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Rev. Ernold Barker, Assistant Moderator

Mrs. Mary Henson, Clerk

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Opening of the 8th session of W. Va. State Meeting which
convened with the East Kermit Church June 12, 13, 1953.
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FRIDAY, 9:30 A. M.

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Devotional in charge of Rev. R. H. Doan.

Song: "Victory In Jesus"

Prayer by Rev. Arnold Barker

Scripture Lesson, 1 Corinthians 13th Chapter

Welcome Address by Pastor Rev. Richard Stepp

Response by Rev. Talbert Musick
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9:40 A. M.

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Election of Officers

Moderator: Rev. G. E. Pauley

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Ernold Barker

Clerk: Mary Henson

Motion from floor to elect the Executive Board at this time
and others as their Conference came in. Carried.

Motion to elect Credentials Committee. Carried.

Motion to elect Business Committee. Carried.

Motion to elect Next Session Committee. Carried.

Motion to elect Obituary Committee. Carried.

Motion we adopt program and stay as near with it as possible
and changes be made by Executive Committee. Carried.

Closed business for 11 o'clock service.
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11:00 A. M.

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Devotional by Rev. Almon Giles.

Message by Rev. Carl Vallance, "What Do I Owe God?"
Deut. 16:9 through 11.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Song, "I Want To Know More About My Lord."

Prayer by Rev. Melvin Sanford.

Resume business.

Motion that we in absence of Rev. Archie Conway, give time allotted him to Rev. Carl Vallance to talk on Foreign Missions. Carried.

Motion we receive report and talk given by Rev. Frank Johnson on Superannuation. Carried.

Also requested by some for someone to explain the meaning of Superannuation. Rev. R. H. Doan gave explanation.

Motion to receive report of Rev. Doan concerning why the National Association did not meet with West Virginia in July session of 1953. Carried.

Report, due to misunderstandings concerning taking of offering for the meeting.

Motion to accept report of chairman of Executive Committee, Rev. Pauley, concerning the Greenview Church. Carried.

Report as follows:

That we found the Greenville Church in fault in connecting themselves with Logan Conference. Also the Logan Conference made an error in accepting them, and the Guyan Valley Conference was in the wrong in their dealings with the Church due to their own records and laws. We decided that the Church should be at liberty to do as it pleased in going into some Conference, and our decision final as far as our committee was concerned, but they could have appealed it then to the National body.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Report of Business Committee:

Item 1. Motion we report to National Association by letter, delegates and proper finance. Carried.

Item 2. We recommend that this body recommend a man to National Association as director of State Foreign Missions. Rev. Carl W. Vallance was named.

Item 3. We recommend that this body recommend a man to National Association as director of Home Missions programs. Rev. R. H. Doan was named.

Item 4. We recommend that Item No. 1 of last State Meeting business committee be carried over this year.

Motion and carried that we amend motion that we adopt Item No. 1 as By-Law No. 11 of By-Laws.

Motion that we table this until tomorrow, Saturday, June 13, 1953.

Item 5. We recommend that all ministers' names and addresses be printed in minutes. Carried.

Item 6. We recommend that Rev. R. H. Doan be paid \$20.00 per official visit to Greenville Orphanage, and that Rev. D. W. French be notified, also postage be paid. Carried.

Item 7. We recommend that each clerk of every Conference belonging to State Meeting send a list of the ministers and their addresses to clerk of this meeting. Carried.

Item 8. We recommend that cards of good standing be issued to all ministers whose name is on the letter and if any are in bad standing let the clerk of the quarterly meeting hold them. Carried.

Item 9. We recommend that we receive the Greenbrier-Nicholas Conference, pending their letter being filed with the clerk, and that Rev. Melvin Sanford be placed on Executive Board for their conference. Carried.

Item 10. We recommend that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the East Kermit Church for their food and nights lodging. Carried.

Item 11. We recommend that we elect an Executive Secretary. Carried. Motion and carried we suspend rules to nominate Rev. John M. Henson for this office. Carried and elected by acclamation.

Credentials Committee report:

We your committee find that 10 of the letters have been gone over and that they are O.K.

FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional in charge of Rev. J. W. Cooper after singing and praise service had two special songs by Bro. and Sister Charlie Spense from Kooperston, W. Va., which was enjoyed very much by all. After which Rev. Henry Simpkins gave a brief talk, which was followed by Rev. R. H. Doan. Singing, "A Mother's Conversion," and subject, "It Is My Father's Good Pleasure To Give Unto The Kingdom."

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1953

Opened by,

Song: "Just Over in the Glory Land."

Prayer, each pray in their own way and manner.

Lesson read, 23rd Psalm.

Resume business.

Delegates elected to National Association:

Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Nicholas.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Maze.

Rev. Berman Archer.

Motion we elect League board Rev. R. H. Doan, Rev. W. E. Kurfman, Rev. Jack Hanks.

Motion and carried to elect committee to reorganize State Women's Auxiliary, Rev. Carl Vallance, Mrs. Moss Craddock, Rev. W. H. Godby.

Report of Credential Committee:

Having gone over the letters we find 13 letters ready for approval. Motion and carried.

A letter was read from Woman's Auxiliary of Logan County Conference, as information adopted as such.

Talk was given by Bonnie Lou Henson on Christian Education which was enjoyed by all.

Report on Home Missions by Rev. Thomas Clay.

Report on F. W. B. Orphanage by Bro. Bryan Vance.

Report by Rev. R. H. Doan on orphanage home work. All accepted by motion and second.

A nice talk and report was given by Mrs. I. L. Stanley, from the Home for Children in Greenville, Tennessee. She explained the working order of the home, the number of children there. She also brought five girls from the home, four sang some wonderful songs and one gave a fine reading. It was a wonderful program. Rev. Pauley ask for an offering for the home to be taken, was received as free will offering, \$106.00.

Devotion at 11 A. M., by Rev. C. A. Gunoe.

Message by a visiting minister, Rev. Andrew Workman from Waverly, Ohio. Subject—14th chapter of St. Mark, 18th verse. "Come and I will send thee." You who were not there missed a real treat.

Dismissed for lunch.

Due to a severe storm we were called together ahead of schedule.

Rev. Sammy Clay had charge of devotion. Special songs by a visitor from Ohio.

Report of Executive Secretary—157 sermons, 9 revivals, 44 confessions, 6 baptisms, 3 funerals, 2 churches organized, 1 conference organized. Received \$1,182.02; paid out \$110.42. Motion and carried to accept.

Motion and second we lift an offering to help church pay for the intertaining of State Meeting to the amount of \$23.30.

Item taken from table and carried, we recommend that Item No. 1 of last state meeting 1952, business committee be carried over until 1953 session.

Motion and second we recommend motion that we adopt same as by law No. 11, carried. Motion and carried we retain orphanage board. Motion and seconded and carried that clerk have minutes printed any where, 1,000 of them.

Motion and second we replace man on Foreign Mission Board. Rev. F. E. Nicholas was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Next session committee reports that next state meeting will convene with the Canebrake Church in McDowell County near War, W. Va.

Rev. R. H. Doan reported on Education. Motion seconded and carried.

The amount of \$10.00 was given clerk by Rev. Carl Vallance. It was given him by Rev. G. B. Stamper for building purposes in 1949. Since we have no other building at present, but orphanage home, the money was turned over to the orphanage fund, and receipt given Rev. G. D. Stamper for same.

Motion and second that we accept report of Bro. Andrew Workman, and Bro. Lycans, from the Ohio State meeting. Carried.

Rev. Carl Vallance, Rev. Melvin Sanford, Rev. Elden Pauley, go as corresponding messengers to Ohio State Association.

Rev. Melvin Sanford to go as corresponding messenger to Kentucky Association.

Adjournment until next session.

