

(Gomer Nelson)

MINUTES

11th Annual Session

The Ohio State Association



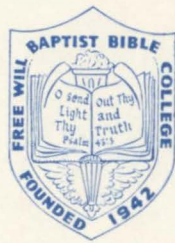
Of

The Free Will Baptist Church

In Session With The

Union Free Will Baptist Church

June 7, 8, 9, 1949



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Homer Nelson

No Record made of the Credent-
ial Comm. Concerning the delegates
and Ministers of the 2 yearly
meetings.

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its 11th annual session with Union Church June 7, 8, 9, 1949.

Devotionals led by Rev. Eugene Martin. Scripture reading Eph. 4.

United prayer around the altar led by Rev. W. J. White.

Welcome address by Rev. Clarence Herles, pastor of host church.

Response by Rev. John Kemper.

Association called to order by clerk and the moderator, Rev. Homer Nelson, was introduced.

Credential committee appointed. Rev. E. T. Carter, Rev. David Widdig, Rev. Elmer Miller.

Duet by Sisters Lizzie Yeley and Hazel Smith.

Appointment of the other committees.

Business—Rev. John Kemper, Rev. M. B. Hutchison, Rev. Callie Adams.

Program—Rev. Clarence Herles, Sisters Mae Stevens, Zella Jacobs.

Minutes—Rev. Alva McDaniels, Sister Vina Henning, Rev. Marion Wilburn.

Publicity—Deacon John Henning, Rev. Olen Turner, Deacon Otto Johnson.

Obituary—Rev. Gus Graham, Deacon George Coldiron, Rev. David Widdig.

Resolutions—Rev. W. J. White, Sister Bianca Riddlebarger, Deacon Grover Corbin.

Assistant officers appointed were: Moderator, Rev. E. T. Carter; Clerk, Sister Alice Childers.

Report of Foreign Mission Treasury by Grace Peach.

Motion made and carried we receive the report. (See reports).

Report of Association Treasury by Rev. Nelson. Motion made and carried we receive the report. (See reports).

Report of Publicity Committee by Rev. Nelson. Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of Super-annuation Committee. Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Motion made and carried we adjourn business until 1:30 P. M.

Song, "Hand in Hand With Jesus" was sung.

Rev. Gus Graham brought the morning message. Text, "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28-20.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. M. B. Hutchison.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals led by Rev. Murray Hutchison. Scripture reading Phil. 3.

Prayer by Rev. Olen Turner.

Report of the National Association by John Henning and Sister Zella Jacobs. Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of Property Board by Rev. White. They asked the Association to dissolve the Property Board. Motion made and carried we receive the request. Motion made by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin and second by Rev. David Widdig the Association dissolve the Property Board. Carried.

Delegates to the National Association when it convenes at Columbus, Ga., are: Mrs. Zella Jacobs, Mrs. Alice Childers, Mrs. Bianca Riddlebarger, Mrs. Grace Peach, Mrs. Opal Doll, Mrs. Ione Buchanan, Mrs. Corbia Yeley.

Delegates to the Kentucky State Association are: Bro. and Sister Otto Johnson.

Two new members were elected to the executive: Rev. Gus Graham to act in Rev. Nelson's place as treasurer for the coming year, and man-at-large, Rev. Ernest Percell.

Report of Educational Committee by Rev. W. J. White received as information.

Rev. John Kemper was elected to fill the expired term of Rev. White on the Foreign Mission Board.

Motion made and carried to increase the Foreign Mission Board to five members: Deacon Grover Corbin to serve four years; Sister Ione Buchanan, five years.

Super-annuation Board was elected to serve five years: Rev. D. A. Hayes.

New member elected on the State Home Mission Board was Rev. Forrest Chamberlin for five years.

Motion made and carried we receive the reports.

Motion made and carried we adjourn business until 10:00 A. M. Thursday morning.

Prayer and praise service was led by Rev. John Kemper. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Callie Adams.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Devotionals led by Rev. Alva McDaniels. Scripture reading Heb. 13:1-16.

Prayer by Rev. David Widdig.

Special songs by Mary Lou Martin.

