

MINUTES
of the
56th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
WESTERN ASSOCIATION
of
FREE-WILL BAPTIST

held with
CONLEY CREEK CHURCH
Whittier, N.C.

August 17, 18, 1962

OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. Clyde Nations, Jr., Bryson
City, N.C.

Clock: Mrs. Ruby Russell, Andrews, N.C., Rt 1

Next session will be held with the Saw Mill
Hill Church, Lenoir, N.C., on Friday before
the third Sunday in August 1963. Annual
session by Rev. Clyde Nations Jr. Alternate
Rev. Claude Bridges. In event the church
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the Mount Vernon Church, Alarka, N. C.

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Minutes of 56th Session of the Western F. I. B. Association. Beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in August 1962.

Moderator- Rev. Clyde Nations Jr.
Song- The Son Hath Made Me Free.
Devotional- Rev. Ted Lancy.
Prayer- Rev. Ben Cochran.

The house was announced in order by the Moderator. Delegates were recognized from each church.

Rev. Claude Bridges was elected as Assistant Moderator.

Various committees were appointed by the Moderator, as follows:

ARRANGEMENT- Chairman, Bill Russell, Fred Winchester, Rev. Ben Cochran, Albert Parris.

MISSIONS- Chairman, Collins Greene, Mary Russell, Thomas Cloor, Thelma Dehart.

SABBATH SCHOOL- Chairman: Sam Russell, Charles McGuff, Asburg Herron, Ethel Hall.

TEMPERANCE- Chairman: Ellis McHan, Clyde Jones, Ruby Russell, Lee Childers.

ORPHANAGE- Chairman: Furman Cochran, Bill Russell, Dessie Mae Parton, Hazel O'deen.

RESOLUTIONS: Chairman- Albert Parris, Russell Cloor, Sis Laure, Mary Russell.

Moved and second to adjourn until 1:00 P.M.

Song- Amazing Grace.

Sermon- Rev. Lelon Greene.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Time- 1:00 P.M.

Song- I'LL Fly Away.

Prayer- Congregation.

The house was announced in order for business.

Reports were read and adopted.

Moved and Seconded to adjourn until 10:AM

Saturday Morning.

Sermon- Rev. Claude Bridges.

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Saturday Morning
Time= 10:a.m. Song= Any Where is Home
Prayer= Bro.Zeb Ledford
Devotional= Rev.Joe Greene
The house was called to order by the moder-
ator.
Education)Chairman:Annis Tuck,Sam Russell,
Robert O'dear,Thurman Greene.
(Obituaries)Chairman;Rev.Lelon Greene,Ruby
Russell, Lillian Greene,Ethel Hall.
(Changes)Chairman;Bill Russell,Thomas Cloer
Arvil Dehart, Albert Parris.
Ministerial Character)Chairman;Fred Linches
ter,Sam Russell, Russell Cloer, Asbury Herron
Session)Chairman;Robert O'dear,Albert Herron
Annis Tuck,Bill Russell.
A new resolution was made to establish a new
Minister's Conference.
A Discussion was made on disable Ministers.
Fund.A move was made to drop the resolution
A new ordaining council was appointed.
Rev.Clyde Nations Jr. Bro.Sam Russell,Rev.
Ben Cochran,Rev.AlbertHerron,Rev.Joe Greene.
A move was made to adjourn untill 1:p.m.
Song:When the Roll is called up Yonder.
Sermon:Rev.Clyde Nations Jr.
(Saturday Afternoon)

Time 1:p.m. Song= What A Friend in Jesus.
Prayer=Collins Greene
The House was announced in order for business
Field Worker=Rev Lelon Greene
Reports were read and adopted;Officers for the
the coming year=
Rev.Clyde Nations Jr. Moderator Rev.Joe Green
Assistant Moderator,Ruby Russell ; Clerk
Move was made to adjourn untill 1963.
Arrangements)Sermon by Rev.Claude Bridges,
Friday,2:30 p.m.,Saturday 10:a.m. Rev.Clyde
Nations Jr. Sat.2:30 p.m.Rev.Ben Cochran.

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MISSIONS- We, your committee on Missions so report as follows: We believe in home missions first, then reaching out as far as possible. We believe in visiting the sick and helping those in distress; visiting widows and orphans which may prove our true religion. We believe in support of the ministry in all of the churches and in the church work that we may have a good report when the Lord comes.

