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Bushnell: Rev. E. S. Haney, Mrs. E. S. Haney, Prof. L. H. Garth, E. T. Hall, W. E. Crum, Mrs. C. A. Smith, Mr. G. B. Tompkins, Mrs. Grace Beville, Mrs. Emma Nichols, Mrs. Beatrice Hughs.

Center Hill: Rev. E. C. Cowan, Mrs. E. C. Cowan, Mrs. D. M. Edward, Mrs. H. S. Cherry, A. A. Knight.

Coleman: Mrs. Doris Martin, Mrs. Lillian Sjoblom, Mrs.

Lottie Williams.

Eden: Bro. B. F. Brooks, Bro. J. D. Bowens, Mr. J. H. Friest, Mrs. C. W. and Mrs. Jewel Jones, Mr. Riley

Floral City: Mrs. J. S. Landrum, Mrs. Fred Godwin, Mrs.

Nevina Ross.

Hebron: Mrs. Martha Miley, Mrs. L. B. Sikes, Mrs. D. J. Mills.

Homosassa: Bro. R. Goodman, J. W. O'Berry, Mrs. J. W. O'Berry, J. Paul Kessler.

Indian Hill: Mrs. Lillie Mae Wade, Mrs. D. C. Knight,

Mrs. Gladys Wade.

Inverness: ina Lee Green, Geo. W. Scofield, Mrs. Clara Philips, Mrs. W. R. Jenkins, Mrs. Mary Scofield, Mrs. E. D. Jeter, Mrs. Pearl Baxley, M. C. Scofield, Mrs. Annie Warnock, Mrs. R. H. Martin, Mrs. Jim Connor. Istachatta: Rev. Fletcher Weston, Olen McNabb, Mrs.

Retta Pettevs, Miss Marie Haves,

Lecanto: Mr. Jasper Wolfe, Mrs. Jasper Wolfe, Mrs. Margaret Allen, Mrs. Annie Langley.

Linden: Rev. Donald Martin, Mrs. Donald Martin.

Oxford: Mrs. Clara Nichols, Preston Caruthers, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Lugger, Mrs. Geo. Perry.

Pleasant Hill: Bro. D. C. Connell, Bro. Clarence Register. Sumterville: Mr. E. L. Abney, Mr. B. Hogan, Mr. J. A.

Wahoo: Mr. Lee Wade, Mrs. Viola Wade, Mrs. Maude Rivenbark.

Webster: Mrs. Mattie Lou Stewart, Mrs. Charlie Beville, Mrs. Ida Parish, Mrs. D. G. McPherson.

Wildwood: R. E. Seckinger, Mrs. R. E. Seckinger, Loy

Waldron, Mrs. Loy Waldron, Mrs. D. J. Stultz.

#### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Rev. Fletcher Weston, Istachatta Vice-Moderator: Rev. W. M. Pinson, Inverness Clerk-Treasurer: G. H. Stapp, Oxford W.M.U. President: Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville S. S. Supt.: W. R. Jenkins, Inverness Brotherhood President: Mr. Loy Waldron, Wildwood Trustee Fla. Baptist Bible Institute of Florida: E. S. Haney, Bushnell

Trustce of Assembly Grounds: Rev. Wm. B. Thiriwell, Brooksville, R. E. Seckinger, Wildwood, V. V. Voelker, Oxford, J. H. Priest, Eden, Dr. G. R. Greenmore Brooksville.

Chorister: Rev. D. W. Griffin, Webster Pianist: Mrs. Charlie Clayton, Wildwood Chairman of Evangelism: O. G. Hall, Wildwood

#### STUDENTS OF THE MINISTRY

Brooksville: Jimmie W. Gordon, Stetson University Bushnell: Roger Goodwin, Bob Jones University Oxford: Miss Iva Lou Casteel, Carson Newman Wildwood: Bro. Bill Jones, Stetson University

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

Adamsville: W. H. Jennings, Anniston Brooksville: Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville, pastor Rev. Isom Beasley.

Bushnell: E. S. Haney, Bushnell, pastor

Center Hill: Rev. E. C. Cowan, Center Hall, pastor Celeman: Rev. W. S. Wade, Bushnell, pastor

Eden: Rev. J. D. Bowens, Brooksville, pastor, Rev. B. F. Brooks, Brooksville.

Hebron: Jay Z. Crofton, Rt. 1, Dover, Fla., pastor Homosassa: J. Paul Kessler, Box 123, Summerfield, Fla., pastor, L. W. Harris.

indian Hill: Clark Segrest, Bushnell, pastor.

Inverness: Rev. W. M. Pinson, Inverness, pastor, Rev. J. L. Forren, Inverness, Rev. Roger Weaver, Inverness.

Istachatta: Rev. Fletcher Weston, Brooksville, pastor

Lacanto: Bro. Roger Weaver, Inverness, pastor

Linden: Rev. Donald Martin, P. O. Box 35, Linden, pastor Rev. L. Merritt, Linden.

Oxford: Rev. V. V. Voelker, Oxford, pastor. Rev. J. S. Casteel, Wildwood.

Pleasant Hill: Rev. L. B. Merritt, Mabel, Fla.

Wahoo: Rev. Wm. Hand, Rt. 2 Box 844, Tampa 5, Fia. pastor.

Webster: Rev. D. W. Griffin, Webster, pastor, Rev. R.

Strickland

Wildwood: Rev. O. G. Hall, pastor, Wildwood, Fla.

#### CHOIR DIRECTORS

Brooksville: T. J. K. Funderburk, Clint Kimbrough

Bushnell: Mr. W. E. Crum, Bushnell

Coleman: H. S. Sjoblom, Coleman

Eden: Lee Jones, Box 199, Brooksville

Hebron: Melvin Mills, Inverness

Inverness: Mrs. Hugh Barco, Miss Peggy Boling,

Inverness, Florida

Linden: Mr. Robt. Outlaw, Center Hill

Oxford: Tommie Studer, Oxford

Wahoo: Mr. Clyde Lovett, Bushnell

Webster: Mr. Branch, Webster

Wildwood: Loy Waldron, Wildwood, Florida.

#### PIANIST OR ORGANIST

Adamsville: Mrs. Millsap, Coleman, Florida

Brooksville: Mrs. H. E. Bracey, Brooksville, Mrs. J. H.