The message was brought by Rev. Clarence Herles. Text, Ezk. 33.

Dismissed by prayer by Rev. David Widdig.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotionals led by Rev. Edward Stevens. Scripture reading Romans 10.

Prayer by Rev. John Kemper.

Duet by Rev. Homer Nelson and Jean Riddlebarger.

Moderator opened meeting for business.

Report of the State Evangelist by Rev. Homer Nelson. Motion made and carried we accept the report. (See reports).

Report of Obituary Committee. Motion made and carried we receive the report. (See reports).

Report of Program Committee. Motion made and carried we adopt the program as our order of business for the coming year.

Motion made and carried we adjourn business session until 1:30 P. M.

Message was brought by Rev. Ernest Percell. Text, Eph. 6.

Dismissed with prayer by Deacon Clarence Riddlebarger.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals led by Rev. E. T. Carter. Scripture reading Heb. 2.

Prayer by Rev. Marion Wilburn.

Solo, "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me," by Rev. Homer Nelson.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary by Sister Alice Childers was received as information.

Report of Minutes Committee. Motion made and carried we receive the report.

Report of Resolutions Committee. Motion made and carried we receive the report. (See reports).

Motion made by Rev. Clarence Herles and second by Rev. John Kemper, we change Article 4 in the Constitution to read thus: The members of this association shall consist of ten (10) delegates from each yearly meeting, together with all ordained authority and licentiates belonging to same.

Motion made and carried we accept Sister Jacobs' invitation for the next association to be held at Old Kyger Church.

Rev. E. T. Carter was elected as moderator for the coming year.

Minutes of the State Association up to the present time were read and approved for publication. Motion made and carried to adjourn business to meet with Old Kyger Church June 6, 7, 8, 1950.

Offering \$9.42.

Prayer and praise service led by Deacon John Kemper.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. John Kemper.

THURSDAY EVENING

Devotionals led by Rev. John Wilson. Scripture reading Romans 8:1-18.

Prayer by Rev. E. T. Carter. Special songs by the Long Run Church Choir.

Special songs by the Gospel Tones Quartette.

Song by the Hammond family.

The message was brought by Rev. David Widdig. Text, "Marriage in Canna

Scriptur, 1 Tim. 1, "Two fold meaning."

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. John Kemper.

REPORTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES

We, your Committee on Minutes, recommend that the clerk prepare a copy of this session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists, together with a copy of the program as prepared by the committee and that she be allowed to have 500 copies made wherever she can get the best work done for the most reasonable price.

Signed:

REV. EDWARD STEVENS, Pro-Tem

REV. MARION WILBURN

SISTER VINA HENNING

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Obituaries, wish to express our sincere sympathy on behalf of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists in the going home of our beloved brother, Rev. Walter Doll, Deacon W. O. Knight, Deacon Watson and Deacon Caudill.

"Your life to us did mean so much

The half cannot be told,

But Jesus said, "You've toiled enough,

Come now into my fold."

Signed:

REV. GUS GRAHAM

REV. DAVID WIDDIG

DEA. GEORGE COLDIRON

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that Article 4 in the Constitution read thus: The members of this association shall consist of ten (10) delegates from each yearly meeting, together with all ordained authority and licentiates belonging to same.

No. 2—We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to express our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of kindness and love shown to this association by the people and friends of Union Church and community. We thank the Program Committee for their efforts in planning the association. We express our appreciation for all who appeared on the program, for those who brought special messages in song, sermon or talk. We are glad for all visitors present and ask them to return soon.

Signed:
 REV. W. J. WHITE
 SISTER BIANCE RIDDLEBARGER
 BRO. ROY ROBERTS

REPORT OF STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

We, your State Home Mission Board, have selected Rev. Homer Nelson as Evangelist for the coming year.

