OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES 30th Annual Session

Friday, June 21, 1968

9:30 A.M.

The 30th Annual Session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists convened in regular session at the Woodland Chapel Church, Route 3, Ironton, Ohio. Theme - "Redeeming The Time" - Eph. 5:16. Rev. Richard Pressnell conducted the devotional service. Song "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms". Scripture reading, John 9:1-4. Prayer around altar was led by Fred Evans.

Welcome address given by Rev. Merlin Teets, pastor of host church.

Response by Rev. Ernest Percell.

The Clerk of the Association (Homer Nelson) called the session to order and introduced the Moderator - Rev. Robert Mead.

Moderator's message and instructions to the delegates.

MSC to adopt program with necessary changes.

Report of the Executive Committee acting as Credential Committee, relative to the four Yearly Conference's letters and ministers. Report accepted - see reports.

Reading of letters from the Conferences by the Clerk.

Seating of the delegates by the Moderator.

(Note the committees that are appointed should be divided among the four conferences if possible.)

The Following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Fred Evans Morlin Teess Franklyn Harnees

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Fred Spears Ernest Percell Charles Lykins

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 3yrs, 2 yrs, 1 yr.

3 yr. John Jeffreys 2 yr. Harold Smith 1 yr. Roy Hiles

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Clarence Newman Elmer Sizemore Andrew Workman

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Ray Kelley Richard Pressnell Jerry Ferguson

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE (report next year)

J. A. Hayes John Jeffries Jesse Williams

(Nominating committee should not be members of boards whose terms expire)

Rev. Ernest Percell was elected Assistant Moderator.

The Association then welcomed the visiting messengers and brethern from other Associations, and were given the hand of fellowship as advisory members. Rufus Coffey, Ex. Sec.; Henry Van Kluyve, Foreign Missions; Bert Tippett, Bible College;

Report of Publicity Committee appointed at last session - Robert Trimble, Dan Patrick, Cleo Leonard - No one present.

Miscellaneous Business:

Report of Executive Secretary of the National Association, Rufus Coffey. MSC to accept his report as information.

Offering was received for the Association - amounting to \$43.57.

The service was then turned over to Rev. Oral Maggard, Pastor of Garden City Church, who preached from Ephesians 5. Scripture reading Eph. 5:1-16. Wonderful Message.

1:00 P.M.

The State Association reconvened with Rev. Elmer Sizemore conducting devotions. Song "Have Thine Own Way". Prayer, Franklyn Harness. Scripture, Eph. 4:1

Moderator took charge of the service and the following business was transacted. Harold Smith - elected as member-at-large on Executive Committee. A letter was read by the Clerk from Rufus Coffey, National Association Executive Secretary relative to having area meetings with the National Association Departmental Heads toming to our State. MSC to receive letter and to adopt the recommendation s. in said letter.

The Executive Committee is to arrange these meetings.

Hearing reports of other bodies to our association. - Nonone present.

Appointing Messengers to other State Associations.

KENTUCKY - Amon Gillenwater, Ed Spears

WEST VIRGINIA - Fred Evans - Homer Nelson

Report of Foreign Mission Department - Rev. Henry Van Kluyve.

MSC: to accept report as information - and stood in prayer four our missionaries, especially Tom Willey, Sr. who was seriously ill.

Report of Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, by Bert Tippett. MSC: to receive report as information.

MSC: That we abolish these rules concerning the electing of Moderator and Assistant Moderator and the nominating committee, nominate moderator as well assistant moderator.

Partial report of Resolution Committee - see reports MSC to receive report.

No. 1 MSC to adopt No. offe of these resolutions

No. 2 carried

see reports

Recommendations were read from the Miami Valley Yearly Conference - see reports No. 1 - recommendation adopted. We have a committee from last year.

No. 2 - Adoption of recommendation that the State Association go on record to sanction this item of business and include in our letter to the National: this recommendation is to be read to the body of the National Association.

Report of AMBASSADOR by Editor - MSC That we receive the report as information

Dismissed by Rufus Coffey.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

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"Redeeming the Time on Our Mission Fields"

7:30 - Presiding - Rev. Guy Leonard, Member of State Mission Board

Pianist - Thelma Blair; Song Leader, Forrest Chamberlin Prayer - Rev. John Jeffreys Songs "Fill My Way With Love"; "The Sweet By and By"

Testimony - Fred Spears

Song by Allen Williams, Jr., family -"Press On, It Won't Be Very Long".

Testimony - John Jeffries

Song -"In Times Like These" - by Cleo Leonard

Scripture Colossians 4:2-5 by Rev. Guy Leonard

Song "I Am Thine, O Lord".