Allen, Brooksville.

Bushnell: Miss Alma Beville, Bushnell

Coleman: Mrs. Doris Martin, Coleman, Florida Eden: Miss Bettie Jones, RFD, Brooksville, Fla.

Floral City: Mrs. Nevina Ross, Floral City

Hebron: Mrs. Martha Miley, Inverness, Fla. Inverness: Mrs. R. S. Martin, Mrs. S. C. Brewster,

Inverness, Florida

Istachatta: Miss Oma Lee Graham, Istachatta, Fla.

Lecanto: Mrs. Glisson and Mrs. Walden, Lecanto, Fla.

Linden: Mr. Donald Brown, Linden, Fla.

Oxford: Mrs. Ralph L. Griggs, Oxford, Florida Sumterville: Mrs. J. F. Burns, Sumterville, Fla.

Wahoo: Mrs. Fannie Smith, Bushnell, Fla.

Webster: Mrs. D. W. Griffin, Webster, Fla. Wildwood: Mrs. C. E. Clayton, Wildwood, Fla.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF ASSOCIATION HELD AT **INVERNESS OCTOBER 18-19, 1948** 10:00 A. M. OCT. 18

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Isom Beasley. Bro. B. F. Brooks presented a gavel to the association, accepted by the Moderator.

Devotional was given by Rev. J. D. Bowen of the Eden

Baptist Church

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

Scripture: Psalm 31:1-15 rrayer: Rev. Bowen

Enrollment of Messengers: Moved by Bro. Fletcher Weston seconded by Bro. Brooks that program be accepted as arranged. Carried.

G. H. Stapp was elected clerk for coming year.

Welcome Address by Rev. W. M. Pinson, pastor of the

Inverness Baptist Church.

Response to Welcome by Rev. Donald Martin Introduction of Visitors, Rev. Isom Beasley, Moderator Introduction of New Pastors: Rev. Isom Beasley, Mod.

Report on Home and Foreign Mission: Rev. O. G. Hall, Wildwood, Moved, seconded and carried that report on Home and Foreign Missions be accepted.

Report on State Missions by Rev. Croften. Moved, seconded and carried that report be accepted.

Missionary Address-Rev. Clifford Walker.

Report on Baptist Bible Institute of Florida-Rev. Boehns Appointment of Committees:

(A) Time Place and Preacher

E. S. Haney, W. M. Pinson, Mrs. M. A. Duggar

(B) Resolutions:

Wm. B. Thirlwell, D. W. Griffin, Rev. V. V. Voelker

(C) Budget Committee:

Fletcher Weston, Mrs. R. E. McCleery, E. T. Hall.

(D) Memorials:

Mrs. E. C. Cowan, Mrs. Gus Schultz, Mr. E. C.

(E) Nominating Committee:

O. G. Hall, Desso Bowen, B. F. Brooks.

(F) Digest of Letters:

G. H. Stapp, Walter Rector, Mrs. J. H. Perry.

Moved, seconded and carried that Associaton elect a Chorist and Pianist.

Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

Annual Sermon-Rev. E. S. Haney, Scripture Acts 11:26 Dismissal Prayer-Rev. Isom Beasley.

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1:30 P. M. - Hymn-"Come Thou Fount"

Devotional-Rev. J. S. Casteel-Scripture Col. 3:1-15

Report on Education-Wm. B. Thirlwell Moved, seconded and carried that report on education be accepted.

Address of Education-J. Oilie Edmunds

Report on the Children's Home-Mrs. A. H. Toole. Report on the Children's Home was adopted.

Hymn-"Leaning on The Everlasting Arms." Address on the Children's Home: T. M. Johns

Report and Address on South Florida Hospital-G. A.

Leichler, D. D.

Report on Temperance by Rev. E. C. Cowan. Moved, seconded, and carried report on temperance be accepted

Address on Temperance by Mr. Fred Barnett.

Report and Address on Religious Liberties-Rev. Roger Weaver. Moved, seconded and carried that same be accepted.

Dismissal Prayer-J. Ollie Edmunds.

#### **EVENING OCTOBER 18, 1948** \*7:15 P. M.

Session opened singing hymn "My Faith Looks Up To Thee.'

Prayer—Rev. O. G. Hall

Two chorus selections by Young People's Choir of The

Wildwood Baptist Church.

Report on Training Union-Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell Report of Nominating Committee-Rev. W. M. Pinson Following Training Union Officers were presented:

Associate Director, Freddy Hair, Inverness

Secretary, Allean Word, Oxford

Chorister, Paul Smelt Pianist, Clent Kinbrough

Pastor Advisor, Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville

Director Group 2 (E. G.) Robert Outlaw

Adult, L. F. Fore, Wildwood

Intermediate, Anne Williamson, Inverness

Junior, Mrs. Nella Pettys

Story Hour, Mrs. Marcus Dugger, Oxford

Moved, seconded and carried that Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell act as Director until one could be obtained.

Pictures of the Assembly Grounds were shown by Rev. W. M. Pinson.

Hymn -- "Send The Light"

Report on Sunday School by Rev. E. T. Hall

Moved, seconded and carried that Sunday School report be accepted.

Address on Sunday School-W. K. Jenkins Inspirational Address-Dr. J. Dean Crain Benediction-Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell.

#### TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19, 1948 10:00 A. M.

Meeting called to order by Rev. Isom Beasley, Moderator Hymn-"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Prayer—Rev. B. F. Brooks

Devotional Service-Rev. D. W. Griffin, Scripture James 4.

Report on Relief and Annuity-Rev. W. M. Pinson Address on Relief and Annuity-Bro. Isom Beasley

Moved, seconded and carried that report be accepted.

Report on Brotherhood - Rev. O. G. Hall Report on American Bible Society-Rev. Fletcher Wes-

ton. Report voted up and carried.

Report Woman's Missionary Society-Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlweb. Report carried to be adopted.

Missionary Address-Mrs. Gus Schultz Address to Report-Mrs. M. Williamson

Vocal Duct: "The World's Children for Jesus" by Homer Knisley, Jr. and Mrs. Knisley of Wildwood.

Co-operative Program and Tithing-Rev. V. V. Voelker Moved, seconded and carried that same be accepted

Address by Dr. J. Dean Crain Dismissal Prayer-Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

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#### AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 19, 1948 1:30 P. M.

