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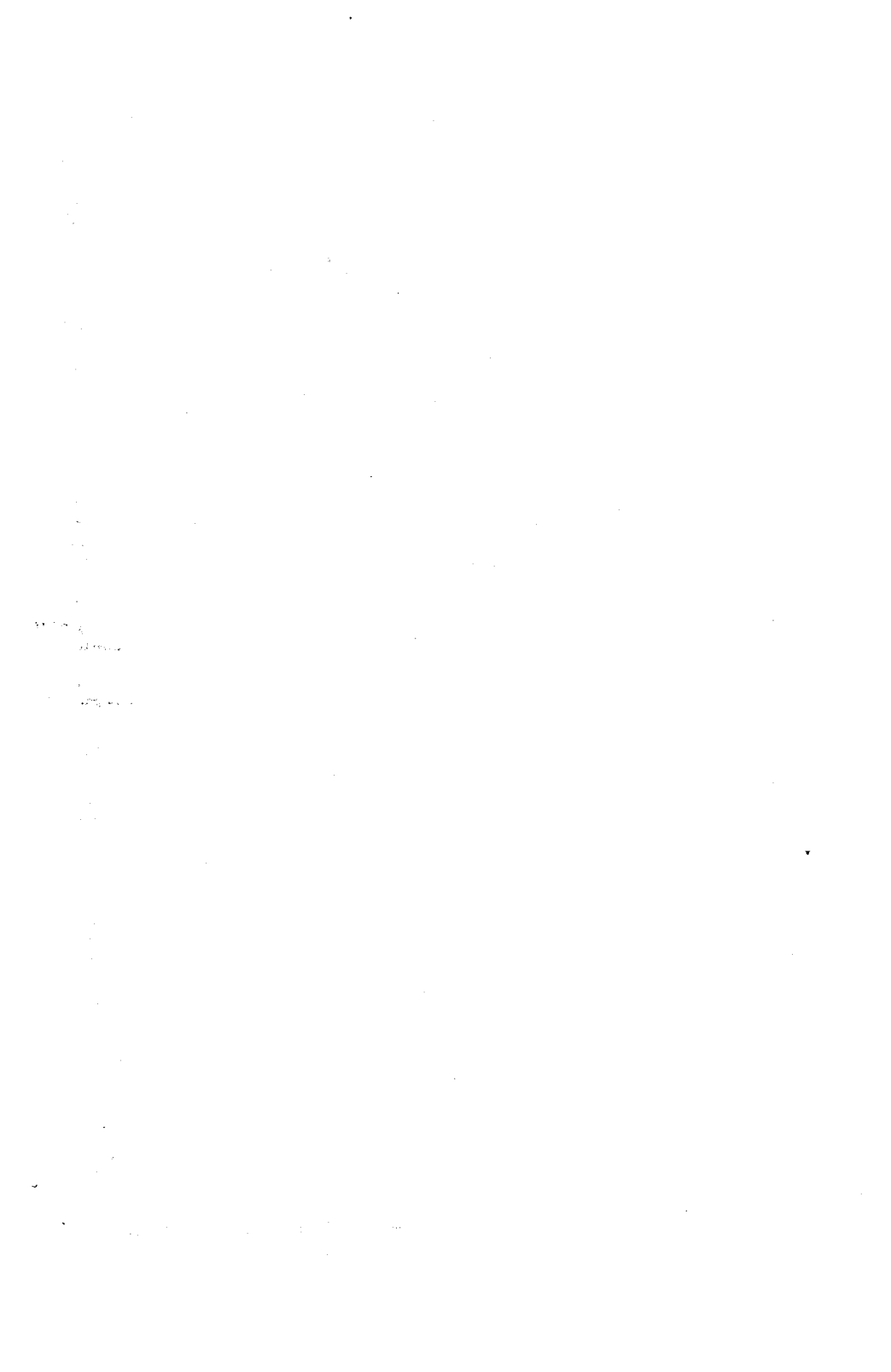
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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

(Addresses will be found in Associational Membership Roll)

ModeratorRev. J. P. Langley
Vice-Moderator.....Rev. Hubert Bennett
Clerk and Assistant TreasurerBro. Jack Langley, Jr.
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Associational Evangelist.....Rev. Bobby J. Brown

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(Treasurer's Address: Route 9, Box 305, Lexington, N.C. 27292)

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Rev. Henderson Eller Rev. Hubert Bennette, Chairman

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Rev. J. P. Langley (1973) Mrs. Rachael Passmore (1973)
Rev. Hubert Bennett (1973) Rev. Henderson Eller (1974)
Jack Langley, Jr. (1973)

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| Rev. J.C. Huneycutt, 702 Lexington Ave., Thomasville, N.C. 27360..... | | (919) 472-4302 |
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Rev. I. W. Plyler, Route 1, Troutman, N.C. 28160
Rev. Dewey W. Tilley, 917 N. Walnut Ave., Kannapolis, N.C. 28081
Rev. Arthur G. Woodruff, 1922 Rayon St., Statesville, N.C. 28677

CHURCHES

| Church | Clerk's Name and Address |
|--------------------|---|
| Arrington Heights, | Mrs. Mary Stokes, Route 8, Box 22-A, Lexington, N.C. 27292 |
| Friendship, | Mrs. Janie L. Kluttz, Route 2, Box 275-K, China Grove, N.C. 28023 |
| Mt. Zion, | Mrs. Vennie Ashby, Route 2, Box 287-E, High Point, N.C. 27260 |
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| New Hope, | Clara Johnson, P.O. Box 5167, Statesville, N.C. 28677 |
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| Prince of Peace, | George Fisher, 111 N. East Ave., Kannapolis, N.C. 28081 |

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 all 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 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 Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake 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.

