# MINUTES

OF THE

## Twenty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Zion Hope No. 2 Association

OF

## Freewill Baptists

#### HELD WITH

The New Hope Church near Ozark, beginning on Thursday night, July 29, 1943.

#### **OFFICERS**

Moderator, Steve Smith,
Ass't. Moderator, Glenn Dipboye
Clerk, Wayne Bonewell
Ass't. Clerk, John Robertson

Mountainburg, Ark.
Van Buren, Ark.
Rudy, Ark.
Charleston, Ark.

The Next Annual session of this Association will be held with the Mountainburg Church beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1944.

Elder Ben Pixley to preach introductory sermon followed by Elder Glenn Dipboye.

Elder Charles Graham to preach the memorial sermon, followed by Elder Rubert Pixley

## Proceedings

The Twenty-ninth Annual session of Zion Hope No. 2 Association of Freewill Baptists assembled with the New Hope Freewill Baptist Church near Ozark on Thursday night, July 29, 1943.

Meeting was called to order by Elder T. J. Robertson. Song by the congregation. Scripture reading, Romans 12:1. Preaching by Elder T. J. Robertson. Concluded by Elder Steve Smith.

After preaching service, the Assistant Moderator Elder Glenn Dipboye announced the body in conference to begin the election of officers for the association.

Elder Steve Smith was elected Moderator and Elder Glenn Dipboye, Assistant Moderator. Wayne Bonewell was elected Clerk and John Robertson, Assistant Clerk.

The conference then moved to adjourn and meet back Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Dismissed by prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Scripture reading from 9th chapter of Ecclesiastes. Prayer by Elder T. J. Robertson.

The Moderator then announced the conference in session. Letters were called for and delegates seated as follows:

NEW HOPE CHURCH: Bro. Stanley Staggs, Sister Lucy Powell and Paralee Trotter.

MOUNTAINBURG CHURCH: Bro. Andy Teague, Jimmie Fields, Max Smith.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH: Sister Ommie Maynard, Apha Robertson, and Bro. Henry Brown; Alternates, Sister Jessie Robertson, Mayble Robertson.

KENNER CHAPEL CHURCH: Bro. Wayne Bonewell, Sister Bonewell, and Goldie Carney.

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH: Bro. Lonnie Rose, Clifford Hopkins, Sister Minnie Hopkins, Sister May Franklin.

The body then voted to receive the lefter, and seat the

delegates. They were then given the right hand of fellowship.

The rules of order were read by the Moderator.

The following committees were then appointed.

ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE: Bro. Andy Teague, George Smith, Jesse Hall.

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE: Bro. Max Smith, Sister Minnie Hopkins, and Paralee Trotter

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Elder Glenn Dipboye, and Elder Rupert Pixley.

This last committee was appointed to collect money for printing of our minutes, state minutes and expenses to state association.

Partial report was received from the Divine Service Committee, and read as follows:

Elder Charles Graham to preach at 11 o'clock. Concluded by Rupert Pixley.

A statement was made by our Evangelist Elder Glenn Dipboye in regard to printing of the minutes, after which the body voted for the Press-Argus to print the minutes and Bro. Glenn Dipboye to supervise the printing of same, assisted by the Clerk.

Bro. Dipboye presented a written report from the treasureman Bro. Fred Smith, who was unable to attend. The report and balance in the treasury was received and the treasureman released.

The body then moved to adjourn and meet back at 1 o'clock.

Dismissed by prayer.

#### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Bro. Graham and Bro. Rupert Pixley preached a good message.

Service dismissed by prayer.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Service opened by prayer.

After the Moderator read a scripture lesson from the 24th Psalm, the conference was declared in session by Moderator.

Delegates were then elected to represent us at the state association to meet at the Macedonia Church near New Edinburg, beginning Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1943. Delegates elected were: Bro. Glenn Dipboye,

Bro. T. J. Robertson, Bro. George Smith, Bro. Rupert Pixley, Bro. Frank Francis.

Corresponding delegates were then elected to represent us at the Eastern Oklahoma association to meet at South Bethel Church near Braggs, Okla., on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in August.

Delegates elected were Bro. Steve Smith, Bro. Wayne Bonewell, Bro. P. J. Mullens.

Corresponding delegates were then elected to represent us at the Roberts MeGehee association to begin on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in September. Bro. Dipboye promised to find out where it would convene and notify the delegates. Those elected were Elder Glenn Dipboye, Elder Rupert Pixley, Elder T. J. Robertson, Elder Steve Smith.

The divine service reported that Bro. Glenn Dipboye would preach in the afternoon and Bro. Robertson would follow.