Session opened with hymn-"Revive Us Again" Hymn-"Ready"

Prayer-Rev. E. C. Cowan

Regional and Associational Missions-Rev. Theo Farr Moved, seconded and carried that same be accepted

Report on Time, Place and Preacher-E. S. Haney Moved, seconded and carried that same be accepted

Resolutions-Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

Moved, seconded and carried that same be accepted Clerk's Report-G. H. Stapp

Moved, seconded and carried that same be accepted Report of Memorials-Rev. E. C. Cowan, Mrs. Gus Shultz and Mrs. E. C. Cowan. Moved report be accepted.

Report of Budget Committee-Rev. Fletcher Weston Motion carried that same be accepted.

Report on Nominating Committee: Rev. O. G. Hall

Motion carried that same be accepted. Report from Bd. of Trustees on Assembly Grounds-Rev. Fietcher Weston. Moved, seconded that Warm Springs Assembly Grounds be given to the State W. M. U. Discussed at great length. Motion amended to include time clause for developing the grounds. Seconded, not carried. Originial motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-Mr. G. H. Stapp

Motion carried that same be accepted.

Motion made, seconded and carried that Association pay house rent due on Regional Missionary's home.

New Moderator (Rev. Fletcher Weston) took over and meeting adjourned until next year.

Hymn — "Blest Be The Tie"

Benediction - Rev. Isom Beasiey.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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R. E. Seckinger, V. V. Voelker, J. H. Priest, Dr. G.

R. Creekmore.

Chorister—Rev. D. P. Griffin, Webster Pianist: Mrs. Charlie Clayton, Wildwood

Chairman of Evangelism: Rev. O. G. Hall! Wildwood

## 20 CHURCHES REPORTING

# NOMINATION COMMITTEE OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. O. G. Hall, Rev. Desso Bowen, Mr. B. F. Brooks.

## **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

E. C. Cowen, Mrs. Gus Schultz, Mrs. E. C. Cowan.

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Wm. B. Thirlwell, W. W. Griffin, Rev. V. V. Voelker

# TIME, PLACE AND PREACHERS

Rev. E. S. Haney, Rev. W. M. Pinson, Mrs. M. A. Dugger

#### BUDGETT COMMITTEE

Rev. Fletcher Weston, Mrs. R. E. McCleery, E. T. Hall

#### DIGEST OF LETTERS

G. H. Stapp, Rev. Walter Rector, J. H. Perry.

#### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

"In Memory of Our Dead"

In the providence of our all wise and loving Heavenly Father, we bow in humble submission to His will. And for those who have labored with us through the years,

whom we have loved and lost awhile, we would pause today and place upon each grave a wreath of evergreen memories.

The Grace of God was manifest in their lives. They loved the Savior, they loved His Church. Be it resolved with these reflections and this faithfulness that our hearts be warmed to more sacrificial service for the Master. For them the bud of hope has unfolded its petals to the sunrise of that blessed tomorrow where they will over be with the Lord.

Your committee.

E. C. Cowan, Mrs. Gus Shultz, Mrs. E. C. Cowan.

#### REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

By Rev. W. M. Pinson

The Relief and Annuity Board is one of the south-wide boards of our Southern Baptist Convention, located in Dallas, Texas, in the Baptist Building which it owns. At the annual board meeting on March 10 the following officers to serve for the next year were re-elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer-investments.

The ministry of the relief and Annuity Board is two-fold; providing annuities to be enjoyed upon retirement for those gainfully employed in denominational work, and relief for those who served before there was an Annuity Board and were, therefore, deprived of any annuity at retirement. The relief department also serves many of our former pastors who served in country churches and who did not go into the Ministers Retirement Plan, feeling that they could not afford to pay the dues out of their small salaries, or the benefit which would be derived by paying dues on a small salary would be hardly worth while.

The relief department paid out \$220,956.87 to 1,336 beneficiaries. Many requests for increases from those on the relief roll were received, made necessary by the great increase in the cost of living. We would urge every

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church in the association to follow the Calendar of Denominational Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention and take a fellowship offering, preferably at the observance of the Lord's Supper or such other time as convenient with the church, for the relief department of the Relief and Annuity Board, that these old preachers may be more worthily cared for.

Every person who is gainfully employed in denominational work, whether pastor, missionary, employee of state or southwide board, institution, or agency, and every lay employee in our Southern Convention, such as educational director, church secretary, janitor, etc., is eligible for enrollment in one of the plans fostered by the Board; thus, with his or her personal dues and the dues of the employing agency, he can be assured of a benefit at retirement.

We would urge the officers of each association to strive with your state secretary, to enlist all pastors and others serving in religious work to avail themselves of the opportunity of enlisting in one of the plans of the Board. that they may be provided for in old age and not become objects of charity in the communities where they live.

# REPORT OF TIME, PLACE & PREACHER COMMITTEE

Rev. E. S. Haney, Rev. W. M. Pinson, Mrs. M. A. Dugger

Time: October 18-19, 1949 Place: Oxford, Florida Preacher: O. G. Hall Alternate: J. D. Bowen.

# REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. E. C. Cowan

The United Florida Drys, which was organized on May 28, 1946, has tried to promote a program of temperance education and social action which would worthily represent the Protestant Churches of the state. We have not followed sensational methods which would tend to glority our organization, but we have honestly tried to make a careful study of the liquor situation in Florida, and to recommend and to promote such measures as would acquaint our people with the evil effects of beverage alcohol and summon them to militant action against the organized liquor traffic in the state.

EDUCATION: We have distributed thousands of pieces of literature to nearly five thousand leaders, including the pastors. Sunday School superintendents, presidents of Women's Missionary Societies, presidents of

Men's Brotherhood's, District presidents of the P. T. A., county superintendents of schools, and others, urging them to order additional copies of these materials for general distribution among their constituents.

Among the publications we have printed and distribu-

ted throughout the state may be mentioned:

United Florida Drys, History, Purpose, Program

Did You Know That?