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 seek to strengthen the weak, 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.

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 the evangelistic effort for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RULES OF THE DECORUM

- (1) The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- (2) There shall be no conversation by the members one with another so as to interrupt business while in session.
- (3) Every member wishing to speak shall first rise and address the Moderator.
- (4) No member shall interrupt a member while speaking.
- (5) We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.
- (6) Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
- (7) No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
- (8) Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
- (9) No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.
- (10) On all motions made, where the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.
- (11) The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member provided the chair is filled.
- (12) Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.
- (13) Not less than eight members shall constitute a quorum.

YADKIN VALLEY ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

- (1) This Association shall be composed of delegates elected by each church; three for the first fifty members or fraction thereof, and one for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof, sent to the Association to represent the church.
- (2) Each church is required to select the best qualified members of the body to represent the church and carry on business.
- (3) The Association, when assembled, shall first elect a Moderator and Clerk.
- (4) The rules of the decorum must be read immediately after the Association is assembled.
- (5) The Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as presents Christ as an all sufficient Saviour: that the plan of salvation, presented by Christ, is strictly and definitely Grace, and, as presented by the gospel, will save all human beings who accept it.
- (6) Any minister, in good standing with his church, or Association, may be invited to a seat in our Council and may take part in the deliberations, and his name enrolled in our minutes.

- (7) It is the duty of the Association to appoint, or elect, committees to take care of special business, etc. Each committee report must be in writing, and turned in to the Clerk for reading before the assembly.
- (8) All queries regularly presented to the Association by any Church shall be attended to.
- (9) Any church wishing to become a member of this Association may do so by making application by letter and represented by the delegates of said church. The church must adopt our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.
- (10) The Association may withdraw from any church who walks disorderly or violates any rule made and passed on by the body.
- (11) It is to be understood that the Association assumes no higher authority than that of an Advisory Council.
- (12) Any church wishing a letter of dismissal from this Association may do so on the grounds of a two-thirds majority of the members of said church.
- (13) Any minister found casting his influence against any church or, in any way, marring the character unjustly of another minister, or working in any way to secure the church of a fellow minister, will be dealt with by the Association.
- (14) This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by two thirds votes of the delegates attending, providing that a notice of such change shall have been given during the first sitting of said meeting after permanent organization.
- (15) The Ordaining Council shall have authority to ordain Pastors of churches entering this Association between Sessions.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- (1) The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
- (2) God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
- (3) Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His Divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.
- (4) The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
- (5) The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided.

- for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
- (6) **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.
 - (7) **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
 - (8) **The terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with 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 dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
 - (9) **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who would comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.
 - (10) **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
 - (11) **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
 - (12) **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.
 - (13) **Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.
 - (14) **Tithing.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in The Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).
 - (15) **The Christian 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 for personal communion with God.
 - (16) **Resurrection, Judgement and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They have done good will, come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) The Ministers' Conference shall have authority to elect the Ordaining Council. (Association of 1954).
- (2) All Ministers of this Association, licensed and ordained, shall have a seat, voice and vote at all Ministers' Conferences, and, along with all delegates, at Associational Conferences. (Amended thus Association 1966).
- (3) Any Minister failing to send a report to this Association shall subject his name to be placed on the Nominal Roll of Ministers. (Association of 1956).
- (4) Worship service shall be conducted at 11:00 a. m. on Friday and Saturday and at 7:30 p. m. on Friday during the Association (Association of 1958).

RULES GOVERNING ORDAINING COUNCIL

- (1) No minister may be granted license or certificate of ordination unless he presents a letter of recommendation from the church to which he belongs. Also, this church must be a member of this Association.
- (2) No licensed minister may be ordained under one (1) year from date of issuance of Associational license unless he is called to be full-time pastor of a church.
- (3) No licensed minister, even though called to be assistant pastor, may be ordained under one (1) year from date of issuance of Associational license.
- (4) All ministers being admitted to this Association must promise to relinquish the credentials they hold from this Association if, and when, he joins another Association, or when he is adjudged by the Ministers' Conference to be disqualified to preach the gospel.
- (5) All Ministers entering this Association from another Free Will Baptist Association must present a letter of recommendation from the Association he is leaving. Also he must surrender the credentials he holds from the Association he is leaving.
- (6) The Ordaining Council shall not have the authority to license women to preach.
- (7) This Council shall not issue credentials to brethren who have two (2) living companions, even though divorced.
- (8) These rules must be read to each minister asking for entrance into this Association.

ANNUAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Annual Ministers' Conference of the Yadkin Valley Association of Free Will Baptists met September 2, 1972 at 10:00 A.M. with Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N.C.

Services were opened by the pastor of the local church, Rev. J.P. Langley, by having the Conference sing, "I Would Not Be Denied." Prayer was led by Rev. Raeford James, after which Rev. Charles L. Kluttz read the devotions from 1 Cor. 15:1-3. Services were then turned over to the Moderator, Rev. Grover C. Bare. The Roll Call of Ministers was made with the following Ministers answering to their names: Reverends Alfred Absher, Grover C. Bare, Hubert Bennette, Henderson Eller, Wayne Hart, Raeford James, J.P. Langley, Johnny Triplette, Bobby J. Brown, and Charles L. Kluttz. We had one visitor, Mrs. Bobby Brown, who was recognized. Then the Meeting was declared in Order by the Moderator, Rev. Grover C. Bare.

A letter which was received by Rev. J.P. Langley from Rev. W.W. Howard was read by Rev. Langley. This letter expressed the desires of Rev. Howard to withdraw from the Association. A motion was made and seconded, it was voted on and carried unanimously. New officers were then elected as follows: Moderator-Rev. Wayne Hart, Vice-Moderator-Rev. Raeford L. James, Clerk and Treasurer-Rev. Charles L. Kluttz, and Assistant Clerk-Rev. Hubert Bennette. Members of the Ordaining Council were elected as follows: Reverends Bobby J. Brown, Henderson Eller, Johnny Triplette, Wayne Hart, and Hubert Bennette as Chairman.

The next Ministers' Conference will meet with Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Statesville, N.C. Rev. Raeford James is pastor of this church. The date of the next meeting is December 2, 1972 at 10:00 A.M. A motion was then made to adjourn, seconded and carried. Rev. Bobby Brown prayed the benediction.

"When We All Get to Heaven" was sung to open the 11:00 A.M. worship hour. An Old-fashioned prayer was enjoyed by all after which Rev. Johnny Triplette brought an inspiring message from 1 John 3:1-2. We were then dismissed by Rev. Alfred Absher.

Listed below are the names of each minister and the number of Ministers' Conferences he attended during 1972. This is printed for the purpose of letting each Minister see the faithfulness or unfaithfulness to the Conference. (These include each meeting of the Annual Association).

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| Rev. Alfred Absher | 5 | Rev. J.E. Fisher | 2 | Rev. Raeford James | 4 |
| Rev. Grover Bare | 4 | Rev. Donald Fritts | 0 | Rev. J.P. Langley | 5 |
| Rev. Hubert Bennette | 5 | Rev. Wayne Hart | 5 | Rev. Johnny Triplette | 14 |
| *Rev. Bobby Brown | 2 | Rev. J.C. Huneycutt | 2 | *Rev. Henry Wilkins | 0 |
| Rev. Henderson Eller | 3 | | | | |

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| Rev. Charles Kluttz | 2 | | |
| *Reverends Bobby Brown and Henry Wilkins entered the Association during 1972. | | | |

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 1972

The Twentieth Annual Associational Session met at 10:00 A.M. with Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N.C. on September 8-9, 1972. A song, "My Name Is There" was sung to open the Friday Morning Session. Rev. Henderson Eller led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Wayne Hart had been appointed previously by the Moderator to read the devotions for the meeting. He read one verse of Scripture from St. John 13:34.

The Moderator, Rev. J.P. Langley declared the House in Order for business. Mrs. Rachael Passmore read the Rules of the Decorum and also made the Roll Call. It was discussed and approved that previously referred to Ordination Council be referred to as the Ordaining Council in all future references. The various committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hazel Jones Mrs. Reva Payne Rev. Alfred Absher

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Bro. L.V. Lambert Mrs. Rachael Passmore Rev. Hubert Bennette

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Bro. Jimmy Johnson Mrs. Eulalia Oliver Rev. Wayne Hart

HOME FOR THE AGED COMMITTEE

Bro. Lester Oliver Mrs. Marie Gibbs Rev. Johnny Triplette

SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Hubert Bennette Rev. Wayne Hart Rev. Grover Bare

MINISTERS' REPORT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Stokes Mrs. Reva Payne Bro. Lester Oliver

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Rev. Johnny Triplette Mrs. Marie Gibbs Mrs. Rachael Passmore

LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hazel Jones Bro. L.V. Lambert Mrs. Ellis Murph

After these committees were appointed, a special prayer was offered for Bro. William House who has been Treasurer of this Association for many years, but due to ill health had to resign. All present prayed for the Healing Power of God to be with Bro. House and also reward him for his many faithful years to the Yadkin Valley Association.

Officers of the Association Were Elected as follows:

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| Moderator..... | Rev. J.P. Langley, Sr. |
| Vice-Moderator | Rev. Hubert Bennett |
| Clerk and Ass't. Treas..... | Bro. Jack Langley, Jr. |
| Treasurer | Mrs. Rachael Passmore |
| Ass't. Treasurer | Bro. Charles Passmore |

Rev. Henderson Eller was elected to serve on the Executive Committee. His term will expire in 1974.