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator, Rev. G. E. Pauley, Bradley, W. Va.
 Assistant Moderator, Rev. Arnold Barker, Ashford, W. Va.
 Clerk, Mrs. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.
 Treasurer, Bryan Vance, Monaville, W. Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Talbert Musick, War, W. Va., McDowell.
 ✓ Rev. Albert Chaffin, Holden, W. Va., Guyan Valley.
 Rev. W. P. Vance, Chauncey, W. Va., Mingo No. 1.
 Rev. W. H. Godby, Delbarton, W. Va., Mingo No. 2.
 ✓ Rev. Basil Hodge, Kenova, W. Va., Lincoln.
 ✓ Rev. Frank Johnson, Kermit, W. Va., Tug River.
 ✓ Rev. W. E. Kurfman, Raymond City, W. Va., Brotherhood.
 ✓ Rev. J. N. Harper, Bandytown, W. Va., Coal River.
 ✓ Rev. R. H. Doan, Bradley, W. Va., Beckley.
 ✓ Rev. Melvin Sanford, Alderson, W. Va., Greenbrier-Nicholas.
 ✓ Rev. J. W. Cooper, Fayetteville, W. Va., Fayette.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. K. L. Sellards, Chauncey, W. Va. 3 year man.
 Rev. Carl Vallance, 524 Buffington St., Huntington, W. Va.
 2 year man.
 Rev. F. E. Nicholas, 1717 Brewer Ave., Charleston, W. Va.
 1 year man.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Basil Hodges, Walnut St., Kenova, W. Va. 3 year man.
 Rev. Thomas Clay, Holden, W. Va. 2 year man.
 Rev. Ernold Barker, Ashford, W. Va. 1 year man.

BOARD OF SUPER-ANNUATION

Rev. J. W. Cooper, Route 1, Fayetteville, W. Va. 3 year man.
 Rev. Harry Booth, Davin, W. Va. 2 year man.
 Rev. Frank Johnson, Kermit, Route 1. 1 year man.

ORPHANAGE BOARD

✓ Rev. R. H. Doan, Bradley, W. Va., Chairman.
 Rev. D. W. French, Crab Orchard, Treasurer.
 Bro. Bryan Vance, Monaville, W. Va., soliciting members and
 assistant treasurer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. Melvin Sanford, Alderson, W. Va. 3 year man.
 Rev. Sammy Clay, Holden, W. Va. 2 year man.
 Rev. Wayne Damron, Henlawson, W. Va. 1 year man.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. D. W. French, Crab Orchard, W. Va.
 Rev. Oliver Privett, Midkiff, W. Va.
 Rev. Harry Booth, Davin, W. Va.
 Rev. F. A. Giles, Emmons, W. Va.
 Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.

NAMES OF MINISTERS OF STATE MEETING

MINGO COUNTY NO. 2 CONFERENCE

Name	Address
W. H. Godby	Rt. 1, Box 70, Delbarton, W. Va.
W. H. Chafin	Columbus, Ohio
Allen Dials	Delbarton, W. Va.
Marion Canterbury	Parsley, W. Va.
Kenney Runyons	Rt. 1, Box 154A, Delbarton, W. Va.
John Hodge	Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va.
Ervin Spaulding	Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va.
Lloyd Parsley	Columbus, Ohio
John Bryant	Columbus, Ohio
Nathan Conn	Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va.
Owen Fields	Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va.
Haskel Sammons	Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va.
W. M. Marcum	Breeden, W. Va.
Richard Stepp	Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va.
Walter Raines	Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va.
Taylor Cantrell	Nolan, W. Va.
Johnny Miller	Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va.
Ballard Greer	Missouri Branch, W. Va.
Dewey Hatcher	Kermit, W. Va.
Arley Joe Ball	Nolan, W. Va.
Everette Conn	Crum, W. Va.
Samuel J. Perry	Dunlow, W. Va.
Henry Parsley	Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va.
Dennis Pennington	Grassy, W. Va.
Clyde Preece	Chattaroy, W. Va.
Jim Harvey	Radnor, W. Va.
Tennis Daniels	Edgerton, W. Va.
Earnest Jones	Mohawk, W. Va.
Gus Perry, Jr.	Radnor, W. Va.

McDOWELL COUNTY CONFERENCE

Name	Address
T. S. Musick	Excelsior, W. Va.
Willard Porter	Warriormine, W. Va.
Charles Hensley	Roderfield, W. Va.
Bertie Lester	Hanover, W. Va.
Arnold Simpkins	Christian, W. Va.