SABBATH SCHOOLS: We strongly urge the use of F.W.B. literature in our Sunday Schools. We believe that our teachers be men and women who are filled with the spirit. We believe that parents should accompany their children not just send them, since this is where they will learn how to live as christian men and women. Discussed by Rev. Ted Lancy

TEMPERANCE: The committee on temperance do recommend temperance in all things and soberness in all ages. We also believe that temperance begins in the home. Discussed by: Rev. Claude Bridges, Thurman Greene, Bill Russell, Fred Winchester, Rev. Lelon Greene.

ORPHANS: This committee urges that each church give a monthly offering for the orphans of each community. We feel that each church should appoint the chairman of its deacon board to look after this matter and take care of the money and see that it is used properly.

RESOLUTION: We resolve to be better men and women and try to build up our churches. We urge people to go to church and help support our schools and colleges of our denomination as much as possible. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he grows old he will not depart from it.

EDUCATION: We urge both young and old to seek wisdom and understanding by prayer and faith thru God Almighty. Read and understand the

K.J.V. of the Bible, with standing any revised literature contrary to the K.J.V. If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God that gives to all liberally and upbraideth not and it shall be given him. James:1;5 verse (Obituaries) From the Mount Vernon Church we had one of our most beloved members of our church to pass away since last association Rev. Henry Cochran passed away Dec. 12th, 1961. We are deeply grieved of his departure and will miss his presence very much. And also Sis. Eliza Woods, departed from this life May 3rd 1962.

Saw-Mill Hill Church; Bro. Lloyd Winchester departed from this life Jan. 1962.

Conley's Creek Church: Sis. Annie Parris passed away June 13th, 1962. The Church will miss her very much.

(Changes) Beaver Creek: Put in oil heaters, piped the water to the Church.

(Mount Vernon: Screened the windows.

Saw-Mill Hill: Poured new floors, added new seats, finished and painted Sunday School rooms, New oil heater for auditorium and redone the pulpit.

(Ministerial Character) These ministers are in good standing with the association. Rev. Ben Cochran, Rev. Claude Bridges, Rev. Clyde Nations Jr., Rev. Albert Herron, Rev. Lelon Greene, Rev. Roy Greene, Rev. Joe Greene, Rev. E. L. Greene (Session)

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1961 (Church Letters) 1962

Saw-Mill Hill Church Letter:

To the Western Association of F.W.B. which convened with the Conley's Creek Church, Whittier, N.C. On August, 17th, 18th, 1962.
Delegates: Bro. Fred Winchester, Bro. Arvil Dehart
Sis. Dessie Parton, Sis. Lowe, Sis. Ethel Hall, Bro. Annie Tuck, Sis. Sue Cooper, Bro. Jonny King, Rev. Clyde Nations Jr., Bro. Emlis Mth Han.
(Church & Sunday School Report:

Membership: Recieved: 12-----Baptized: 3
Dismissed: 4-----Total Membership---52
No. Teachers: 5-----No. Officers: 7
Average No. of Pupils: 60
Prayer Meeting: Good
Sunday School: Exellent

(Finances)

Pastor's Salary-----	\$694.64
Paid Evangelist-----	132.90
Field Minister-----	11.25
Building Repairs-----	773.31
Church Expenses-----	602.76
Minutes-----	10.00
Total-----	\$2226.86
Church Valuation-----	\$6000.00

Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. Clyde Nations Jr., Rev. E.L. Greene.
Pastor=Rev. Clyde Nations Jr.
Done in order of the Saw-Mill Hill Church on the 14th day of August, 1962.
Moderator=Rev. Clyde Nations Jr.
Clerk=Sis. Mary Tuck

Conleys Creek Church=

To the Western F.W.B. Association, which convened with the Conleys Creek Church, Whittier, N.C. We send as delegates=Sis. Gladys Parris, Sis. Rosie Childers, Sis. Hazel O'dear, Bro. Asbury Herron, Bro. Robert O'dear, Sis. Lillian Greene, Bro. Lee Childers, Bro. Albert Parris, Bro. Collens Greene.