After appointing of these committees, the Moderator turned the session over to Rev. Hubert Bennett, the Chairman of a committee that had been selected in a prior Ministers' Conference for the purpose of making possible changes in the Rules and Regulations, Rules of the Decorum, etc. Rev. Bennett read the recommendations of this committee but due to lack of time, discussing them was held over until Saturday Morning Session. (These recommendations are printed following the Friday Afternoon Session Minutes). After this, we adjourned for a short recess before the 11:00 A.M. Worship Hour.

At the 11:00 Worship Hour, the congregation sang a song entitled, "Sunshine In The Soul." Mrs. Ellis Murph sang a special song, "Hide Thou Me." Prayer was offered by Rev. J.P. Langley and the service was turned over to Rev. Henderson Eller for the message. Rev. Eller read from St. Matt. 25:1 and chose for his text, "The Cares of this World." It was inspiring to all. After the message, Bro. L.V. Lambert dismissed.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

A song, "Let Me Live Close To Thee" was sung, opening the Friday afternoon session of the Association. Mrs. Mary Stokes led the body in prayer.

A motion was made and seconded that Rev. Henry Wilkins be reinstated in the Yadkin Valley Association since the Association he had joined did not see things exactly as Rev. Wilkins and the Yadkin Valley Association did. Rev. Wilkins had written a letter to the Moderator, expressing his desires to be accepted back into this Association. He was accepted by a unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the acting Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Stokes.

A motion was made by Rev. Wayne Hart to increase the Clerk's salary from twenty-five dollars to thirty-five dollars per year for his services. This motion was seconded, voted on and carried.

The Church, Sunday School, Ladies Auxiliary, and Ministers' Reports were read by the Clerk and accepted. These reports are found following the Saturday Afternoon Session of these Minutes. Rev. Hubert Bennette recommended that we put an emphasis on item (3) of the Evangelism Committees Report: "A Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of purchasing property for the purpose of establishing a campground site for the Free Will Baptists". A committee was appointed for this purpose consisting of: Reverends Grover Bare, Raeford James, Hubert Bennette, Bobby Brown, and Alfred Absher.

A motion was made to adjourn, followed by a dismissal prayer by Rev. Hubert Bennette.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

We the Committee on recommendations bring to this Association the following changes and stipulations in the rules of Decorum, Constitution, and Rules and Regulations.

RULES OF DECORUM

We recommend that since we have 10 ordained ministers that no less than 8 be present at the Ministers' Conferences since we have a very important job to do and all our ministers need to know what is going on in regards to our work. (We are laborers together with God).

We further recommend that if it will be more convenient for our ministers to attend more of our Ministers' Conferences by a change in the time of our meetings, we recommend a time change from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. This recommendation is made in view that many of our ministers have to work for a livelihood.

CONSTITUTION

(1) We recommend that article No. 12 under the constitution remain to read as is, in view of the fact that we need to encourage our churches to stay in our Association to make it stronger. (United we stand, divided we fall)

(2) Article No. 15 - The Ordaining Council

¶ We recommend that the Ordaining Council ordain ministers only at the Annual Session of the Association.

We further recommend that any minister to be ordained at the Annual Association, must have his request and a recommendation from the church of which he is a member, in the hands of the chairman of the Ordaining Council 60 days before the meeting of the Association for study by the committee.

We further recommend that the Ordaining Council may, at any Ministers' Conference upon satisfactory recommendation to them from the church of which he is a member, license the minister to preach the Gospel and to prove himself as to his gifts and graces for such a high calling.

(3) We further recommend that any minister coming to the Free Will Baptist from another denomination:

- (a) Accept our Articles of Faith
- (b) Accept our Church Covenant
- (c) Work in harmony and in fellowship with the local church and in the work of the Association such as Ministers' Conferences and any associational work that may be called for, at least one associational year before exchanging papers with him and placing him in full responsibility of the work.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(1) We recommend that Article No. 4 read as follows:

Worship Services shall be conducted at 11:00 A.M. Friday morning and at 7:30 P.M. Friday night, also Saturday at 11:00 A.M.

The Friday Night service is recommended in view of the fact of an Ordination Service and also giving our people from all the churches in the Association an opportunity to worship together at least once a year.

(2) We further recommend that the Association appoint a minister to preach the annual sermon at the next session of the Association and also an alternate.

(3) We also recommend that we appoint a minister from our Association to preach at our Ministers' Conferences. These are to be elected 3 months in advance.

(4) We also recommend that a Judiciary Committee be elected by this Association to handle all matters pertaining to offences which may arise in the Association, among ministers and churches.

(5) We recommend that no minister miss more than 1 Ministers' Conference and not more than 1 day of the Annual Association without a reasonable excuse such as being sick himself or some member of his immediate family or a death in the family.

Upon these reasons we must notify the moderator or the clerk of the Ministers' Conference by letter or by telephone.

(6) We further recommend that all ministers be properly notified at least 10 days before any conference is to meet.

All mail must be sent First Class with the sender's complete name and address properly written on the envelope.