Signed:
 DEACON JOHN HENNING
 REV. DAVID WIDDIG
 REV. FORREST CHAMBERLIN
 REV. E. T. CARTER
 SISTER MAE STEVENS

STATE HOME MISSION TREASURY

Balance in treasury in June, 1948	\$ 177.60	
Amount taken in for the year	1,260.82	
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Total		\$1,438.42
Paid out to evangelist	\$1,300.00	
Service charge at Bank	4.39	
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Total		\$1,304.39
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Balance in treasury in June, 1949		\$ 134.03

REPORT OF STATE EVANGELIST

REV. HOMER NELSON

Number of Revivals held	11
Helped in three others.	
Places where Revivals were held: Eifort, Fredrick, Shumway, Sciotoale, Oak Hill, Columbus, Harrison, Bethlehem, Swauger Valley, Wellston, Hamilton.	
Professions of faith	84
Number of sermons preached	208
Preached for other pastors	20
Quarterly meetings attended	28
Number of funerals	2

Number of homecomings attended, teaching, singing and preaching	11
Helped baptize	18
Attended Young Peoples conventions	7
Attended Sunday School conventions	6
Attended National Association, Christian Baptist Association, Ministerial conference, Yearly meeting.	
Salary received—	\$1,280.00.
Gift—	\$20.00.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Balance in treasury in June, 1948	\$ 99.78
Porter Quarterly meeting:	
August, 1948	\$ 154.56
November	106.73
February, 1949	151.06
May, 1949	122.66
Total from Porter Quarterly meeting	\$ 535.01
Pine Creek Quarterly meeting—	
August, 1948	\$ 97.47
November, 1948	98.64
February, 1949	100.54
May, 1949	94.51
Total from Pine Creek Quarterly meeting	\$ 391.16
Wellston Church	\$ 23.53
Wellston Church January, 1949	20.44
McDermott Church	14.86
Zaleski and Madison Church	30.70
Zaleski Sunday School	16.00
Madison Church	6.00
Silver Run Church	38.47
Old Kyger B. Y. P. League	5.61
Members from Old Kyger Church	4.48
Sister Zella Jacobs	7.27
Rev. Carroll	1.00
Total	\$ 168.36
Grand Total	\$1,194.31

DISBURSEMENTS

National Foreign Mission Board	\$1,100.00
Insurance	8.32
Stamps and Money Orders	3.85
Total expenses	\$1,112.07
Balance in treasury in June, 1949	\$ 82.24
Signed: MRS. GRACE PEACH, Treasurer.	

FINANCIAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATION TREASURY

Balance in treasury June, 1948		\$ 120.20
Freewill offering from Long Run Church	\$ 10.33	
Freewill offering from Union Church	27.60	
Freewill offering from Germany Hollow	5.00	
Freewill offering from Porter Church	10.00	
Freewill offering from Hamilton Church	9.50	
Freewill offering from Garden City Church	10.00	
Freewill offering from Bloom Church	10.00	
Association offering	9.42	
Registration	16.00	
Woman's Auxiliary for minutes	15.00	\$ 122.85
Total		\$ 243.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Minutes for 1948	\$ 57.00	
Telephone call60	
Flowers for Rev. W. O. Doll	10.00	
Postage for minutes	1.00	
Clerk fees	15.00	
National Association dues	20.00	\$ 103.60
Balance in treasury June, 1949		\$ 139.45



BY-LAWS OF THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Section 1. The clerk shall call the association to order, and in his absence the oldest minister present shall call the conference to order.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each body belonging to the association to send a letter giving statistics of the body.

Section 3. Each meeting shall be opened by reading of scripture and prayer.

Section 4. The association shall sit with open doors except when it goes into a committee as a whole.

Section 5. No person shall nominate more than one if that person be elected.

Section 6. The moderator shall not allow any conversation except it be in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord.

Section 7. Anyone desiring to speak must rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Section 8. Voting must be done by the show of the right hand.

Section 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject and not more than five minutes at a time.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a convenient place.

Section 11. All ordained authority and licentiates are standing members.

Section 12. We, your committee on resolutions, recommend that the form of financing the state association be adopted in our by-laws. Yearly meeting dues \$10.00. All ordained authority pay 50 cents per year. One collection from each church each year. One collection taken at each state association each year.

Section 13. That all standing boards must be in a session called by the chairman to make money appropriations.