GREENBRIER-NICHOLAS CONFERENCE

D. F. White	Canvas, W. Va.
Vernon Ward	Canvas, W. Va.
Arlew Persinger	Canvas, W. Va.
Farriday White	McRoss, W. Va.
William Ray	Rainelle, W. Va.
Melvin Sanford	Alderson, W. Va.

GUYAN VALLEY CONFERENCE

Willard Hager	Peach Creek, W. Va.
A. A. Marcum	Mt. Gay, W. Va.
Tolbert Daniel	Ball Knob, W. Va.
Carl McCoy	Man, W. Va.
Harry Booth	Davin, W. Va.
Ralph Canterbury	Holden, W. Va.
Jessie Blankenship	22 Holden, Pine Creek, W. Va.
Andrew Parson	Malory, W. Va.
Henry Damron	Mt. Gay, W. Va.
Jim Sheppard	Mt. Gay, W. Va.
Wetzel Ball	East Lynn, W. Va.
Brook Spurlock	Henlawson, W. Va.
Tommie Prichard	Lime Stone, W. Va.
Tracy Fender	Godby, W. Va.
Carl Johnson	Holden, W. Va.
Thomas Clay	Holden, W. Va.
Oscar Phillips	Logan, W. Va.
Samuel S. Clay	Holden, W. Va.
Ray Toler	Henlawson, W. Va.
Albert Chafins	Box 348, Holden, W. Va.
Emanuel Collins	Logan, W. Va.
Loran Collins	Mt. Gay, W. Va.
Gene Chafin	Peach Creek, W. Va.
G. L. Browning	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Evert Wingle	Accorville, W. Va.
Ronnie Mullins	Ferrellsburg, W. Va.
Herbert Pack	Peach Creek, W. Va.
Caudil Adkins, Jr.	Holden, W. Va.

J. D. Williams
 Arnold Maynard
 Raymond Johnson
 Frank Lambert
 Ira Johnson
 H. W. Hanley
 Arthur Smith
 Willie Raines
 Dave Campbell
 Vinson Steele
 Gay Smith
 Floyd Burgess
 Vernon Spears
 James Davis

MINGO NO. 1 CONFERENCE

G. D. Stamper	Switzer, W. Va.
Allen Browning	Sarrah Ann, W. Va.
W. J. Farmer	Barnabus, W. Va.
K. L. Sellards	Chauncey, W. Va.
William P. Vance	Chauncey, W. Va.
George F. Perry	Chauncey, W. Va.
John McKinnie	Chauncey, W. Va.
Garland Varney	McVeigh, W. Va.
Robert Shipley	Omar, W. Va.
Stewart Duty	Switzer, W. Va.
David Sizemore	Switzer, W. Va.
Earl Fraley	Omar, W. Va.
John C. Thompson	Switzer, W. Va.
Fred J. Accord	Switzer, W. Va.
C. E. Spencer	R-200, Ranger, W. Va.
Rolland Estep	Rt. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Archie Conway	Lyburn, W. Va.
Gilbert Adams	Stirratt, W. Va.
Dennie Roberts	Whittman, W. Va.
Lesslie Goldy	Omar, W. Va.
Wilson Blankenship	Omar, W. Va.
Lloyd Belomy	Accoville, W. Va.
J. M. Jarrells	Rt. 1, Catlettsburg, Ky.
W. H. Richardson	Rt. 1, Catlettsburg, Ky.
Joe Moore	Ironton, Ohio
James Fields	Varney, W. Va.
James Adkins	Ragland, W. Va.
Lonnie Lane	Switzer, W. Va.
Jeff Curry	Monaville, W. Va.

WYOMING CONFERENCE

Arnold Spence	Justice, W. Va.
Everett Spence	Oceana, W. Va.
Ransome Spence	Twin Branches, W. Va.
Lawrence Miller	Box 52, Matheny, W. Va.
Clyde Hall	Matheny, W. Va.
Tom Potter	Twin Branch, W. Va.
Roy Lester	Jesse, W. Va.
Aldie Riffe	Ikes Ford, W. Va.

