinances and should be observed by the people of God.

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:18,20; John 13:4-17; Matt. 28:19,20; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12; Acts 8:35-38; Acts 9:18; Acts 10:47,48; Acts 16:33; I Cor. 11:23-26; I Tim. 5:9,19.

Article XI

BAPTISM

We believe that immersion is the Scriptural mode of baptism.

Matt. 3:5,6; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:5-11; John 3:22,23; Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3,4.

Article XII

OPEN COMMUNION

We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be one at His table.

John 15:5; John 17:11-21; I Cor. 11:23-29; I Cor. 12:13-21; Gal. 3:26-29.

Article XIII

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

We believe that the Divine Law requires that one day in seven be set apart for the worship of God and that no work of worldly nature should be done on that day. Work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted.

Mark 16:1,2; John 20:1,19,26; Acts 13:27; Acts 16:13; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1,2; Rev. 1:10,11.

Article XIV

APOSTASY

We believe that only those Christians who through grace and patience endure unto the end have promise of Eternal Salvation.

Ezek. 18:24-26; Matt. 10:22; Matt. 24:12,13; Matt. 24:48-51; Matt. 25:14-30; Mark 13:13; Luke 12:45,46; John 15:1-6; Rom. 11:21; I Cor. 10:11,12; I Cor. 15:12; I Thes. 3:4,5; Heb. 3:1-6; Heb. 6:4-6; Heb. 10:24-30; II Peter 1:9-11; II Peter 2:12-16; II Peter 2:20-22; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:5.

Article XV

RESURRECTION

We believe in the resurrection of all men — they that have doon good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28,29; Acts 4:1,2; Acts 17:18; Acts 23:6; Acts 24:14,15; Acts 26:6-8; I Cor. 15:12,22; I Thes. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:12-15.

Article XVI

GENERAL JUDGMENT

We believe that there will be a general or universal judgment when all nations will be gathered before the Judgment Seat of Christ, to be judged according to their works. The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

Eccl. 11:9; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36,37; Matt. 13:37-43; Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; John 5:28,29; Acts 10:42; Acts 17:30,31; Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27,28; Rev. 20:12-15; Rev. 21:7,8.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read, and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of Delegates.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator or, in their absence the oldest minister present, shall call the Association to conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.
3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A lesser number may adjourn until such time as a quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to seat as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of the membership voting.
11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed at its own church.
12. At each Association arrangement shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional services each day.
13. The West Coast Association shall have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.