Moral Equivalent for War, by Marshall Dendy

Why I Am Against the Liquor Business, by R. E. Wicker Frohibition Is Coming Back, by Thomas Hansen

To Drink or Not to Drink, by Thomas Hansen Clouds Without a Rainbow, by Jack Davis

Plan for Organizing County Units

How to Organize and Promote Local Option Campaign We have placed many sets of the following Series in Sunday School and Church libraries:

Boys and Girls Learning About Alcohol, Brooks and

Skidmore

Alcohol the Destroyer, by Hearn

Syllabus in Alcohol Education, Palmer

Answers to Alcohol, by Caldwell'

Alcohol Talks from the Laboratory, by Hamlin

Alcohol, by Reed

We have placed over 30,000 copies of Hamlin's book, "Alcohol Talks from the Laboratory," in the hands of high School students, and the book has been used for special study in a number of public schools in the state.

We have circulated three temperance films throughout the state: "It's the Brain That Counts," "The Pay Off" and "The Magnificent Reprobate." The two last named films may still be secured without rental charge, the applicant paying the postal charges for the return of the film to the headquarters of United Florida Drys.

We have taught in a number of training schools in local churches, and also in summer camps and young people's assemblies, and our office has served as a bureau of information for those who are seeking for information and guidance regarding the best books, leaflets, charts,

motion picture film and other materials.

LEGISLATION: We have cooperated with the dry forces in getting City Commissioners to enact effective zoning ordinances for the incorporated towns and cities of the state, and have also made an effort to get county commissioners to zone the country districts, under a recent act of the Legislature.

Earnest efforts were made to secure the passage by the last Legislature of certain laws which would tend to curb the power of the liquor traffic, and we rejoice especially in the passage of a law which forbids the giving or selling of any alcoholic beverage to persons under 21 years

of age.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: United Florida Drys is committed to a program of law enforcement throughout the state. Our policy is to establish in the various counties Good Citizenship Leagues, which will enlist the citizens in these local communities in a constructive program of Education, Legislation, Law Enforcement and Social Action.

Good Citizenship Leagues have been organized and are functioning in Wakulla, Hamilton, Suwannee, Pasco, Hardee, Polk and Orange Counties. Plans are under way for the organization of similar units in a number of counties, including Hillsborough and Martin Counties.

The Polk County Good Citizenship League has been especially active in bringing bootleggers and other offenders against the law before the courts, and has been sponsoring state legislation for the protection of the dry counties against the encroachments of the liquor traffic.

The Orange County League has done a splendid work of education in the schools and in the homes of the people, and has been instrumental in preventing the sale of beer in the Margaret Ann Super Market Stores of Orange

County.

SOCIAL ACTION: United Florida Drys is organized for action as well as for education, and has actively participated in all of the local option elections held recently in the state. Eight of the local option elections held have been won by the drys. Three counties, Santa Rosa, Jackson and Polk, voted to remain dry. Taylor, Dixie and Lake counties have voted to remain wet, and five counties have been added to the dry column: Wakulla, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Hardee.

Owing to technical provisions of the law, which prohibit the holding of local option elections within a period of sixty days prior to a primary, a state or national election, no local option elections have been held during the present year, although plans are being made to challenge the liquor traffic at the ballot box in a number of counties

within the next year.

Florida now has 46 wet counties and 21 dry ones. Florida is the wettest state south of the Ohio River, with only 20.3 percent of our population living in dry territory, while 68.3 percent of the people of North Carolina, 67.6 percent of the citizens of Tennessee, 63.5 percent of the population of Georgia, and 54.3 percent of the people of Alabama are living in dry territory.

We shall continue our efforts through education, legislation, law enforcement and social action to redeem Fiorida, the "play-ground of America," from the curse of

the open saloon, and we summon every follower of Jesus Christ to join with us in this crusade "for God and Home and Native Land."

# WORKERS MONTHLY REPORT 1947-1948

Theo Farr

## WORKERS PERSONAL REPORT:

Days spent on field 235, Days spent on other fields 30, Miles traveled on own field 11,264, Miles on other fields 2,161, Total 23,425, Church visits 144, Mission point visits 19 Other service visits 50, Home visits 123, Soul-winning Conferences 12, Scriptures given 31, other tracts given 1,639, Subscription: State paper 2, The commission 3, Home mission 25, Money collected: Co-Operative program \$30.00, State missions \$145.56. Professions of faith 72, Baptisms 67, Letter 21, Total additions 88, Rededications 87, Volunteers for life service 12.

Work own work field. Sermons one hundred and fifty two, Heiped to arrange for 11, Addresses 36, Committee Meetings 9, Group or Associational Conferences 12, Individual conferences on rural work 20, Community surveys 5, Census taken 4, New churches organized 1, Mission Sunday Schools organized 1, Mission preaching points established 1, Regular Prayer Services started 2, Systematic visitation programs 6, Schools of Missions 1, Evangelistic Revivals 4, Stewardship Revivals 2, Church Financial Programs planned 8, Financial Every Member Canvass 1, Church building and improvement projects 4, Call of Pastors 3, Ordination Services 3.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

By Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

During the 90th year the student body was composed of 733 theological students, 41 music school students, and 203 training school students. More than 30 states and five foreign countries were represented in the Seminary student body this year.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

In March, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary celebrated the foreign anniversary of its chartering.

The enrollment for the 1947-48 session was 1,442 an increase of 66 over the past year and the largest in its history. Students came from 37 states, the District of Columbia, and four foreign countries.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

In the session 1947-48 there were 361 students enrolled, from 22 states and 3 foreign countries. There were 217 ministerial students. There were 80 GI students.

Stetson University

The total enrollment for 1948 was 2,752, with a large percentage of this number being Baptist students. There were more than 100 ministerial students, and an even larger number preparing for some phase of definite Christian service. The Florida Baptist Convention and John B. Stetson University jointly paid the tuition of all ministerial students, and the University gives half tuition to all sons and daughters of Baptist ministers.

The State Baptist Convention voted unanimously to erect a building in honor of Dr. William Sims Allen, our former president. The State Board of Missions and the Planning Committee of Stetson approved a plan to erect on the campus a Religious Center Building that would honor Dr. Allen, and meet one of the greatest needs.