Prayer by Kenneth Frisbee

Speaker - Rev. Dan Cronk, Missionary to India

Scripture Matt. 28:16-20

Wonderful Message

Song "Stand Up For Jesus".

Saturday, June 22, 1968.

9:30 A.M. State Association reconvened with Rev. Calvin Evans conducting devotions.

Song - "At Calvary". Prayersaround altar. Scripture: Acts 4:10-20.

Recognition of our visiting brethern in our Association.

Report of the National Association - the printed minutes served as our report.

Appointing delegates to the National Association at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Five - Ollie Newman, Milburn Alicie, Maudie Alicie, John Farhis, Mabel Jeffrey.

Report of Church Training Service (C.T.S.) by Fred Green. MSC that the report be accepted as information.

Report by Rev. Clarence Newman of the Youngstown Church working under State Mission Board - see reports.

MSC to receive report.

Report of the National Home Mission Board - Rev. Mark Vandivort.

MSC that the report be received as information. The congregation stood in recognition for Bro. Vandivort for his work, as he was leaving the Home Mission Board.

Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee.

Report of the National Association Sunday School Department by Hev. Harold Harrison. MSC that the report be received as information.

(Clerk's note - The Spirit of God was truly evident even in our business session.) (These reports were very encouraging).

Song: "Amazing Grace" while shaking hands.

Report of State Mission Board by Rev. Billy McCarty - see reports. MSC that the report be accepted.

Special singing "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me" (Homer Nelson, Joann Ruth, Allen Williams, Jr.) while offering was received (by Tom Sizemore) for the State Association. Prayer by Rev. Carl Vallance.

Service was given to Rev. Henry Litteral, Pastor of Columbus North Church. Wonderful message. Song "Living By Faith".

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Howard Kimble.

1:00 - State Association reconvened with Rev. Kenneth Frisbee leading devotions.

Song - "Power In The Blood". Prayer by Rev. Frisbee. Scripture Genesis 9:11.

Assistant Moderator - Ernest Percell, conducted the following business.

Report of State Mission Board by Secretary-Treasurer Rev. Robert Mead. - see reports MSC receive report as information.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary by Nora Mc Carty. - see reports MSC report adopted as information.

Report of Publicity Committee from last year - Caeo Leonard - see reports MSC receive report.

Reports of Committees - see reports

Business - none

Resolution - none (see previous)

Obituary - see reports

Appreciation - seerreports - Stood in Thanks:

Nominating Committee - see reports

Invitation from Pleasant View Church for next association. Placing of next association in hands of Executive Committee.

Reading of our Statistics by the clerk - see reports

Report of Treasurer - Allen Williams, Jr. - see reports

Discussion on finances

Moved and seconded that the churches of the Yearly Conferences be responsible for the financing of the State Association.

Amendment: to remind the Churches of their obligation to the financing of the State Association.

Passed.

MSC that we adjourn until 1969.

Dismissed by Bert Sherman.

To meet with Pleasant View Church, 2485 Gantz Road, Grove City, Ohio, June 27, 28, 1969.

Homer Nelson, Clerk

NOTE: James A. Hayes elected Assistant Clerk - 1968

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee did not meet as often as usual due to circumstances existing. ($\mathtt{EXPLAIN}$)

The Executive Committee met one time during the year, May 5th, at 2:00 P.M. at the Chillicothe Church with all members present.

ITEM NO. 1 - Due to circumstances beyond the committee's control, it was necessary to relocate the State Association and inasmuch as the Lawrence County Conference Churches wanted the Association to meet in their locality, we placed the Association at Woodland Chapel Church, with the complete cooperation of all the churches in the conference. (This is part of our duties.)

ITEM NO. 2 - We made up the program of the State Association.

ITEM NO. 3 - As The AMBASSADOR, our State Magazine, is under the jurisdiction of the committee, the Editor made his annual report (and will read his report to the body, later). The committee voted to retain the entire staff of THE AMBASSADOR as all those concerned were willing to still work on the paper. \$150.00 per month was allocated for the workers and this is to be paid out of THE AMBASSADOR fund as finances permit.

In last year's association the Committee recommended some different method of financing the Association. The Association voted for the Executive Committee to work this out with suggestions and ideas presented to the committee by the people in our State. We received no ideas and we were pressed for time. We did not discuss this item.

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WE the Miami Valley Yearly meeting of FreeWill Baptist while in regular session on June 18, 1968 voted to make the following recommendations to the State Assn.

- 1. That we start work at once on establishing a Bible School in this State.
- 2. That we go on record as believing that a person who has been regenerated or born again and is living in unconfessed, unforgiven sin, is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and therefore is a back-slider in a lost condition who must repent and be restored to right relationship with God or be eternally lost.