BECKLEY CONFERENCE

Milburn Bailey	Amigo, W. Va.
B. L. Baldwin	Odd, W. Va.
L. V. Basham	Odd, W. Va.
G. D. Black	Besoco, W. Va.
J. Blankenship	515 Eisenhower Dr., Beckley, W. Va.
R. C. Bowers	Helen, W. Va.
Vernie Boyd	Crab Orchard, W. Va.
Wayne Brown	Bradley, W. Va.
F. C. Calhoun	Midway, W. Va.
W. C. Combs	Crab Orchard, W. Va.
W. V. Cook	Box 56, Mullens, W. Va.
Okey Cox	Sophia, W. Va.
Wiley Cullop	Corine, W. Va.
R. H. Doan	Box 24, Bradley, W. Va.
Galen Dunbar	Bradley, W. Va.
D. W. French	MacArthur, W. Va.
Royce French	Chent, W. Va.
H. B. Godby	Mt. Hope, W. Va.
C. A. Gunter	Amito, W. Va.
T. W. Hampton	Crab Orchard, W. Va.
Alvis Jacobs	Crab Orchard, W. Va.
L. D. Kendrick	Sophia, W. Va.
L. A. Lilly	Camp Creek, W. Va.
Jack McDaniel	Odd, W. Va.
L. L. Martin	Camp Creek, W. Va.
Floyd Minor	Eccles, W. Va.
G. E. Pauley	Bradley, W. Va.
Valentine Prince	Stephenson, W. Va.
Roy Rose	Kincaid, W. Va.
Robert Sanger	Crab Orchard, W. Va.
Ora Sargent	Killarney, W. Va.
Lucien Saunders	Crab Orchard, W. Va.
Glenn Spence	Crab Orchard, W. Va.
John Spence	Crab Orchard, W. Va.
Yule Tilley	Beaver, W. Va.

Ray Whitt	Lillybrook, W. Va.
French D. Williams	Sophia, W. Va.
G. E. Wood	Sophia, W. Va.
Preston Wyatt	MacArthur, W. Va.

LOGAN CONFERENCE

Olliver Privett	Branchland, W. Va.
Wayne Damron	Henlawson, W. Va.
Marion Steveson	Wilkinson, W. Va.
J. R. Rakes	McConnell, W. Va.
Oscar Dillon	Henlawson, W. Va.
R. C. Bias	Jeffery, W. Va.
T. H. Bell	Griffithville, W. Va.
Woodrow Lawson	Hamlin, W. Va.
Ralph Dean	James River Road, Huntington, W. Va.
Robert Vance	Harts, W. Va.
Albert Kirkendoll	Ranger, W. Va.
Moss Craddock	Henlawson, W. Va.
W. M. Sperry	Ferrellsburg, W. Va.
Clifford Bush	Cora, W. Va.
Carl Valance	522 Buffington Street, Huntington, W. Va.
William Steel	Chapmansville, W. Va.
Levi Curry	Monaville, W. Va.
Arthur Frye	Monaville, W. Va.
Hal Plumley	Industry, Penn.
S. M. Mullins	Ferrellsburg, W. Va.
Eligha Pauley	Leet, W. Va.
N. T. Pruett	Logan, W. Va.
Eugene Roberts	Hamlin, W. Va.
William J. Hanks	Holden, W. Va.
Curtis Stowling	Chapmansville, W. Va.
Orsal Workman	Henlawson, W. Va.
E. P. Lester	Hunt, W. Va.
John Jeffery	Mt. Gay, W. Va.
Zack Browning	Logan, W. Va.
Horace Daniels	Hunt, W. Va.
Jimmie Napper	Delbarton, W. Va.
Jimmie Craddock	Lake, W. Va.
James Sizemore	Monaville, W. Va.
Herbert Bailly	Lorado, W. Va.
Herbert Peters	Lorado, W. Va.
Hobert Crum	Chapmansville, W. Va.
Don Bailly	Hunt, W. Va.
Andrew Adkins	Chapmansville, W. Va.
Golden Gipson	Arnett, W. Va.