Statistics: ---
 Pastor: Rev. Joe Greene ---
 Supt: Collens Greene ---
 Church Clerk & Secretary: Ethel Messer ---
 No. Classes: 3 --- No. Deacons: 6 --- Increase: 3
 Decrease: 2 by letter -- 1 by death
 Membership: 53

Finances: ---
 Visiting Ministers & Revivals --- \$ 50.56
 Light Bill --- 21.30
 Flowers --- 10.52
 Literature --- 22.32
 Minutes --- 10.00
 Children's Home --- 20.00
 Pastor's Salary: Rev. J. L. Cochran --- 7.90
 Rev. Joe Greene --- 28.23
 Other Expenses --- 5.28
 Total --- \$176.11
 Church Valuation --- \$2,500.00
 Ministers Membership: Rev. Roy Greene, Rev. Bill
 Moulton, Rev. Worley Wike,
 Ethel Messer --- Clerk

Beaver Creek Church Letter:

To the Western T. & E. Association which co
 convened with the Conley's Creek Church,
 Whittier, N.C. We send as delegates: Sis. Mary
 Russell, Bill Russell, Sam Russell, Ruby Russell
 Pastor: Rev. Claude Bridges, Bryson City, N.C.
 Clerk: Pauline Adams

Deacons: 3 Increase: 3 by baptism
 Membership: 67

Sunday School Report:

Supt: Jesse Barnard
 Secretary & Treasury: Lorena Wise
 Classes: 4

Average Attendance: 50

Literature: F.W.B.

Financial Report: Rev. Claude Bridges --- \$173.62

Tithing --- 44.00

Total --- \$127.62

Rev. Strickland --- \$179.48

Church and Sanceay School Expenses-----	\$300.00
Children's Home -----	25.00
Sick and Needy-----	51.87
Minutes-----	10.00
Revival-----	47.43
Visiting Ministers-----	36.94
Total-----	\$874.39
Total in Treasury-----	\$119.24
Church Valuation-----	\$6000.00

Mt. Vernon=

To the Yearly Meeting of F.F.B. which convened with the Conley's Creek Church, Hittier, N.C. August 17th, 13th, 1962.

Delegates=Rev. Ben Cochran, Bro. Fred Barker, Bro. Furman Cochran, Bro. Charles M. Gana, Bro. Clyde Jones, Rev. Lelen Greene, Rev. Albert Herron, Bro. Thomas Cloer, Sis. Lizzie Bowers, Sis. Glenda Mae Jones. whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics=

State of Religion= K.J.V.: Members Received=7

Baptised=6 Dismissed=6

Died= 2 Total Membership=170

No. of Officers=3, No. of Teachers=6

Average No. Pupils=90

Condition of Prayer Meeting=Good

Condition of Sunday School=Good

Finances=

Pastors Paid= Rev. J.H. Cochran-----	\$58.64
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Rev. Ben Cochran-----	93.72
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Paid Evangelist-----	142.79
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Sick-----	67.25
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Janitor-----	60.00
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Literature-----	40.00
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Heat & Light-----	80.00
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Minutes-----	10.00
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Total-----	\$552.40
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Church Valuation-----	\$3800.00
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Expenses=\$90.00

No. Lessons taught=21

Ministers belonging to our church=Rev. Ben Cochran, Rev. Joe Greene, Rev. John Hicks, Rev. Clyde Nations Jr., Rev. Claude Bridges, Rev. Albert Heaton, Rev. Lejon Greene.
Pastors Name=Rev. Ben Cochran, Bryson City, N.C.
Done in order by the Mt. Vernon F.W.B. Church
assembled in conference this 11th day of August, 1962.

Moderator=Rev. Ben Cochran, Clerk=Thomas Cline
(Ministers Report)

Rev. Ben Cochran=August 17, 1962

Churches Pastored=1, Revivals Conversion=2

Homes Prayed in=12, Members Baptized=6

Sermons Preached=42, Miles Traveled=264

Marriages Ceremonies=4, Homes Visited=23

Money Received=132.34

Given for the cause of Christ=\$21.00

Annual Report of Clyde Nations Jr.=

Services attended at Saw Mill-Hill Hill F.W.B. Church

158 Services=Aug. 20, 1961-Aug. 15, 1962

Sermons Delivered=36, Times Absent=8-Due to Wifes Illness and Accident kept me in Hospital
Baptized=4, Funerals=1

Participated in ordaining of one deacon.

Total offering=\$696.64

Services attended at Mt. Vernon F.W.B. Church

29 Services. 2 Services at Beaver Creek.

Annual Report of Rev. Claude Bridges

Churches Pastored=1: Beaver Creek, Andrew, N.C.