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However we also recognize the fact that a regenerate person can fall into \sin , be in a lost condition and still not be an apostate. This person, through repentance can be reconciled to G od.

Rev. Paul Thompson clerk:

Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists

951 Liberty Street
PORTSMOUTH, OHIO 45662

June 21, 22, 1968

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session on June 21 and 22 voted to adopt the following resolution and this is to be read to the body of the National Association when in session July 15 - 18th, 1968, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Rev. Robert Mead, Moderator

Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk

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This has been another good year for us in publishing our State Magazine. Our finances have been good, especially when we have the type we have. Our main source of finance comes from our churches, which have stood by us so faithfully for several years.

We assumed publishing in August, 1962. We now have 90 churches supporting the paper, and all conferences except one. Our free will hfferings have been exceptionally good. Our mailing list averages around 2800 each month. THE AMBASSADOR goes to several states and foreign countries.

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The staff has taken over practically all the work.

Our financial report is as follows:

Receipts: H

Free Will Offerings \$481.33
Ambassador Month 684.64
Churches Monthly Supp 6219.56
Total Income \$7385.53
Total Expense 6505.38
Balance 868.15

In bank at beginning of June 1967 1071.04

Total amount over Bank balance 6/1/68

\$1951.19 28.50 \$1979.69 880-15

The Ohio State Mission Board would like to thank all who have given and prayed for the State Mission Board work this year.

We have made great stride in the last year. The Circleville Church has a new pastor and are on their own. The Youngstown Church has remodeled building. The have had several saved including Roman Catholic and Jews. The Board has high hopes that this church will be full time with the next 12 months.

The Board sees and are burdened for all the cities in Ohio that has no FWB Church and some no other Gospel preaching church. Millions have never heard, we have the message but we need the means. Ohio has the money and the personel to build churches in every citizin Ohio if we want to.

The Board recommends that the State continue to support Clarence Newman and the Youngstown Church another year, and that we pay half of Bro. Newman's social security.

We ask that all pastors go home and remember your and burdens that were laid on your heart and teach to your people. We ask that you put away personality and help to preach the Word to all people.

Next year please give \$12,000.00.

State Mission Treasurer Report, June 22, 1968.

Balance brought forward July 1, 1967......544.75

Total income July 1, 1967 - June 17, 1968..... 5939.56

6484.31

Expenses:

Rev. Clarence Newman 3600.00

Rev. Jerry Ferguson 32200.00

Earmarked for Circleville
Work 211.66

Expenses

286.56

Total Expenses

6298.22

Cash on Hand

\$186.09

(Treasurer - Robert Mead)

OHIO STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY YEARLY REPORT

REPORTED: 2 District Auxiliaries; 10 Local Auxiliaries 134 Total Membership - 107 at beginning of year.

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Study Courses conducted: 1 on Missions - average attendance 15
2 on Manual - " " 15
1 on Prayer - " " 20
1 on Evangelism " " 17
1 on Stewardship " " 16
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1 reading circle - average attendance 5
Number of Bible Readers daily 64
Special programs held 2
Seasons of Prayer 10
Number observing 9:00 Prayer Fellowship 47
Number engaged in personal service 75
Number souls winning efforts 34
Number sculs won 14
Articles written 8c Cards & letters 39
Number subscribing to Contact 59 - CoLaborer 82, Ambassaedor 76
Number participating in Special Mission Emphasis 33.
Reading Heattbeat 54; Mission-Grams 94; Giving to Provision Closet 64.

Contributed to State Project - Ernie Deeds - \$1,542.58

State Home Missions	44.50
National Home Missions	76.02
Children's Home	300.35
Bible College	100.00
Local churches	107.89
NWAC General Fund	33.25
Co-Laborer Fund	56.00
Dan Cronk	76.30
Georgia Hill	80.00

Total Outside Giving to Outside Causes \$2,416.89

Local Auxiliary Expenses 149.35

Next Year's Project Goal - \$3,000.00 to be divided:

50% to National Foreign Missions (\$1,500.00)

20% to National Home Missions (600.00)

20% to State Home Missions (600.00)

5% to Bible College (150.00)

3% to Co-Laborer Funds (90.00)

2% to State Expense (60.00)

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

NONE

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

OBITURARY COMMITTEE

6-22-68

We the Obituary Committee recomend that we stand in a moment of silent prayer in remembrance and respect of the following beloved brethern who have gone to meet their reward in the last year.