COAL RIVER CONFERENCE

H. H. Harper	Bandy Town, W. Va.
J. N. Harper	Bandy Town, W. Va.
C. A. Gunnoe	Costo, W. Va.
Ralph Paige	MacCorkle, W. Va.
Rosco Lacy	Julian, W. Va.
Almon Giles	Emmons, W. Va.
Ernold Barker	Ashford, W. Va.
Donald Howardon	Ashford, W. Va.
Fred Robertson	Gordon, W. Va.
E. R. Taylor	Mansfield, Ohio
Archie Cantley	Olcott, W. Va.
Everett Taylor	Orgas, W. Va.

BROTHERHOOD CONFERENCE

A. A. Collins	Milton, W. Va.
J. M. Henson	Hurricane, W. Va.
Richard Cremeans	Culloden, W. Va.
W. E. Curfman	Nitro, W. Va., P. O. Box 151
Earl Maze	St. Albans, W. Va.
F. E. Nicholas	1717 Brewer Ave., S. Charleston, W. Va.
O. S. Thomas	Red House, W. Va.
Dokey Cremeans	Culloden, W. Va.
Hermion Parsons	St. Albans, W. Va.
Dennis E. Bias	Rock Creek, W. Va.
Luther Morgan	United States Arm
T. C. Morgan	Chesapeake, W. Va.
Don A. Workman	Kenova, W. Va.
Orvil C. Berry	Culloden, W. Va. Box 182

FAYETTE CONFERENCE

E. R. Tyree	Meadow Bridge, W. Va.
A. D. Ewing	Lookout, W. Va.
Cecil Blair	Fayetteville, W. Va. Route 2
Joe Thomas	Ansted, W. Va.
G. O. Martin	Oak Hill, W. Va.
Chalmer H. Skaggs	Ansted, W. Va.
Basil Adkins	Fayetteville, W. Va., Route 1
Burgess Grant	Ansted, W. Va.
J. W. Cooper	Fayetteville, W. Va., Route 1
C. C. Roseblock	Maben, W. Va.
Bernard Thomas	Fayetteville, W. Va., Route 2
Phil Mannings	Oak Hill, W. Va.

TUG RIVER CONFERENCE

Frank Johnson	Glen-Hayes, W. Va.
Claude Crum	Cincinnati, Ohio
Grant York, Sr.	Louisa, Ky.
Clifford Boothe	Beauty, Ky.
Watson H. Johnson	Kermit, W. Va.
C. S. Pennington	Matewan, W. Va.
J. T. Weaver	Sprigg, W. Va.
Henry L. Goble	Inez, Ky.
W. T. Frailey	Davilla, Ky.

LINCOLN COUNTY CONFERENCE

Basil Hodge	1409 Walnut Street, Kenova, W. Va.
Harmon H. Skeens	Danville, W. Va.
Andrew Skeens	Branchland, W. Va.
Allie Patrick	Branchland, W. Va.
Oden Dempsey	Ranger, W. Va., Route 1
Hobart Smith	Branchland, W. Va.

ELK RIVER CONFERENCE

Joe Sears	<i>Declosed</i> Clay, W. Va.
James F. Cox	Box 2822, Charleston, W. Va.
W. W. Gibson	Clay, W. Va.
S. W. Byers	Elk River, W. Va.
James M. Miller,	408 W. Washington St., Charleston, W. Va.
W. A. Shamblin	Prociou, W. Va.
Jennings Holcomb	Bickmore, W. Va.
Simon P. Barnes	1649 Hamer St., Cincinnati, O.
Thurmond Brown	Clay, W. Va.

KANAWHA COUNTY CONFERENCE

Billie Samms	Blount, W. Va.
Charlie Canecross	Lick Branch Road, Charleston, W. Va.
W. E. O'Conner	Malden, W. Va.
McKinley Trail	Route 2, Charleston, W. Va.
James H. Duncan	Route 2, Charleston, W. Va.
Charles M. Ball	Route 2, Charleston, W. Va.
W. F. Chapman	Route 2, Charleston, W. Va.
Forest Cooper	Winfired, W. Va.
Ira S. Dickens	Route 2, Charleston, W. Va.
Carl Davis	Dry Branch, W. Va.
Lester Hunter	Coal Fork, W. Va.
John Snodgrass	Putney, W. Va.