Sermons Delivered=24: Miles Traveled=1,000

Homes Visited=38: Amount Given--\$44.00

Amount Received=173.62

No. Church Preached in = 4

Expenses: \$90.00

No. Lessons Taught 21

Field Minister's Annual Report:

I have visited all four churches of our association in the past year. I enjoyed my visits very much, and felt the spirit in all of the services. I enjoyed my year as field minister, and may God ever bless you all.

Sermons-----Place-----Amount Rec'd.

24-----Mt. Vernon-----No Record

1 Beaver Creek \$4.00

2 Saw-Mill Hill 11.00

2 Conley's Creek 5.95

Miles traveled-----154

Note to the Church at Conley's Creek;

We wish to thank all of you for your kindness and warm welcome and we enjoyed our visit very much and our association. Hope to see you all next year. May God bless all of you.

(Articles of Faith)

Article 1: The Bible: Scriptures of the old and new Testaments were given by inspiration of God and our infallible rule of faith and practice.

Article 2: God: There is one true and living God reveals in nature as the Creator, Preserver, Righteous Governor of the universe and in the scriptures as the Father Son and Holy Ghost yet as one God. Infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love adore and obey.

Article 3; Christ: Christ is manifest in the flesh. In his divine nature, truly God in his human nature, truly Man. The mediator between God and man crucified, he is risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

Article 4: The Holy Spirit: The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier, of man.

Article 5; The Government of God: God exercises wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution of law and nature. He also performs special acts

of grace not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare requires.

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

Article 7: The Work of God: The Son of God By his incarnation, life, Suffering, Death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin, that is full and free and is the ground of all salvation by faith.

Article 8: The Terms of Salvation: The terms of Salvation are repentance and sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. Faith of the unreserved of one self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with the purpose to love and obey him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from the domination of sin and become a child of God in continuance of faith of obedience until death.

Article 9: Election: God determined, and from the beginning to save all who should comply the conditions of salvations; hence by faith in Christ men become his elect.

Article 10: Freedom of the Will; The human will is free and self-controlled, having to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit or to resist them and perish.

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

ARTICLES 12: PRESERVERANCE: All believers in Christ who through grace preserves in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of salvation.

ARTICLE 13: Gospel Ordinance: Baptism or the immersion of believers in water and the Lords Supper are ordinates to be perpetuated under the Gospel of universal obligation and to all true believers.

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

Article 15: Resurrection, Judgement and Final Retribution: The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth unto resurrection of judgement, these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

(By-Laws)

1. Each session of this conference shall be called to order by the standing clerk, and his absence by the member having seniority of years
2. Each session and adjourned sitting shall be opened by prayer.
3. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but any less may adjourn from time to time.
4. After the opening of each session of the Yearly Meeting, the Moderator takes the chair if he is not present a chairman is appointed. A committee of not less than three persons shall be chosen to examine credentials for membership in this Yearly Meeting shall pro-

ceed to elect a Moderator,¹² and to the transaction of other business.

5. At each session the Yearly Meeting shall appoint such standing committees as shall be for the good of our denominations, on subjects as the following: Printing, Establishments, Education, Sabbath-Schools, Temperance, Ministry, and all business shall be reported to the appropriate committee. Special committee may be appointed at the pleasure of the Yearly Meeting.

6. The Yearly Meeting may sit with open doors except when it shall go into committee of the whole.

7. The Yearly Meeting may hold correspondence with other Yearly Meetings or religious bodies as by, su drr, sabbath; r/

8. Any person not a member of this Yearly Meeting may be allowed to take part in discussion by obtaining permission of the body.

9. Any christian in good standing of their own church, in other denominations, may be invited to seats.

10. It shall be the duty of the standing clerk to furnish the minutes of the previous session of the Yearly Meeting and a full record in the year book.

11. The Yearly Meeting shall determine the time of the opening and closing of the daily session.

12. It shall be the duty of each member to be present at the time of the opening and closing of each session, unless released by the Yearly Meeting.

13. No member shall retire from the session to go out, without leave of the Moderator.

14. Every member wishing to speak in the session shall obtain leave of the Moderator and address the Moderator.

15. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at any time, nor more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Yearly Meeting.

16. No debate shall be allowed

motion except the same be submitted in writing and second by the member of the Yearly Meeting.

17. No whispering can be allowed while in session without leave of the Moderator. All must give heed to the business.

18. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one person on any committee; provided the member nominated be elected.

19. A majority of the members in session shall be the power of rule. But a respectable majority may take and appeal to the General Conference.