Any mail returned to the sender undelivered to the given address, shall become the responsibility of the sender to contact the preacher by telephone.

(7) We also recommend that all ministers have their full name, complete address and telephone number in the hands of the clerk so they may be properly printed in the minutes.

(8) We further recommend that any minister missing more than the number of the times already mentioned, Ministers' Conferences and Associational Meetings, be called before the Judiciary Committee and be dealt with according to the judgement of the committee.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We recommend that we open our Annual Association at 9:00 A.M. by observing the Lord's Supper, fellowshiping with Him around His table and then doing business for His cause and for the glorifying of His name.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Alfred Absher

Rev. Raeford James

Rev. Hubert Bennett (Chairman)

These recommendations are to be presented at the next Ministers' Conference December 2, 1972 for discussion.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

"I Love To Walk With Jesus" was the opening song for the convening of the Saturday morning Session of the association. Rev. Raeford James led the body in prayer, after which Rev. J.P. Langley read the Scripture, Psalms 133:1, then he declared the House in Order for business.

The Roll Call was made by Rev. Raeford James. A visiting minister, Rev. Ronald Creech was given a voice and seat in our deliberations. Rev. Creech is the State of North Carolina Association Evangelist.

The Committee Reports were then read by the clerk and accepted by the body. The Finance Committee's report was discussed at length because of the great changes made in their recommendations. However, it was voted on and approved, with each church represented promising their full support in standing behind these recommendations. This report and all other committee reports will follow the Saturday Morning Session Minutes.

The association voted to give Rev. Ronald Creech \$50.00 to be used in helping to promote the great work of our State Association. Rev. Creech expressed his thanks, and also gave an interesting talk on the great work of the State Association.

We discussed the possibility of a rotation system for our Annual Associational meetings. Rev. Hubert Bennette made a motion that we rotate the meetings to the different churches in our association. Rev. Wayne Hart made the second to this motion. It was voted on and carried. The next associational meeting will be held at Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, N.C. on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1973 at 10:00 A.M.

The association discussed having an Association Evangelist, and Rev. Bobby J. Brown was elected to serve this office. Any church needing his assistance can feel free to call on him at any time. His address and telephone number may be found in the Membership Roll. If Rev. Brown is called to a church, the church should assume the responsibility of his expenses.

The meeting was turned over to Rev. Bennette for the presentation of the Recommendations of the committee in the various rules and regulations of our association. The last recommendation was voted on and accepted; "that we open our annual association at 9:00 A.M. by observing the Lord's Supper, (fellowshipping with Him around His table), then doing business for His cause and for the glorifying of His name".

It was also suggested that every five years, each minister's credentials be renewed if the association felt that he was still qualified to preach the gospel. This also is to be discussed at the convening of the next Ministers' Conference December 2, 1972.

A motion was made to adjourn and the body was dismissed by Rev. Bobby Brown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee do hereby recommend the following:

- (1) That each church send one dollar (\$1.00) per member, annually, to this Association.
- (2) That each Sunday School send fifty cents (.50) per member, annually, to this Association.
- (3) That each minister send twelve dollars (\$12.00), annually, to this Association. In addition to this, we recommend that each pastor receive a free will offering on the last Sunday before the Annual Association.
- (4) That the Association pay the Clerk thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year for his services.
- (5) That the Association pay the Treasurer fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year for his services.
- (6) If the Executive Committee is called to a church, said church shall pay the traveling expenses of the members of the Committee.

Mrs. Hazel Jones
Mrs. Reva Payne
Rev. Alfred Absher

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School Committee do recommend that Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist literature, that officers and teachers be members of the church, that officers and teachers hold regular meetings for suggestions of ways and means of improving the Sunday School work. We recommend that each Sunday School adhere to the recommendation of the Finance Committee concerning the Sunday School financial responsibility. We also recommend that each Sunday School have a weekly visitation program and that the Sunday School elect a new group each month for visitation.

Mr. L.V. Lambeth
Mrs. Rachael Passmore
Rev. Hubert Bennett

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Missions Committee do hereby recommend that each church give to both Home and Foreign Missions, and that each pastor encourage his church in this matter. We also recommend that each church send ten dollars (\$10.00) per year to either the Clerk or Treasurer of this Association for missions. We recommend that this amount be sent in during the first fiscal quarter after the convening of the Annual Association, or by December 31 of the current year.

Mrs. Eulalia Oliver
Rev. Wayne Hart

MINISTERS' REPORT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Ministers' Reports, do hereby recommend that each minister attend the Quarterly Ministers' Conferences; if it is absolutely impossible to be at any of these conferences, each minister is to send in a report to the clerk in time to be read at the Conference. We recommend that each minister attend the Annual Associations and bring to these Associations a complete report of their work during the past year; this report to contain the following information:

Minister's name, address, telephone number, name of church he pastored, (if any), number of sermons he preached, number of revivals conducted, number of professions, number of members received into the church, number baptised, number of funerals conducted, number of couples united in matrimony, number of homes visited, number of visits to hospitals, number of Sunday School lessons taught, amount of money received in religious work, amount of money given for religious work, and the approximate number of miles traveled in religious work.