Section 14. These by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members present.

Signed:

REV. G. L. YELEY, Chairman
REV. EARL RANKINS
DEACON FRANK ADAMS



**CONSTITUTION OF THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Article 1. This association shall be called the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of all regularly well organized and disciplined Free Will Baptists yearly meetings as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. The purpose of this association is for to promote the cause of Christ among our people, and bring about a better spirit of union among our several quarterly meetings.

Article 3. The officers of this association shall be a clerk and treasurer, who shall serve at the pleasure of this association, a moderator, who shall be elected one year in advance of the year he shall serve.

Article 4. The members of this association shall consist of ten (10) delegates from each yearly meeting, together with all ordained authority belonging to same.

Article 5. Any well organized and well regulated yearly meeting in the state shall by application and conforming to the usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination shall be received into this association by a majority vote of this association.

Article 6. The session of this association shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of each year, the place being in one of the various yearly meetings in rotation and placed by vote of the association till each has had an association and repeated, etc.

Article 7. —This association shall have power to adopt any regulations and by-laws that are consistent with this constitution or usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Article 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by vote of this association at any session by a two-thirds majority vote.

Signed:

REV. W. J. SHEPPERD, Chairman
REV. G. D. WEBB
REV. MELVIN DUNN



EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY

TUESDAY MORNING

The eighth annual session of the District Woman's Auxiliary convened at Union Church June 7, 1949, at 10 o'clock with our district president, Sister Corbia Yeley, in charge.

Devotionals were led by Sister Opal Doll.

Song, "Trust and Obey" was sung.

Scripture reading, John 11.

Poem, "Faithful Few," was read by leader.

Song, "Send the Light" was sung.

Welcome address was given by Rev. John Kemper.

Response by Sister Carrie Sparks.

Theme for the meeting was "Evangelism."

There were sixteen members, six ministers, five visitors present.

Reading the Constitution and By-Laws.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Appointment of committees—

Obituary Committee: Sisters Biance Riddlebarger, Vina Henning, Ione Buchanan.

Program Committee: Sisters Ethel Clark, Alice Childers, Grace Peach.

Report of field worker by Sister Grace Peach.

Special song by Rev. Homer Nelson.

Duet by Evelyn Chamberlin and Wilma White.

Topic, "Evangelizing the World Through Enlistment"—Beatrice Bradburry.

Topic, "Evangelizing Through Personal Service"—Vina Henning.

Topic, "Evangelizing Through Christian Education"—Biance Riddlebarger.

Greetings from ministers and visitors.

Business adjourned until after noon.

Prayer and praise service led by Sister Opal Hillard.

Dismissed with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals led by Sister Abbie Knore.

Song, "Walking in Sunlight" was sung.

Prayer by Sister Ella Adams.

Scripture reading, Psalms 19.

Business session opened by president.

President asked every member to send a sick card to Mrs. Mollie Shepperd who was sick.

Special songs by Mary Lou Martin.

The president gave her address.

Reports of vice-presidents and recording secretary. Reports accepted.

Report of the Obituary Committee was accepted.

Election of officers for 1949-1950:

President, Sister Grace Peach; First Vice-President, Corbia Yeley; Second Vice-President, Ione Buchanan; Third Vice-President, Bianca Riddlebarger; Fourth Vice-President, Alice Childers; Fifth Vice-President, Opal Doll; Secretary and Treasurer, Sister Lorraine Deemer.

Delegates appointed to attend the National Association were: Sisters Bianca Riddlebarger, Opal Doll, Alice Childers, Grace Peach, Carrie Sparks, Lima Noxsel, Ione Buchanan, Corbia Yeley, Ella Adams, Ethel Clark.

Collection taken amounted to \$8.63.

Motion made and carried to pay \$10 to the association on minutes.

Topic, "Evangelism Through Stewardship," Sister Ailce Childers.

Topic, "Evangelism Through Missions," Sister Ione Buchanan.

Special song by Mary Lou Martin.

Special prayer for the sick of the community.

Dismissed with prayer.