273 minutes. 1, Declosed
Joe Sears

MONEY RECEIVED

Tug River	\$11.00
Coal River	\$17.00
Kanawha	\$29.00
Elk River	\$13.00
Fayette	\$19.00
McDowell	\$17.00
Beckley	\$71.00
Lincoln	\$15.00
Brotherhood	\$21.00
Guyan Valley	\$45.00
Mingo No.1	\$25.00
Wyoming	\$13.00
Mingo No.2	\$35.00
Logan	\$41.00
Greenbirer Nicholas	\$11.00
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Total received 1953	\$383.00
Brought forward 1952	\$261.96
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Total	\$644.96

Churches
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PAID OUT

Mrs. Henson, Salary and Supplies	\$ 13.00
Archie Conway printing 1952 Minutes	\$ 51.23
To National Association	\$ 80.00
Printing 1000 1953 Minute Books	\$ 129.00
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Total Paid Out	\$273.23
Amount in Treasury today	\$371.73

CONSTITUTION OF STATE MEETING

Article No. 1

This Association shall be known as the West Virginia State Meeting of Free Will Baptist.

Article No. 2

The object of this organization shall be to more thoroughly unify the work of the Free Will Baptist of the state of West Virginia and to advise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ and for the salvation of souls in connection with the various Quarterly Meetings comprising this state meeting.

Article No. 3

The membership of this State Meeting shall consist of the Quarterly Meetings and district association or yearly meetings that from time to time upon approval shall become members of this body.

Article No. 4 — Discipline

The State Meeting shall have the right to settle any questions of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from time to time, from any quarterly meetings or yearly meetings composing the said State Meeting, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any of the bodies that belong to the State Meeting. The said appeal shall have been written and signed by the Association making the appeal, then forwarded by mail or in person to State Meeting and Quarterly Meeting.

Article No. 5 — Officers

The officers of this State Meeting shall be a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, each of whom shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote, from the floor, at each regular meeting provided, however, that the Moderator shall not be elected two years in succession from the same quarterly meeting or yearly meeting except in case of necessity. Election shall be determined by a majority vote of those persons and officers thus elected who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed. (Vote unanimous).

Article 6 — Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be composed of the following: The Moderator, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the State Meeting, and one representative from each Quarterly Meeting

Article 7 —Boards and Committees

All Standing Boards shall be composed of three members to be elected as follows: The first named for the term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third named for a term of two years, the third named for a term of three years in succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order required. Standing Boards include the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, the Board of Education, the Board of Superannuation, a Free Will Baptist League, and a Woman's Auxiliary Board and a Sunday School Board.

Secition 2 — The duties of the various boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary, and may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the State Meeting.

Section 3 — This State Meeting shall have as many committees as it is necessary to carry out the program that it may determine to promote.

Article 8 — Dues

Annual dues shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per each Quarterly Meeting that is represented to this State Meeting plus (\$2.00) for each church belonging to the Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting composing this body.

Article 9

Section 1 — All ordained ministers shall voice and vote that are represented by their Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting to this body.

Section 2 — Each Quarterly Meeting shall have one delegate for each church belonging to it.

Article 10 — Meetings

This State Meeting shall hold its regular meetings annually at a time and place fixed by the regular session and made known before adjournment. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board when extreme necessity demands, provided that the clerks of each Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting has been properly notified fifteen days before the date of the meeting. Twenty-five legal representatives shall constitute a quorum for any special or regular meeting of this organization.

Article 11 — Trustees

This State Meeting shall have a Board of Tustees, consisting of five members, each of whom shall be nominated from the floor, elected by a standing vote, two-thirds of all voting members shall be final. This Board shall receive property only at the order of the State Meeting, be permanent Board unless body sees fit to discontinue.