We also recommend that pastors call Free Will Baptist ministers, or ministers in harmony with Free Will Baptist doctrine, to conduct their revivals.

Mary Stokes
Reva Payne

HOME FOR THE AGED COMMITTEE

We, the Committee for the Home for the Aged do hereby recommend that each church in the Association send ten cents (\$.10) per Sunday School member to Rev. Jason Salyer, Route 1, Box 390-B, Marion, N.C. 28752 as its contribution to the Home. This offering is to be sent each quarter on the basis of average Sunday School attendance of the present three month period. We urge each church to comply with this recommendation. This Home is located in Burnsville, N.C.

Bro. Lester Oliver
Rev. Johnny Triplette
Rev. Billy Allen

SINGING CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We, your Singing Convention Committee do hereby recommend the following:

(1) That we have two (2) Singing Conventions each year, the first one to be held on the first Sunday in May at Mt. Zion Church in High Point, N.C. and the second one to be held on the first Sunday in August at the Oak Grove Church in Troutman, N.C.

(2) That every church, which means all the churches except the church where the singing is to be, is supposed to call off their Morning Worship Services, and use this time for traveling to the host church, all bringing a picnic lunch to be spread on tables provided by the host church and for lunch to be spread not later than 1:00 P.M.

(3) That each group of singers participating in these conventions be recorded in the minutes of the Annual Association.

Rev. Hubert Bennett
Rev. Wayne Hart
Rev. Grover Bare

LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We, the Ladies Auxiliary Committee do hereby recommend that pastors encourage the ladies of their church to start a Ladies Auxiliary. As each organizes an auxiliary, let the other churches know about the steps they took, then each auxiliary could correspond and give each other encouragement. Send any interesting news to the Free Will Baptist Witness, Rev. Ronald Creech, 301 N. Driver Ave., Durham, N.C.

We also recommend that each Ladies Auxiliary set aside at least one night a month for visitation. We recommend that the members of the Ladies Auxiliary attend church.

Mrs. Rebecca Murph
Mrs. Hazel Jones
Mrs. L.V. Lambeth

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Evangelism recommend that:

- (1) All churches hold at least (2) revival campaigns each year.
- (2) All churches call Free Will Baptist Ministers or Ministers of same faith, belief and doctrine as Free Will Baptists to hold these revivals.
- (3) A Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of purchasing property for the purpose of establishing a campground site for the Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Johnny Triplette
Mrs. Rachael Passmore

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Arrington Heights: Superintendent-Jack Langley, Jr., 223 Oakhurst St., Kernersville, N.C. 27284; Secretary-Mrs. Linda Edwards, 1204 White St., Lexington, N.C. 27292; No. on Roll at present-212, Average No. on Roll-216, No. present last Sunday-134, Average No. Present for year-170.

Friendship: Superintendent-L.V. Lambert, 1408 Moose Rd., Kannapolis, N.C. 28081; Secretary-Tony Bare, RFD 1, Kannapolis, N.C. 28081; No. on Roll at present-34, Average No. on Roll-40, Present last Sunday-32, Average No. present for year-35.

Mt. Zion: Superintendent-James D. Huneycutt, Rt. 2 Box 149, Lexington, N.C. 27292; Secretary-Mrs. B.L. Craven, 611 Quaker Lane, High Point, N.C. 27260; No. on Roll at present-65, Average No. on Roll-65, No. present last Sunday-34, Average No. Present for year-35.

Near Calvary: Superintendent-Charles Passmore, Rt.9 box 309, Lexington, N.C. 27292; Secretary-Mrs. Rachael Passmore, Rt. 9 Box 309, Lexington, N.C. 27292; No. on Roll at present-44, Average No. on Roll-42, No Present last Sunday-47, Average No. Present for year-32.

New Hope: Superintendent-Nathan Bost, 2017 Gagner St., Statesville, N.C. 28677; Secretary-Clara Johnson, P.O. Box 5167, Statesville, N.C. 28677; No. on Roll at present-23, Average No. on Roll-22, No. Present last Sunday-12, Average No. Present for year-18.

Northview: Superintendent-Cecil L. Stewart, Jr., P.O. Box 537, Troutman, N.C. 28166; Secretary-Jesse Ostwalt, Jr., P.O. Box 537, Troutman, N.C. 28166; No. on Roll at Present-*, No. Present last Sunday-64 Average No. Present for year-*

Prince of Peace: Gene P. Cline, Rosa Ave., Kannapolis, N.C. 28281; Secretary-Mrs. Tony E. Morris, 107 S. Arbor Ave., Kannapolis, N.C. 28081; No. on Roll at present-27, Average No. on Roll-27, No. Present last Sunday-16, Average No. Present for year-18.

Free Will Baptist Mission: Superintendent-George Gregory, Stanley, N.C. Secretary-Mrs. Mary E. Hart, Rt. 1, Iron Station, N.C. 28080; No. on Roll at present-27, Average No. Roll-25, No. Present last Sunday-27, Average No. Present-26.

(Note) This work was started April 1, 1972.