TUESDAY EVENING

Devotionals led by Sister Thelma Nourse.

Song service by Union Church choir.

Prayer by Rev. David Widdig.

Scripture reading, Romans 1:1-16.

Rev. Homer Nelson brought the evening message. Scripture reading, Acts 16:6-15

Text for the evening was Proverbs 31:10, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."

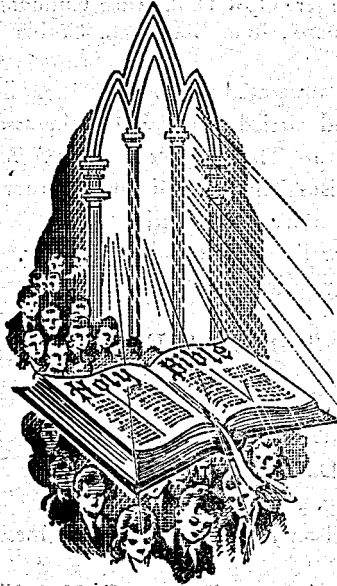
The Woman's Auxiliary convention adjourned to meet with Old Kyger Church June, 1950.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in treasury	_____	\$ 14.75
District and National Dues	_____	\$ 5.40
Offering	_____	8.63 \$ 14.03
Total	_____	\$ 28.78

EXPENSES

National dues	_____	\$ 2.60
Printing of Minutes	_____	15.00 \$ 17.60
Balance in treasury	_____	\$ 11.18



PROGRAM FOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR 1950

Tuesday Morning—Theme, "Advancing With Christ"—

- 10:00—Devotionals by Sister Ione Buchanan. ✓
- 10:15—Welcome by Sister Zella Jacobs.
- 10:30—Response by Sister Gladys Burns.
- Appointment of committees. ✓
- 10:45—Advancing with Christ through promotional work, by Sister Opal Doll. ✓
- 11:00—Advancing with Christ through stewardship by Sister Bianca Riddlebarger. ✓
- 11:15—Advancing with Christ through missions, by Sister Vina Henning. ✓
- Special song.
- 11:30—Advancing with Christ through Christian Education, by Sister Emma Dever. ✗
- 11:45—Greetings from ministers and visitors.
- Prayer and praise service led by Sister Kathleen Conkey.
- 12:00—Noon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotionals by Sister Isobel Widdig.
- 1:45—President's address.
- 2:00—Advancing with Christ through enlistment, by Sister Corbia Yeley.
- 2:15—Advancing with Christ through programs and publicity, by Sister Alice Childers.
- 2:30—Business period.
- 4:00—Closing.

TUESDAY EVENING

8:00—Devotionals by Sister Carrie Sparks.

8:15—Song service by church choir.

Special songs.

Message—Rev. Russell Milam.

PROGRAM FOR THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING

10:00—Devotionals by Rev. Everett McKibbens.

Bro. V. Allence
Rev. May

10:20—Welcome address by pastor of host church.

10:30—Response by Rev. Bryan May.

10:40—Association called to order by clerk, and moderator takes charge.

11:00—Appointment of committees.

11:15—Enrollment of delegates and ministers.

12:00—Closing.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Devotionals by Rev. Raymond Fife.

1:50—Miscellaneous Business.

3:15—Sermon by Rev. Willis May.

4:00—Benediction by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

8:00—Devotionals by Rev. Isaac Russell.

Special song service by church choir.

Message by Rev. Dave Al Hayes.

Rev. Homer Nelson to be song leader for entire association.

THURSDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Devotionals by Rev. Edward Stevens.
10:20—Report of State Evangelist and business period.
11:30—Message by Rev. Frank Delawder.
12:00—Closing.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotionals by Rev. Bert Miller.
1:50—Business period.
3:30—Prayer and praise service led by Rev. Jesse Sizemore.
4:00—Closing.

THURSDAY EVENING

- 8:00—Devotionals by Rev. Delbert Gould.
Special song by Mary Lou Martin.
Song service by church choir.
Message by Rev. Russell Milam.