It is recommended:

1. That we observe Stetson Sunday January 30.

2. That a special offering be taken for the Religious Center building on January 30.

3. That the quota for each church be fifty cents per member.

The Baptist Bible Institute of Florida

There are thirteen buildings on the campus including the chapel, administration building, cafeteria, dormitory for men and dormitory for women, and 39 one and twobedroom apartments. The campus comprises about seven acres of land in southwest Lakeland overlooking Lake Beulah.

# REPORT OF FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

By Mrs. A. H. Toole

1948 will be a memorable year in the history of our Home. We have completed and occupied four modern cottages for children on our campus in Lakeland. We have also built a dairy barn and a laundry. We have moved 100 children into the cottages. We have twenty one children in the Nursery at Arcadia, but these will be moved when the Nursery cottage at Lakeland is completed. We have begun construction of this cottage and hope to have it finished by January 15, 1949. When this group is transferred we shall have all our resident children in Lakeland. We are assisting 23 children through our Mother's Aid Program. We have given direct help to 71 children this year.

Our building program will require another year for completion. We must have an Administration building, a

Chapel, a Junior Boys' cottage and a Junior Girls' cottage at the earliest possible time. These buildings can quickly and easily be made a reality if our churches will give the building fund of the Home consideration in their tinancial programs. Ten cents a member per month for twelve months from all our churches will provide the funds to complete the job and give us a Children's Home

second to none.

APPLICATIONS: Applications continue to pour in at an unprecedented rate. From September 15, 1947 to September 15, 1948 we received 249 requests for admission to the Home. The chief cause of these applications was desertion, which in most cases leads to divorce. Selfishness and refusal of family responsibility have come to grips with family loyalty and duty and are winning the battle. The only cure for these dreadful destroyers of the homes and happiness of boys and girls is the teachings of Christ embedded in the hearts of the people. This constrains us to a more vigorous program of home missions that more fathers and mothers might accept Christ as their Saviour. Let us carry the gospel to those about us; and while we are doing this let us minister to the children of our denomination through our Children's Home that it may alleviate all the suffering possible by its services to those who call on us and need us.

# REPORT OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

By Rev. Roger Weaver

Religious liberty and the separation of Church and State were written into the Constitution of the United States because of the influence of Baptist Associations and Presbyterian Synods. Baptists and Presbyterians had become numerous in the colonies through the Great Awakening Revivals, but they became articulate and influential in the affairs of the country through these denominational organizations.

Many of our Baptist forbears suffered mob violence and imprisonment in Virginia and at the instigation of a State Church. In 1770—just five years before the outbreak of the war for Independence-an attempt was made to dynamite the jail in Culpepper County, Virginia because James Ireland, a Baptist preacher, was impris-

oned there.

Because of their sufferings in the struggle for religious liberty, our Baptist people were sensitive to any encreachments upon their rights for many years. But we have come upon times when this heritage is lightly esteemed or taken for granted. In one generation we have lived through two wars and an economic depression. In these abnormal times our American people gave up voluntarily many of their liberties. This has opened the way for the Roman Catholic Church, the arch-enemy of religious liberty, to destroy this cornerstone of American life.

In 1942, Roman Catholics of the United States began a sinister campaign to destroy all non-Catholic missions in Latin America, under the cloak of "The Good Neighbor Policy." They charged that our Baptist and Protestant missions in Latin America were "A work of pure destruction" and that the presence of our missionaries was an obstacle in the way of international good-will. They said that the Protestant missionaries were "The strongest reasons why South Americans do not like us." They also charged that the work of our missionaries "arouses even more enmity against the United States than did the activities of American big business in the old days of dollar diplomacy." One Catholic editor declared that "There can be no freedom of religion where malevolent interference with the beliefs of Catholic peoples is allowed to run rampant."

This attack upon the right of Baptists and others to preach the Gospel in Latin America was so effective that the Department of State of our national government refused passports to missionaries for some time. This is new far our government has drifted from its own basic law! This is a warning of the grave menace to liberty of conscience in the United States today!! As Baptists, we shall be ungrateful for the heritage which was bought by the blood and tears of our forefathers if we do not speak up and be heard in a time like this! If we allow freedom of conscience to be wrested from our posterity, we shall pass on to succeeding generations a curse which we have been saved from by the providence of God and the sufferings of our forefathers.

In fiew of the grave danger which confronts our nation and the world, we recommend:

First, that our denominational papers and leaders inform our people of this threat to religious liberty.

Second, that our pastors often expound the basic Scriptural principle of the separation of Church and State.

Third, that the public press be utilized as often and as much as possible to inform our fellow Americans of the sinister efforts which are being made to destroy religious liberty.

Fourth, that we petition the President of the United States to withdraw his personal representative from the Vatican.

# REPORT OF THE ALACHUA ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

By Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell

Number of churches 19; number with Training Unions 16; Number of Adult Unions 14; Number of Young People's Unions 8; Number of Intermediate Unions 13; Number of Junior Unions 10; Number of Story Hours 14; Number of Churches requesting awards 8; Number of awards granted 188.

The Associational Training Union wishes to recommend the following officers for the coming year:

Assoc. Director, Freddy Hair, Inverness

Secretary, Allean Word, Oxford Chorister, Paul Smelt, Brooksville

Pianist, Clint Kimbrough, Brooksville

Pastor Advisor, Rev. Wm. B. Thirlwell, Brooksville

East Group Director, Robert Outlaw, Linden

Adult Leader, L. F. Fore, Wildwood

Intermediate Leader, Anne Williamson, Inverness

Junior Leader, Mrs. Retta Pettys, Nobleton Story Hour Leader, Mrs. Marcus Dugger, Oxford.

We would recommend the adoption of the following

Southern Baptist Theme for 1949:

Theme: "Found Faithful."

Scripture: I Cor. 4:2. "Moreover it is required in stew-

ards, that a man be found faithful."

Aim for 1949: To help us to measure up to Christ's requrement of faithfulness.

Seng: "Living for Jesus."

The following are Training Union dates for the com-

Florida Baptist Convention, Miami, Nov. 16-18, 1948. Training Union Day simultaneous meetings in all associa-

tions December 6, 1948.

Associational Training Union Officer's Conferences, January 24, 25, 27, 1949.

April for Training Union Study Courses.

Youth Week, April 3-10, 1949.

District Training Union Convention, April 25-29, 1949.

Christian Home Week, May 1-8, 1949.

Florida Baptist Assembly DeLand, June 7-15, 1949.