Bro. Dipboye chose as a Scrpiture reading: Hebrews 11—and was followed by Bro. Robertson.

The Moderator appointed two more committees:

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sister Lucy Powell and Sister Holt.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Bro. Jimmie Fields, and Mrs. Max Smith.

The hand of fellowship was given to visiting Brethern.

The report of the Evangelist was read, received and discharged. Then the body moved to elect an Evangelist for the coming year.

Bro. Dipboye was reelected unanimously.

The divine service committee reported that Steve Smith would preach at the evening service followed by Bro. Charles Graham.

Conference was then adjourned to meet back at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Came together by singing service.

Opened by prayer.

Devotional services were led by T. J. Robertson and the Spirit was greatly manifested in the testimonies.

Bro. Smith and Bro. Graham preached good spiritual messages. Had an old time handshake and were dismissed by prayer,

#### SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Conference met back at 9 o'clock. The Moderator proceeded in the usual manner.

Scripture reading Psalm 1:27.

Conference declared in session.

Elder W. M. Guinn, Bro. A. L. Haak, and Bro. Connaly of the Arkansas association were seated as correspondent delegates.

After three churches had asked for the next association and none carried the majority, the conference moved to observe more closlyl Rule of Order No. 9, and never settle a question without the majority vote.

The majority then voted that our next association would meet at Mountainburg Church on Thursday night before the First Sunday in August, 1943.

Bro. Ben Pixley was elected to preach the introductory sermon, followed by Elder Glenn Dipboye.

Elder Charles Graham was elected to preach the Memorial Sermon followed by Elder Rupert Pixley.

A final report of the arrangement committee was received, and the committee was discharged.

The final report of the obituary committee was received and the committee was discharged.

As the two ministers chosen last year to preach the memorial sermon at 11 o'clock were not present, the Divine Service Committee reported that Bro. W. M. Guinn would preach at 11 o'clock followed by Bro. Aubrey Rozelle.

The session was then adjourned to meet back at one o'clock.

#### ELEVEN O'CLOCK MEMORIAL SERMON

Bro. Guinn used his chart and preached a wonderful sermon on where the dead go. A great spiritual message was delivered and people were comforted and enlightened.

Bro. Aubrey Rozelle followed. The Lord also wonderfully blessed him.

We came together in a handshake and there was shouting and rejoicing. We were dismissed by prayer.

A bountiful dinner was served on the ground, and we had a good feast and visit with the brethern.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Scripture reading, 5th chapter of Revelations. Prayer by Bro. George Osborne.

The final report of the Arrangement Committee was received and committee discharged.

The final report of the Sunday School Committee was received and the committee discharged.

The final report of the Finance Committee was received and the committee discharged.

The final report of the Divine Service Committee reported that Bro. Glenn Dipboye would preach at 3 o'clock and Bro. Rupert Pixley would follow. Bro. W. M. Guinn Saturday night and Bro. T. J. Robertson Sunday at 11 a. m.

Bro. Wayne Bonewell was selected as Treasureman for the coming year.

Delegates were elected to represent us at the Arkansas association which meets at Spring Creek Church, 4 miles north of Bellville on Thursday night before the First Sunday in September. Delegates elected were Bro. Glenn Dipboye, Bro. Rupert Pixley, Bro. T. J. Robertson, Bro. Wayne Bonewell.

The conference then recessed and met back for preaching service.

Bro. Dipboye and Bro. Rupert Pixley preached. Their text was Judges 16:20. The Spirit of Christ blessed us again in the preaching service.

During the afternoon Bro. George Osborne made a statement in regard to the 81 Church. The statement was received and he and his wife were seated as delegates.

Bro. Clifford Hopkins was elected to express the Bill of Thanks and he ably expressed our appreciation for the great love and hospitality extended to us by that community.

The final report of the Credential Committee was received and the committee discharged.

The Moderator then appointed a Credential Committee for the incoming year. The committee was Elder Glenn Dipboye, Elder T. J. Robertson, Elder Rupert Pixley.

The body then moved to adjourn and meet with the Mountainburg Church on Thursday night before the First Sunday in August.

Dismissed by prayer.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Bro. Guinn delivered us another inspiring message and after the preaching service the communion and feet washing was enjoyed by God's people. After which we came together with a handshake and were dismissed by prayer.

STEVE SMITH, Moderator. WAYNE BONEWELL, Clerk.