Article 12 — Duties of Officers

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings to see to it that all the Constitution and the By-Laws are obeyed and respected, and to exercise all the rights of any other member except the right to vote. The right to vote shall only be given the Moderator in case of a tie. He shall be allowed to speak on any subject provided the Assistant is in the chair. He shall not speak at any other time except in way of explanation. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator in any way that he can in the discharge of his duty. This duty shall not be construed to abridge his right to vote when in the chair, in which he shall be governed by same rule as effecting the Moderator.

It shall be duty of the clerk to keep a complete record of all meetings, to publish same in book form, minuted and distribute to the various Quarterly Meetings or Yearly Meetings composing this State Meeting. All expenses of such records and printing to be defrayed by the treasury.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold and keep all such money as may come into the State Meeting and disburse it only at the direction of proper authorities. He shall make a bond of not less than all funds coming into this possession.

Article 13 — Licensing and Ordaining

Sectin 1 — No man, having been divorced and remarried or having married a divorced woman, shall be ordained to preach or for deacons.

Section 2 — No woman shall be ordained or licensed to preach or ursurp authority over men.

Article 14 — Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the State Meeting by a two-thirds vote of all members present provided the changes are recommended in writing at least one day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS

A portion of the scripture shall be read and prayer shall be offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the State Meeting, and prayer shall be offered at the close of each session.

2—The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the meeting to order at the hour designated by the program committee. When neither the Moderator or Assistant is present the Executive Board shall elect a Moderator pro tem who shall call the meeting to order.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll delegates to the Meeting who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the State Meeting.

4—It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting or Associations so composing this Organization to send a letter to it giving as accurately as possible the information requested by the National Association. In their letter forms published by the Free Will Baptist Gen Monett Mo.

5—Not over one deacon shall be appointed on any one committee.

6—Only ordained ministers shall be allowed to moderate this meeting.

7—All Sunday Schools and young people's leagues and Women's Auxiliaries shall work in their own body's and report to same.

8—In case of any controversy regarding parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall be considered as final authority.

9—All business except routine shall be brought before this body by committee but should the committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given it by any member of this State Meeting, then such business may be presented by any member of the body, but cannot be discussed unless by vote of this body.

10—No one shall speak for more than five minutes or more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

11. That each conference have their letter and finance sent to the State Meeting clerk one week before the State Meeting convenes.

PROGRAM FOR 1954 SESSION

Friday Morning —

- 9:30 Devotional by Rev. Everett Spence.
- 9:35 Prayer by Rev. Charles Henson.
- 9:40 Scripture reading Rev. Everett Spence.
- 9:45 Address of Welcome by pastor.
- 9:50 Response by Rev. Musick.
- 10:00 Election of officers.
- 10:30 Nomination and Election of Committees.
- 11:00 Devotional by Rev. Talbert Musick.
- 11:10 Sermon by Rev. J. W. Cooper.
- 12:00 Noon Adjournment.

- 1:45 Devotional by Miss Zalene Loyd, Missionary from India.
- 2:15 Talk on Foreign Missions.
- 2:30 Report on Home Missions.
- 2:45 Report of Foreign Mission Board Secretary-Treasurer by
Rev. Carl Vallance.
- 3:00 Report of Superannuation Board by Rev. Frank Johnson.
- 3:15 Miscellaneous business.
- 4:00 Adjournment.
- 7:30 Devotional by F. A. Giles.
- 8:00 Introductory Sermon by Rev. D. W. French.

Saturday Morning —

- 9:00 Devotional by Rev. C. S. Pennington.
- 9:15 Reports of committees and miscellaneous business.
- 10:00 Talk on Christian Education, Bonnie Lou Henson.
- 10:15 Report of Women's Auxiliary.
- 10:30 Report of Board of Education, Rev. Wayne Damron.
- 10:45 Report of F. W. B. League.
- 11:00 Devotional by Rev. Sellards.
- 11:15 Sermon by guest speaker.
- 12:00 Noon Adjournment.

- 2:00 Devotional by Rev. Basil Hodge.
- 2:15 Report of State Secretary.
- 2:30 Final business session.
- 4:00 Adjournment.