Rev. Jacob See - Rev. George Atkins, Sr. - Bro. Clifford Newman

Bro. Fairchild - Bro. Floyd Swaim

Signed by: Rev. Fred Spears, Rev. Charles Lykins, Ernest Percell

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Woodland Church and Lawrence Co. Conference for the wonderful hospitality shown to The Ohio State Association of FWB. Also to Bro. Teets, as Pastor, and the girls that did the registration at the door of church.

And a special thanks to the many women that did the cooking and serving of the food. It was just wonderful.

We appreciate everyone on the christian way they conducted themselves through our State Association.

And We want to say we really do appreciate the preachers for their wonderful messages.

Signed by: Ray E. Kelly, Richard Pressnell

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the nominating committee submit the following names for the following offices and boards:

For Moderator - Rev. Robert Mead ELECTED

For Assistant Moderator - Rev. Franklyn Harness ELECTED

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD - Rev. Robert Prichard - ELECTED - 5 years

State Sunday School Board for the unexpired term of Thurman Murphy

Rev. Fred Evans - ELECTED

State Mission Board - Rev. Robert Mead - ELECTED Rev. Merlin Teets - ELECTED

State of Ohio General Board Member - Rev. Homer Nelson - ELECTED

Signed by: Rev. John E. Jeffrey, Sr. Rev. Harold H. Smith

Rev. Roy Hiles

Fred Taylor - resigned as member of Mission Board - Harold Smith ELECTED

Richard Howard - moved out of state - offices vacated replaced on S.S. Bd. by Elvin Pelfrey.

" - Assistant Clerk - office vacated - James A. Hayes - ELECTED

VALUE OF PARSONAGE PROPERTY \$82,500.00

2 conf.reporting

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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CHURCHES - 109
QUARTERLY CONFERENCES - 12
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - 8054
PARSONAGES - 5
ORDAINED MINISTERS - 235
LICENSED MINISTERS - 35
DEACONS 281
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLNENT 10,221
AVERAGE S.S. ATTENDANCE 7,795 (2 conf. reporting)
C.T.S. ENROLLMENT 783
AVERAGE C.T.S. ATTENDANCE 733 (1 conf. reporting)
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT 533 (2 conf. reporting) ACTUAL REPORT 134
W.N.A.C. AV. ATTENDANCE 407
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PRAYER SERVICE MIDWEEK - 2561 (2 conf. reporting)
 (IN 1945 - The first year statistics were listed: churches 49, Ministers 87,
           members 2,624 - church property $80,000)
FINANCIAL REPORT:
LOCAL CAUSES:
PASTOR'S SALARIES: 150,964.87 (3 conf.rep)
                                                 EVANGELISTIC WORK
                                                      $25.525.84 (3 conf.)
                    15,682,32
                 $166,647.19
                                            Literature $25,740.71 (3 conf.)
BUILDING & REPAIR:
$279,797.11 (3 conf.)
                                            Other $252,646.71 (3 conf)
   7,857.67
$287,654.78
                                                    16,020.92
                                                  $278.667.63
TOTAL SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES:
         $634,675.25 (3 conf.)
           39,560.91
        $674,236.16
SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES: Co-op Plan $8,627.79 (2 conf)
                                                            Home Missions $10,126.34
                                                                 (3 \text{ conf.})
Orphangge $3,277.45 (2 conf.) Superannuation $431.00 (2 conf.)
Foreign Missions $12,810.83 (4 conf.)
                                         Education $4,291.72 (4 conf.)
                    1,230.01
                                                       125.00
                $14.043.84
                                                   $4.416.72
ASSOCIATIONAL PROJECTS:
                                    STATE & NATIONAL PROJECTS:
$4,782.03 (2 conf.)
                                         $9,402.95 (2 conf.)
   369.20
                                          5,151.23
$5,151.23
                                       $14,554.18
TOTAL SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES:
                                                   VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY:
  $50,634.12 (4 conf.)
                                                        $2,737,500.00 (4 conf.)
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TOTOAL EXPENDITURES: $683,455.04 (4 conf.)
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TERMS EXPIRE

MISSION BOARD

1972 - Robert Mead - Merlin Teets

1971 - Don Pegram - Guy Leonard

1970 - Harold Smith

1969 - Billie McCarty- Ernest Percell

TERMS EXPIRE

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

1973 - Robert Prichard

1972 - Fred Evans

1971 - Jim Williams

1970 - Elvin Pelfrey

1969 - Wayne Jacobs

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Also. To Bro Teets 45 Pastor, And The Girls That Did The Religiostration at the Door of Church

AND A Speical thank. To the Many WENEN That Did The Cooking & Surving of the Food IT was Just WonderFul.

Way They Conducted them selvs through our State 4550.

The Preachers For There Vondenful Messages

Ray & Ally Phind Property

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