Committee

Business

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Nelson
 Riddleberger
 B. May

Program

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Minutes

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May, W.B.
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Publicity

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Obituary

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Resolutions

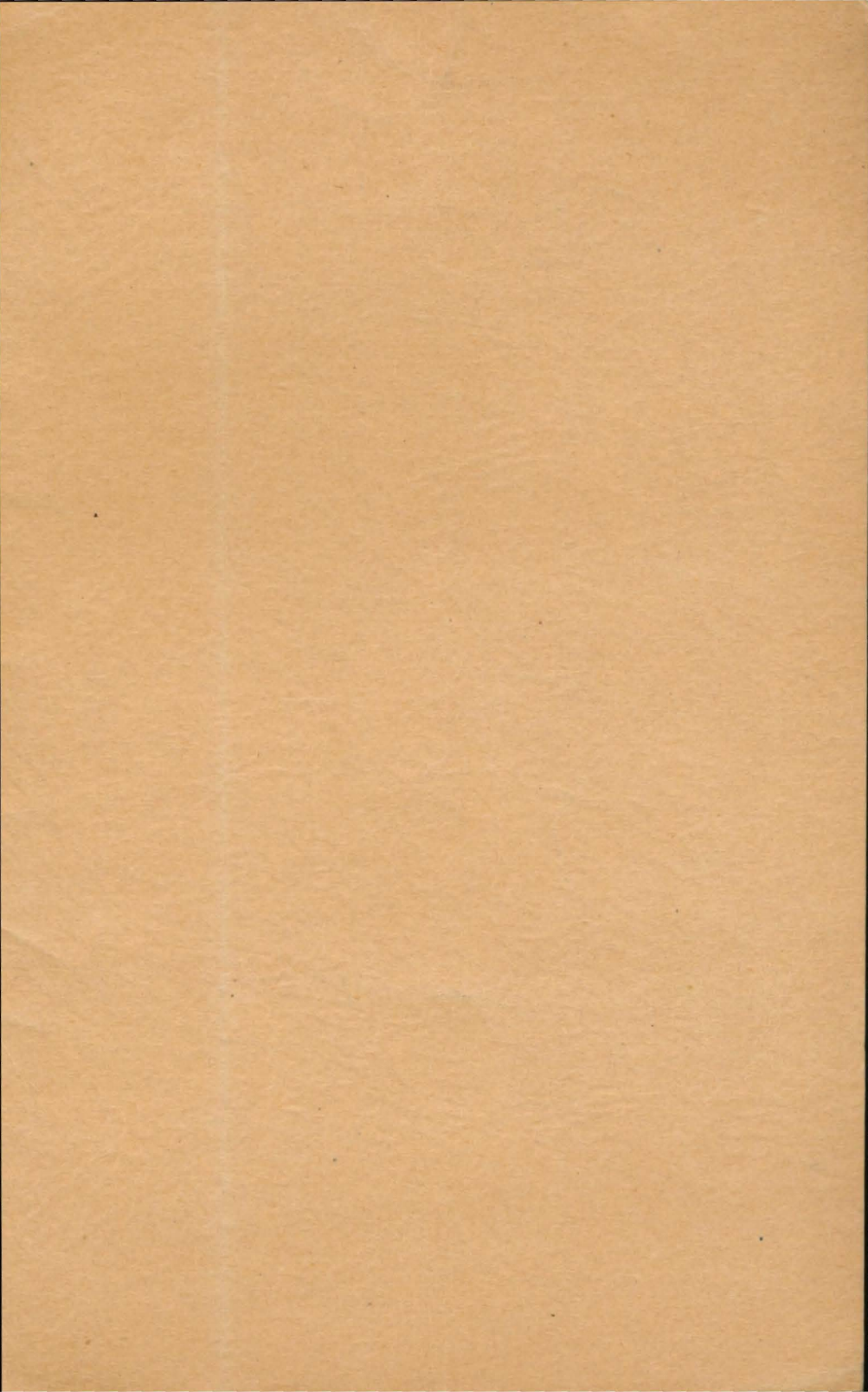
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7. Credential

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- 2. Henning
- 3. Ed. Loper

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Samuel Nelson