*No information given.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORTS

Arrington Heights: President's Name—Mrs. Gayle Langley, 204 Hames Street, Lexington, N.C. 27292; No. on roll—29; No. present at last meeting 18; Average No. on roll for the year—19; Average attendance for the year—16.

Money in treasury at beginning of year — \$155.88; Money received during year—\$561.91; Amount in treasury at present—\$284.79.

Friendship: President's Name — Janie Klutz, Route 1, Box 234-E, Kannapolis, N. C.; No. on roll—7; No. present at last meeting — 9; Average No. on roll for the year — 7; Average Attendance for the year—8.

Money in treasury at beginning of year—0; Money received during the year— \$213.75; Amount in treasury — \$213.75.

Free Will Baptist Mission: President's Name — Mrs. Lucy Gregory, Stanley, N. C.; No. on roll—8, No. present at last meeting — 5; Average attendance for the year—6.

Money in treasury at beginning of year—0; Money received during year— \$8.00; Amount in treasury at present — \$8.00.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS

(Membership Data will be found in church report)

INCOME:

ARRINGTON HEIGHTS

| | |
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| Total Cash Received | \$ 19,509.23 |
| Plus Cash in Bank July 1, 1971 | 1,097.55 |
| Total Cash to be accounted for | 20,606.78 |

EXPENDITURES:

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| Social Security Payments | \$ 202.00 |
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| State Association | 25.00 | |
| Yadkin Valley Association | 10.00 | |
| Home Missions | 21.00 | |
| Pastors Salary | 5,894.80 | |
| Pastors Expenses | 1,977.95 | |
| Janitors Salary | 600.00 | |
| Treasurers Salary | 60.00 | |
| Utilities | 858.63 | |
| Literature | 473.11 | |
| Flowers and Wreaths | 301.32 | |
| Church Payments | 2,707.00 | |
| Pastors Retirement | 450.00 | |
| Bible School | 216.24 | |
| Building Additions and Repairs..... | 2,361.35 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses..... | 1,130.05 | |
| Evangelistic Purposes | 330.49 | |
| Christmas Treats | 313.28 | |
| Insurance on Church and Contents | 233.00 | |
| Christmas Play | 12.03 | |
| Night Deposit | 10.00 | |
| National Association | 75.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 18,714.93 | \$18,714.93 |
| Plus Cash in Bank July 1, 1972 | | \$ 1,891.85 |
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| | | \$20,606.78 |

FRIENDSHIP:

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| Paid out to Pastor | 1,900.00 |
| Other salaries | 400.00 |
| Paid out for Evangelistic Purposes | 100.00 |
| Contributions to Charitable Causes | 100.00 |
| General Fund (to Annual Association for Assoc. expenses) | 20.00 |
| Paid our for Building and Repairs | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 200.00 |
| Indebtedness..... | 1,888.19 |
| Value of church property | 15,500.00 |

MOUNT ZION:

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| Paid out to Pastor | 1,220.00 |
| Other Salaries..... | 0 |
| Paid out for Evangelistic Purposes | 0 |
| Contributions to Charitable Causes | 0 |
| General Fund (to Annual Association for Assoc. expenses) | 14.50 |
| Paid out for Building and Repairs | 215.76 |
| Miscellaneous: | 540.00 |
| Indebtedness..... | 193.55 |
| Value of church property | 20,000.00 |

NEAR CALVARY:

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| Paid out to Pastor | 520.00 |
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| Other Salaries | 0 |
| Paid out for Evangelistic Purposes | 100.00 |
| Contributions to Charitable Causes | 276.00 |
| General Fund (to Annual Association for Assoc. expenses) | 25.00 |
| Paid out for Building and Repairs | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 0 |
| Indebtedness | 0 |
| Value of Church Property | 8,000.00 |

NEW HOPE

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| Paid out to Pastor | 249.00 |
| Other Salaries | 0.00 |
| Paid out for Evangelistic Purposes | 0.00 |
| Contributions to Charitable Causes | 0.00 |
| General Fund (to Annual Association for Assoc. Expenses) | 15.50 |
| Paid out for Building and Rent | 342.88 |
| Miscellaneous | 981.48 |
| Indebtedness | 0.00 |
| Value of Church Property | Renting |

NORTH VIEW

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| Paid out to Pastor | \$ 1,112.10 |
| Other Salaries | 0.00 |
| Paid out for Evangelistic Purposes | 100.00 |
| Contributions to Charitable Causes | 100.00 |
| General Fund (to Annual Association for Assoc. Expenses) | 25.20 |
| Paid out for Building and Repairs | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 |
| Indebtedness | 5,378.35 |
| Value of Church Property | 20,000.00 |

PRINCE OF PEACE:

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| Paid out to Pastor | \$ 50.00 |
| Other Salaries | 0.00 |
| Paid out for Evangelistic Purposes | 0.00 |
| Contributions to Charitable Causes | 80.00 |
| General Fund (to Annual Association for Assoc. expenses) | 13.00 |
| Paid out for Building and Repairs | 360.40 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 |
| Indebtedness | 186.00 |
| Value of Church Property | 8,000.00 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