We the committee on Credentials beg leave to report that we have eight ministers who have complied with the rules of the association and have received certificates of good ministrel REPORT OF CREDENTIAL

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St., Tulsa, Okla.; Tom Nolan, Van Buren, Ark.; Burl Nye, Fort Smith, Ark.; N. C. Goldsmith, Washington; Carl Gentry, Chester, Ark., Star route; Douglas Peters, Rudy, Ark.; Loyd Weice, California; J. B. Lovette, Mountainburg; Virgil Walker, Punte, California; and Sam Southerland, Charleston, Ark.

ELD. T. J. ROBERTSON, ELD. S. A. SMITH, Committee.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on finance report the following col-	_
lections:	
Amount in treasury\$ 8.50	)
New Hope Church 5.00	
Mountain View Church 2.00	_
Independence Church 1.25	
Mountainburg Church 2.00	_
Ray Purdam 1.00	_
George Smith 1.00	_
81 Church 2.00	_
James Johnson	
Glenn Dipboye 1.00	
Minnie Hopkins	
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Jim Robertson	_
John Trotter25	
Aubrey Rozelle	
Charles Graham	_
Steve Smith	-
Lucy Powell	_
Lessie Dipboye	
Collection 5.75	,
TOTAL RECEIPTS\$33.30	)

We wish to state that after our minutes are printed we will only have \$11.30 for state minutes and none for delegates expenses. We will appreciate church or persons sending us help for that cause. We also wish to recommend that each pastor take up the financial needs in his church and send in to the treasurer of the association such amounts from time to time as they can so that the treasurer will have what money we need when we meet next August.

GLENN DIPBOYE, Van Buren, Ark., Route 3, RUPERT PIXLEY, Mountainburg, Ark., Committee.

#### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

We your committee on obituary regret to report the death of our beloved brethern and sisters:

Bro. Earl Smiley, deceased in October, 1942.

Sister Iva Burkhart, deceased June, 1943.

Bro. Ollie Rose, deceased May, 1943.

Sister Lulu Burkley, deceased October 11, 1941.

Our loss is Heaven's gain. We expect to meet them in the Great City. We recommend that each pastor urge his church to get a full report of the deaths and funerals in his church and report it to the association and that each minister keep an obituary of every funeral he preaches, and bring or send it to the association so we can make a complete report.

CLIFFORD HOPKINS, J. E. FIELDS, THELMA SMITH, Committee.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the committee on Sunday School wish to report that all our churches that have represented have Sunday Schools in good or fair condition.

LESSIE DIPBOYE, LUCY POWELL, JOYCE HALL, Committee.

#### ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

We wish to report that we have nothing to report and wish to recommend that any spare time we have be taken up in devotional services.

GEORGE SMITH,
JESSE HALL,
ANDY TEAGUE, Committee.

#### DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Preaching service Thursday night, Elder T. J. Robertson and S. A. Smith.

Friday morning, Charles Graham and Rupert Pixley. Friday afternoon, Glenn Dipboye, and T. J. Robertson.

Friday night, Steve Smith and Charles Graham.

Saturday morning, Elder W. M. Guinn and Bro. Aubrey Rozelle.

Saturday afternoon, Glenn Dipboye and Rupert Pixley. Saturday night, Bro. W. M. Guinn.

Sunday morning, Elder T. J. Robertson.

## REPORT OF EVANGELIST From August 1942 to August 1943.

I have spent 93 days in the service, excepting Sundays; have traveled 4500 miles, including funerals. Have witnessed 31 conversions; baptized 10 converts; have preached 192 sermons;

have visited every church in the association three times; some as many as seven times, according to calls and necessities. Have conducted and assisted in eight revivals; have taken six members into churches in the association. Have done some work in communities surrounding the churches and have tried to give more attention to churches in more needy circumstances. Have responded to the needy calls of the association and churches. Have volunteered my services in absence of pastors and have assisted the pastors when called on if possible and have cooperated with the pastors to the best of my ability. This report does not include my pastorial work of the one and only church I pastor monthly. Neither does it list their financial response to their pastor.

Mountainburg Churinancial RECORD 22.50	١.	
PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH	\$ 29.00	
MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH	22.50	
KENNER CHAPEL CHURCH	29.00	
81 CHURCH		
88 CHURCH	12.00	
LEONARDSVILLE CHURCH		
INDEPENDENCE CHURCH		
NEW HOPE CHURCH	15.00	
LOCKFirCHURCH Smith	<sub>0</sub> _ 11.00	
Total from Churches within association	_\$204.00	
Collections from communities within association	_\$ 40.00	
Contributions from Churches within other associations _	69.00	
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PERSONAL OFFERINGS		
Mrs. Clara Ramey	\$ 17.00	
Mrs. Clara Ramey	2.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Doris Kemp	18.00	
George Minnifield	<b>5.00</b>	
Johnnie Lester	3.00	
Charles Nobles		
A. A. Joslin	2.00	
Herman Yakley	2.00	
Albert FranklinClaude Jones	2.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Pearce	3.00	
Mrs. Garriet	2.00	
George Bolliver	2.50	
Grand Total Receipts	\$455.50	
Total expense		
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#### POOR PILGRIM AND STRANGER

Written by and printed in memory of Grandpa Davis, the late Rev. J. K. P. Davis.