Training Union Summer Work Program in South Florida, June-August, 1949.

Training Union Leadership Assembly Ridgecrest:

1. First Week, July 7-13, 1949

2. Second Week, July 14-20, 1949 3. Third Week, July 21-27, 1949.

West Florida Assembly, Panama City, July 14-22, 1949. Training Union Promotion Day, Sept. 25, 1949.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on nominations, submit the following recommendations for the coming Associational year:

Place of Meeting: Oxford Baptist Church Time of Meeting: October 18-19, 1949

For Associational S. S. Supt.: W. K. Jenkins

For Associational W. M. U. Pres.: Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell

For Associational Music Director: Rev. D. W. Griffin

For Associational Brotherhood Pres. Mr. Loy Waldron For Associational Representative on Florida Baptist In-

or Associational Representative on Florida Baptist Institute: E. S. Haney.

For Chairman of Evangelism: Rev. O. G. Hall

For Pianist: Mrs. Charlie Clayton.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. O. G. Hall, Rev. Desso Brown, Mr. B. F. Brooks.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1948

By G. H. Stapp

Bank Balance October 1, 1947 \$	403.65
RECEIPTS:	
Adamsville	3.00
Brooksville	
Bushnell	
Center Hill	5.00
Coleman	
Eden	
Floral City	
Hebron	
Homosassa	
Indian Hill	
Inverness	
Istachatta	
Lecanto	
Linden	5.00
Oxford	
Pleasant Hill	
Sumterville	
Webster	
Wildwood	
Sale of fallen trees, Assmly. Grounds	25.00
Total Receipts\$	543.68
PAYMENTS:	040.00
Printing Programs	
Printing Minutes	107.15

Training Union       22.81         Clerk-Treasurer       38.48         Total Payments       183.44
Net Operating Gain for the Year
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS
General Fund         444.22           Assembly Ground         319.67

# REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

By Rev. Fletcher Weston

The only way out of the dark is the way God has revealed in the Bible.

This Book, which presents Jesus Christ as the one hope of men and nations, offers light for all men in today's worldwide darkness of uncertainty and fear.

Millions of people around the world are turning to the Bible as never before.

Providing the Bible for people in darkness is a missionary task.

The business of the American Bible Society, as a world wide, missionary, non-profit organization, is to make the Bible available to every person who needs it, where ever he is, in whatever language he requires, at a price he can offord to pay, or free if he cannot pay.

Working in cooperation with the churches and the denominational mission boards, the Society serves every form of Southern Baptist work at home and abroad. Resolutions by state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention have commended to the churches the support of the work of the Society.

Many in darkness are receiving the Bible. During 1947, the American Bible Society-distributed in the U.S. A. a record peacetime total of more than 4 million volumes of Scriptures; through its World Recovery Program distributed over 21/2 million volumes of Scriptures to people in war-devastated areas; the greatest such distribution in any one year; -produced 150,000 Japanese Bibles, a task which required the largest amount of paper ever used in publishing a single edition of any Bible or Testament in the whole history of book publishing.; - published a new Russian Bible, believed to be the only Bible available in the revised alphabet now required by the Russian government; and shipped 10 thousand of these, which reached Russia in time for Christmas. - exceeded all former years in its distribution of Scriptures to the Blind; -distributed at home

# FLORIDA BAPTISTS STATE AND SOUTHWIDE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

1948 - 1949

October 10 Laymen's Day

October 17 Enlistment Day

October 18-22 Better Bible Teaching Clinic, Pensacola

October 24 State Mission Day

Sunday School Training Month

November 7-13 R. A. Focus Week

November 12-14 State B. S. U. Convention

November 15-16 Brotherhood Convention, Miami

November 16-17 Florida Baptist Convention, Miami

November 29-Dec. 3 Foreign Missions Season of Prayer.

December 3 Foreign Mission Season of Prayer

December 6 Southwide Simultaneous Assn. T. U. Meeting

December 25, Merry Christmas

December 26 Student Night

Foreign Missions.

January 11 Moderators, Clerks Conference, Jacksonville

January 16 Student Life Enlistment Day

January 24, 25, 27 Assocation T. U. Officers Clinic

January 30 Offering for Religious Center at Stetson Schools of Missions.

February 6 Baptist World Alliance Sunday

February 6-12 G. A. Focus Week

February 8-10 State Sunday School Convention

February 13 Stewardship Sunday

February 28 March 2 State V. B. S. Clinic

Schools of Missions.

Home Missions Season of Prayer, Feb. 28 March 4

February 28 March 2, State V. B. S. Clinic

March 7, 8, 9 Statewide Evangelistic Conference, Jax.

March 22, 24 State W. M. U. Convention, Daytona Beach

March 27 Home and Foreign Missions Day

March 28 April 1 Leadership Conference (W. Fla.) Schools of Missions

Training Union Study Course Month

April 4-8 Leadership Conference (South Florida)

April 3-10 Training Union Youth Week

April 15-17 State B. S. U. Spring Retreat

April 17 Easter Sunday

April 25-29 District Training Union Convention

May 1-8 Christian Home Week

May 8 Mother's Day

May 8-14 Sunbeam Focus Week

May 16 W. M. U. Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City

May 18-22 Southern Baptist Convention

June 1-8 Home Missions Conference, Ridgecrest

June 7-15 Florida Baptist Assembly, DeLand

June 8-15 Florida Student Retreat, Ridgecrest

June 23-29 Sunday School, Ridgecrest (First Week)

June 16-22 Y. W. A. Camp, Ridgecrest,

June 22 August 3 Camp Ridgecrest for Boys

The Baptist Hour Christian Education Vacation Bible Schools

June 30 July 6 Sunday School Ridgecrest (Second Week)

July 7-13 Training Union Ridgecrest (First Week)

July 14-20 Training Union, Ridgecrest (Second Week)

July 14-22 West Florida Assembly

July 21-27 Training Union, Ridgecrest (Third Week) State Young People's Camp, W. M. U.