Money in Treasury September 11, 1971 \$ 252.59

Receipts:

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| From Ministers at Association | \$ 77.00 |
| From Churches at Association | 168.60 |
| Yadkin Valley Singing Convention | 25.00 |
| All Special Offerings Combined | 28.50 |

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| Total Received..... | 299.10 |
| Total before Disbursements..... | 551.69 |

Disbursements:

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| 1971 Minutes..... | \$ 185.40 |
| State Association..... | 50.00 |
| Treasurer..... | 15.00 |
| Clerk..... | 35.00 |
| Stamps and Envelopes..... | 2.00 |
| Total Paid Out..... | 287.40 |
| Balance Before 1972 Minutes..... | 264.29 |

Groups participating in the first annual Singing Convention at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, N.C., May 7, 1972

Groups representing Near Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

The NEAR CALVARY SINGERS: Charles Passmore, Rt. 3, Box 396-A, Lexington, N.C.

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| Johnny Payne, Jr. | Charles Passmore |
| Reva Payne | Rachel Passmore |

Groups representing Arrington Heights Free Will Baptist Church:

The FAITHFUL TONES QUARTET: Jerry Nelson, Rt. 3, Hasting Hill Rd. Kernersville, N. C.

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| Jerry Nelson | Ralph Deal |
| Jack Langley, Jr. | Linda Deal |
| Terry Price | Tammy Deal |

The ARRINGTON HEIGHTS SINGERS: Roland Langley, 204 Hames St., Lexington, N. C.

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| Roland Langley | Rocky Cashatt | Becky Murph |
| Kenneth Deal | | Bonnie Deal |

Groups representing New Hope Free Will Baptist Church:

REV. AND MRS. ELLER DUET: Rt. 4 Box 517, Mooresville, N. C.

LINDA CRAWFORD: Statesville, N. C.

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| Bullis Girls | Jaunita |
| The BULLIS FAMILY: 945 D Park Drive, Statesville, N. C. | |

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| Rev. Ray Bullis | Dianne Bullis |
| Mrs. Juanita Bullis | Patty Bullis |

Groups representing First Assembly of God:

BILLY BARE: 704 Uwharrie St., Asheboro, N. C.

Groups representing Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church:

The CRAVENS: 834 Howard St., High Point, N. C.

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| A. R. Craven | Butch Craven | Barbara Sutton | Gail Craven |
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MINISTERS' REPORT

| NAME | CHURCH PASTORED (if any) | SERMONS PREACHED | REVIVALS HELD | PROFESSIONS | MEMBERS RECEIVED | NUMBER BAPTISED | FUNERALS CONDUCTED | HOMES VISITED | VISITS TO HOSPITALS | WEDDINGS PERFORMED | S. S. LESSONS TAUGHT | MONEY GIVEN FOR RELIGIOUS CAUSES | MONEY RECEIVED IN RELIGIOUS WORK | APPROXIMATE MILES TRAVELED | EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH RELIGIOUS WORK |
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| Absher, Alfred | Mt. Zion | 104 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 30 | 15 | 1 | 0 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 1,400.00 | 12,000 | \$1,150.00 |
| Bare, Grover C. | Friendship | 102 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 30 | 2 | 6 | 1,000.00 | 1,900.00 | 8,500 | 350.00 |
| Bennett, Hubert | Near Calvary | 135 | 2 | 12 | 19 | 3 | 4 | 150 | 45 | 1 | 20 | 500.00 | 570.00 | 7,000 | 700.00 |
| Brown, Bobby J. | Northview | 36 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 60 | 0 | 12 | 700.00 | 397.10 | 5,000 | * |
| Eller, Henderson | New Hope | 69 | 1 | 14 | 23 | 6 | 1 | 52 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 50.00 | 349.00 | 3,498 | 346.55 |
| England, Leroy | Northview | * | 0 | * | 4 | 2 | 1 | * | * | 2 | 0 | * | * | * | * |
| Fisher, J. E. | Prince of Peace | 100 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 40 | 100 | 1 | 20 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 400 | 80.00 |
| Hart, Weyne | Free Will Mission | 102 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 87 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 340.00 | 70.00 | 4,300 | * |
| Hunsycutt, J. C. | | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | * | * | * | * |
| James, Raeford | Oak Grove | 80 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 10 | 0 | * | 25 | 2 | 20 | 400.00 | 1,200.00 | 400 | * |
| Klutz, Charles L. | | 14 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 24 | 0 | 15 | 245.50 | 30.00 | 585 | 101.31 |
| Langley, J. P. | Arrington Heights | 104 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 175 | 75 | 7 | 4 | 1,175.00 | 7,872.00 | 18,000 | 1,980.00 |
| Triplette, Johnnie | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 25 | 0 | 0 | * | 5.00 | 1,500 | * |
| ** Wilkins, H. M. (Jack) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 860 | 8 | 86 | 72 | 37 | 22 | 696 | 442 | 16 | 98 | 4,760.50 | 13,793.10 | 61,183 | 4,707.86 |

* No Information Given

** No Report Sent In