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I am a poor pilgrim and stranger
Turned out in this world to roam;
I have no continuing city
Or one I can call my own.
I've heard of a heavenly railroad,
I've heard of a heavenly train,
Where Jesus alone is the agent,
Salvation by faith is His name.

Chorus

Sometimes I'm sorely tossed and driven And I know not where I roam; I've heard of a city called Heaven I've started to make it my home.

—2—

Our fathers and mothers crossed over,
Our brothers and sisters are there;
No money could purchase their tickets,
For Jesus paid all their fare.
This track was decreed in Heaven
Before our world began;
The rolling stock is the free agent,
"By Grace and through Faith" is the plan.

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The agent, he wrote me a ticket
When I was about sixteen;
He never did charge me a penny
But told me to always keep clean.
The world and the flesh and the Devil
Tried hard our train to derail,
But we hear the sweet voice of Jesus,
My word shall not utterly fail.

My good old companion has left me,
She boarded that Heavenly train;
When Jesus comes back for His jewels
He'll bring her back with Him again.
Repentance and Faith are conditions,
Baptism to all a command;
If you fail to wash your feet after supper
You're building your house on the sand.

**—**5—

And now before taking the Supper Examine yourself one and all;
Then freely partake of the emblems,
Was the great admonition of Paul.
Be sure you take oil my brother
In vessels along with your lamps;
For we all have to pass through the tunnel And the devil has robbers and tramps.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in Divine essence, power and glory.—Romans 1:20; 1st, John 1:7; John 17:21.
- 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written and revealed Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—Matt 5:18; 2 Tim. 3:16.
- 3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same whereby all mankind are sinners; not by constraint, but by choice; being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He, by the Grace of God, should taste death for every man.—Gen. 3:7, 17; Heb. 2:9.
- 4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." —Matt. 4, 17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:20, 21; Acts 17:30.
- 5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:3;
- 6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God.—Jno. 4:11; Deut. 1:39; Mk. 10:14; Lk. 18:16.
- 7. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life: for blessed are they that do His Commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city.—Matt. 24:13; Rev. 22:14.

- 8. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water; and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children, and bids us walk therein.—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:2-5; Matt. 28:19-20.
- 9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructions of His blessed Word, to go forth and proclaim life and salvation He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come.—1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isaiah 55:1.
- 10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children.—Mark 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matt. 28:19, 20; I Tim. 5:10.
- 11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those Who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a Pastor, Deacons and clerk, chosen by the church and continue in office during the good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous.—Tit. 1:5; Acts 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:6.
- 12. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the Pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper to "let a man examine himself, and so let him eat."—1 Cor. 11:28; John 13:14; Heb. 10:25.
- 13. We believe that Sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God.—Gal. 6:10; 1 John 2:9.
- 14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God, the unjust, to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God.—Matt. 25:31-34; 1 Cor. 15:42-45; 2 Thees. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:12-15.

#### RULES OF ORDER

- 1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
- 2. Ministers present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.
- 3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
  - 4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
- 5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.
- 6. If any propositions or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.
  - 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. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.
- 10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
- 11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.
- 12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
- 13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association.
- 14. Alternations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

#### RULES OF ORDINATION

- 1. Do you believe in the Total Depravity of the human heart? Answer—No.
- 2. Do you believe that infants are saved while in a state of innocence? Answer—I Do.
- 3. Do you believe in a Full and Free Salvation to all who will accept it on the Gospel terms? Answer—I Do.
- 4. Do you believe in a burial of a believer in Christ with water after he has been baptized into Christ by the Holy Ghost is the only baptism? Answer—I Do.
- 5. Do you believe that any man has a right in the Gospel to Repeat Baptism to such a subject? Answer—No.
- 6. Do you believe that Communion, Feet Washing and Baptism are Gospel Ordinances and are to be taught and practiced until He comes again? Answer—I Do.
- 7. Will you solemnly pledge yourself to preach and practice the same God being your helper? Answer—I will by the help of God.
- 8. Do you believe that none will be finallly saved but those who preserve in Holiness to the end. Answer—I Do.

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

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

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

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

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



THE PRESS-ARGUS PRINTERS