20. This constitution and By-Laws may be altered or amended at any yearly session, provided such alterations or amendment shall have been proposed at the previous session.

(Church Covenant)

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free-Will Baptist Faith, we now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied in a profession of faith, and in the spirit of meekness rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each other being careful of each other's reputation and use our advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to see the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and to confess our faults one to another and to strengthen those that are meek.

3. We promise, by the help of God that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the Ministry according to our several abilities, also we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy,

CONF'D Church Covenant;

and especially those of our Faith.

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered, and submit to all ordinances implied in a profession of faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, and not to use it as beverage, or to aid or to assist in the manufacture of such, nor to furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions..

REPORT FROM THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WITNESS

PROGRESS:

There have been ten issues of the WITNESS and the eleven hands of the printer. A year ago the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists had no state-wide publication to present the views of its 20,000 members. Today we have a monthly periodical that voices our views out the United States and into foreign countries. The circulation is nearly 1875. This was achieved by hard work and tremendous help on the part of some.

Now that Free Will Baptists in North Carolina have a magazine, we are content with the status quo. There must be a united effort to make it the best religious periodicals in the country. After hearing others express their views, we can sense that you have the same goal.

Some have said they wanted to see the magazine become independent of financial support. Others have expressed a desire to have it published more often. No one can dispute that the magazine is progressive and ideal. But between these goals and their fulfillment is the element of reality. Whether we like it or not, there are some things we expect to develop the potential of this magazine.

THE BOOSTER CAMPAIGN:

The WITNESS secures financial support from its subscribers. This is our only source of income. Increased support from these subscribers is if we are to move forward.

The number of subscribers to the WITNESS is increasing and the Booster Campaign is a tremendous help. Already it has increased the circulation of the magazine by over 1,300. You Western brethren are doing a fine job in the fact that four of the top five boosters come from this area. However, the original goal of the Booster Campaign is far from reached. That goal was to sign up 80 boosters who would work until circulation reached 4,000. At the present there are 81 boosters. Quick mathematics tell us we are in reach of our goal if everyone does his part. When the circulation reaches 4,000 the WITNESS will be able to operate without outside help.

THE LOYALTY LIST:

Until we reach the magic number of 4,000 we are compelled to rely on income from local churches. This is where the Loyalty List comes in. We need that there are only about a half dozen churches on the Loyalty List that contribute to the WITNESS in your church budget. It would not have to be a large amount if the churches did their part. There is nothing more strengthening the income from the local church.

French Breeds		PASTOR	7 m.	ch pr-pty	0.75	4 m
1. Amy Creek	-61010		160.03	8000.00		
2. Ashville	-1339.07		50.00	20.000.00	440.00	
3. Bugan ch.	2379.27		126.25	20.000.00		546.00
3 - Arnet A'	154.77		31.15	10500.00	12.00	37.00
4 - Banthulle	114.08			4000.00		
5 D-Y Branch	802.62		16.75	4933.99	10.00	309.28
E Blak mt.	2600.00		60.00			
E Fork	150.00			3000.00	8.00	
Faith	1559.00			14000.00		300.00
Ruggett town	543.06			2000.00		
Hazel Green	731.49	76.18		10000.00		
				15000.00	120.00	
Holly Grove	1305.87			5000.00		
Hat Springs	291.85			18000.00		376.77
Horner Chapel	1792.81	146.38		5000.00		
Laurel Park	995.40			6500.00		623.58
Mock Creek	752.91			5.000		
R. Chapel	570.88			5275.00	40.00	74.96
Marshall	140.15	33.34				
Mt Bethel						
Mt View	240.00	60.00		15000.00		
Mt Zion	207.33			2500.00	25.00	43.50
old fork	2642.80	63.25		30000.00		
Hazel Creek	2427.89	45.40		11000.00	40.00	103.54
Paint Fork		15.05		10000.00		
Pinech Forest				1700.00	6.62	
Boys Chapel				2000.00		
Shady Grove						536.00
Grove Hill	184.13	38.00		25000.00		
Shore Hill	96.26	120.00				
Christus S.	84.00			3000.00		
Whelan Creek	517.67	66.29		16508.00		336.91
Silver Springs	914.20	5.00		18000.00		
Union Chapel	17.36			2000.00	4.00	
Winn Valley	346.00			3000.00	20.00	
Wilmot nc	400.94	187.34		10000.00	40.00	

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