July 28 August 3 W. M. U. Week, Ridgecrest

June 22, August 3 Camp Ridgecrest for Boys

August 4-10 Foreign Mission Conference, Ridgecrest

August 6-12 Y. W. A. Focus Week

August 11-17 Leadership Conference, Ridgecrest

August 18-28 Bible Conference, Ridgecrest

August 4-10 Brotherhood Week, Ridgecrest

August 18-28 Church Music Conference, Ridgecrest

September 5, 6, 8, 9 Sunday School State Planning Meet

September 19-21 State Missions Season of Prayer

September 25 Promotion Day

Training Union Study Course Month Intermediate Emphasis Week.

and abroad over 9 million volumes of Scriptures. Southern Baptists can help to provide ENOUGH Bibles for world needs NOW.

Eager millions in today's darkness want the light of the Bible. But this eagerness may not last. Other forces are working to make the darkness even blacker.

Delay in sending the Bible NOW means deeper dark-

ness in the years ahead.

In 1947, Southern Baptist churches gave \$91,641 to the American Bible Society; total gifts to the Society from churches of all denominations amounted to \$818,-943. Increased gifts are needed to meet increasing missionary opportunities throughout the world. Please send gifts to your Baptist State Headquarters office, marked "for the American Bible Society."

#### RESOLUTIONS

- 1. We, as New Testament Churches have a divine commission to perform collossal tasks. To be simply qualified to carry on in mighty fashion for God, we must be undergirded with supernatural power. Therefore we would urge our people to pray for the release of spiritual power that the forces of righteousness might prevail.
- 2. There are two enemies in our land that are polluting, defiling, and robbing our people of virtue, character and life. They are God's enemies and destroyers of men. We urge our people to unite in one concerted effort to outlaw these major evils from our counties namely gambling and liquor.
- 3. We seriously urge all our people to come at once to God's plan of supporting the whole Gospel to the whole world—The tithe and offering. Every Baptist a Tither; Fifty-Fity by 1950; that the world may know.
- 4. Resolved that the gratitude of the Association be expressed to the Inverness, First Church, its able pastor Rev. W. M. Pinson, the committee on entertainment, the ladies who presided over the dining room so graciously.
- 5. Resolved that thanks be expressed by the Association for the good reports given, and for the inspiring messages by our State workers.
- 6. Resolved that we extend our deepest sympathy to those whose loved ones have made their departure since last we met.

## Respectfully submitted,

Wm. B. Thirlwell, Chairman; D. W. Griffin, V. V. Voelker.

# HOME MISSION REPORT THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

By Rev. O. G. Hall

The annual report of the Home Mission Board has been compiled. It reveals an interesting program of successful missionary endeavors

THE MISSIONARIES: During the year there were some sixty replacements due to resignation, retirement, and cleath. Home Board Missionaries serving in Guatemala and Honduras were transferred to the Foreign Mission Board, which took over the work in those Central American countries. The total number of missionaries is 720, three more than the number reported in 1946. Add 280 student summer workers to the number of full-time missionaries and the grand total will be 1006.

EVANGELISTIC RESULTS: The missionaries delivered 68,425 sermons and addresses, made 255,388 religious visits, contacted 55,270 persons in personal work, and reported 24,221 conversions with 12,814 additions to the churches. There was an average of 30 conversions for every full-time worker.

LITERATURE: Missionaries of the Home Board distributed 52,651 Bibles and gospels, 1,125,132 pages of tracts, and taught 10,709 classes in mission study. They conducted 1,135 revivals.

CO-OPERATIVE MISSIONS: Approximately one-fifth of the budget of the Home Mission Board is spent in co-operation with state boards. The work of that department is reported by the state. A summary of such reports would be an interesting chapter in the year's achievements.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION: In the field of missionary education, it is reported that 1,979 churches participated in schools of missions, using 227 speakers and conducting 2.718 classes, with a total participation in the schools of 749,155. Seventy-one home missionaries served in 98 camps in 17 states, and twenty-one, missionaries were committed to serve in other programs of mission study.

Peak circulation for SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS was 119,200; and 110,722 mission study books were circulated.

Two 16 mm. home mission films were released and nine new sets of slides. Projected pictures were ordered by 518 churches during 1947.

# THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

By Rev. V. V. Voelker

PRESENTING: The greatest single hindrance to any Cooperative Program or effort is a lack of information. That statement holds true for our Baptist work. I have not the slightest doubt that the great majority of our Baptist people are not only willing but anxious to support our organized work if they only had full information about it. This paper is an effort to give some information that will be helpful

The Cooperative Program is our plan by which we finance, foster and carry on the mission work of Southern Baptists. There is not one item in our program that any loyal Baptist would object to, if he thoroughly understood it.

Therefore, we must lovingly, patiently, consecrately present all the items included in our program in order that our people may understand and thereby be constrained to give. "It is better to fertilize and cultivate a tree than it is to beat the branches."

PROMOTING: "Promote" is a good word (pro, forward-moveo, move). It means to cause to move forward toward some desired end. "Program" is a good word toward some desired end. "Program" is a good word toward some desired end. It means a prearranged plan or course of procedure. To promote a program, therefore, means to work, according to a carefully prepared plan for the realization of a desired end.

Jesus had a program, world-wide and age-long (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:17-21) Jesus commanded his followers to promote this program and assured them of his presence (Matt. 28:18-20). That was a real cooperative program.

Southern Baptists have a program. It is based upon the program of Jesus and seeks to carry out His plan. His program has become our program. Such a program must be promoted for his sake, and for the sake of a lost world. To properly promote our program, let us remember:

 We must have a clear conception of what the program is.

2. We must have a sympathetic understanding of our people.

3. We must make adequate preparation for the canvass.

4. We must win our people to the plan.

We must have an intelligent, business-like, followup system.

(Helpful tracts and literature can be secured from Bantist Headquarters in Jacksonville).

REPORTING: As of July 31, Florida had 748 churches

supporting world missions through the Cooperative Program with 10 Associations having every church in them giving. The amount of money given through Jacksonville for world missions was \$530,312.05. With August and September to be added to this, we should reach our goal.

Our division of the Cooperative Program dollar is as follows: 50c of each Cooperative Program Dollar goes for Southern Baptist causes at home and around the world. 50c of each Cooperative Program Dollar goes for Baptist mission work in Florida.

In other words, we divide each Cooperative Program dollar 50-50. What is the percent that your Church gives for missions? Let's make it 50-50 by 1950!

What is the division of the Cooperative Program funds among our various Boards and Institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1949?

- Print Controlled 101 1010.
Foreign Mission Board 50%
Home Mission Board 16.5%
Southern Seminary
Southwestern Seminary 5%
Now Orleans Pantist Thest is 1 2
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 5%
W. M. U. Training School 1%
American Seminary (Negro) 2%
Relief and Annuity Board 12.5%
Radio Committee 1.9%
Southern Baptist Hospital
Baptist Brotherhood
Total
Total 100%

What is the division of funds in Florida? At the present time the division of Florida's Cooperative Program Dollar is as follows:

Baptist Children's Home	16%
John B. Stetson University (Current Exp.)	14%
Ministerial Education (Thru Stetson)	. 2%
State Missions,	68%
Total	100%

We respectfully recommend that each pastor present to his church the full facts of our Cooperative Program and urge the church, through this medium, to support world missions.

#### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

By Rev O. G. Hall

In the face of the challenging world situation today—the material and spiritual needs of all nations and an open door for the gospel into most of them—Southern Baptists must advance in their foreign mission program. The objective of the Advance Program may be stated as follows: (1) to strengthen our 119 centers in 25 coun-

tries; (2) to open additional centers in strategic areas; (3) to support centers and projects undertaken directly by native Baptist conventions; and (4) to increase our resources in personnel and finances until we have approximately 1,750 missionaries, an annual operating budget of \$7,000,000, and an annual capital needs budget of \$3,000,000.

The need for missionaries in Japan is so great that Dr. Baker James Cauthen, regional secretary for the Orient, has requested that the number for Japan be increased to 100 by 1950. In China, Communist action has caused some shifting of missionaries into other areas, as it is not possible to conduct mission work under Communist domination.

Communism is also blocking mission work in the Balkan states, but there is evidence that national Christians are keeping the light burning there. Missionaries are on the field in Spain and Italy, nominally committed to religious liberty. Catholic persecution is raising serious obstacles there. A Baptist seminary is proposed, with Geneva, Switzerland, suggested as the location, in order that European pastors may have adequate training to evangelize their own countries.

War in Palestine has darkened the mission picture in the Near East. At the time the British mandate ended in May, Southern Baptist missionaries had left Palestine. At that time a missionary couple was studying in Behrein preparatory to beginning work in the Hadhramaut in southern Arabia.

Africa is a bright spot on the missionary map. The policy of training native leadership is bearing fruit, and one of the most significant developments is the recent decision of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville to grant degrees for work done by students in the Baptist seminary at Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

Southern Baptist missionary forces in Latin America, as in other areas, are still spread too thinly. The W. E. Craigheads, who have not been permitted to return to their work in the Russian area of Europe, will go to Paraguay to work with Russian groups there. Baptists in Colombia will organize a Colombian Baptist Convention next winter. Property at Cali was recently purchased for a seminary and training school to serve Colombia and the surrounding republics.

Total receipts of the Foreign Mission Board during 1947 were \$4,734,288, of which \$2,277,000 came from

undesignated funds from the Co-operative Program, \$1,064,104 from special and designated funds, and \$1,393,183 from the Lottie Moon Offering. The grand total of the 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, on which books were closed May 1, 1948, was \$1,503,010.

# REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

By Rev. Croftin

State Missions is the foundation unit of our denominational mission system. Its work is of basic importance in every denominational enterprise of Baptists. The program of our world-wide mission program is bound up in the success of State Missions. State Mission institutions are vital factors in the life of the whole denomination. These organizations are basic in training preachers, missionaries and denominational workers. No structure can be stronger than the foundation upon which it rests. A weak State Mission program will mean a weak denominational program.

Let me remind you that to State Missions falls the task of planting, cultivating, watering and keeping alive the spirit of missions in our churches. This is tremendously important. There can be no harvesting until the "seed

corn" is planted.

Then let me remind you again—State Missions is the stabilizer and security of all missions. A stream cannot tise higher than its combined sources. State Missions strengthens the mission stream at its fountain head by building missions and establishing new churches and developing a mission-conscious attitude. And while the churches are giving an ever increasing amount of mission money, our schools are busy turning out preachers, missionaries, lawyers, doctors, nurses and Christian statesmen to take the place of those who have fallen in the ranks. Read Isaiah 54:2. Should our tent of expansion become larger than the stakes of state missions can support, the result will be a collapse of the whole superstructure.

During this Associational year of 1947-48, our division of funds has been 50-50. The state's 50 per cent is further divided between institutions, ministerial education, and field missions as follows:

Ministerial Education	029
Stetson University	14%
Florida Baptist Children's Home	16%
Field Missions	68%
Total	100%

When we say "field missions," we mean to say it includes the following:

Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist Student Union, Music-Brotherhood, Missions-Evangelism-Stewardship, Pastoral Aid Budget, Emergency Fund, Benevolent Aid, Repairs and Equipment, and Maintenance of Equipment, Employees Retirement and Hospitalization, Ministers Wives and Church Workers Retirement, Annuities and Interest Budget. United Florida Drys and National Temperance Movement, Miscellaneous Budget, such as:

a. Tracts and Posters

b. State Mission Day Expensec. Florida Baptist History

d. Moving Expense of Employees

e. Convention President's Travel Expense

f. Convention Expenses (Committee meetings, etc.)

g. Contingent Fund (Unforseen Expense)
h. Publication of Florida Baptist Witness.
Department of Christian Education
Florida Baptist Foundation.

Car plea is for you and your church to observe State Mission Day, October 26, 1948. Give your people an opportunity to make a worthy Mission offering which is desperately needed. Can we depend on you?

#### **OUR CONSTITUTION**

- 1. This Body shall be known as the Alachua Baptist Association.
- 2. It shall be composed of churches generally recognized as Missionary Baptist Churches.
- 3. Its session (Legislative, Administrative, Promotional and Fellowship), shall be regularly elected representatives of the churches who may be present and who may be accepted by the elected members on the basis of two messengers from each church, and one additional for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof, in excess of fifty.
- 4. The Officers of the Association shall be the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer. Also the Presidents of the Sunday School. W. M. S., B. T. U., and Brotherhood.

5. The Executive Committee of the Association shall be the above named officers, together with all resident pastors in the Association.

6. The Moderator shall preside over the sessions, keep order, take the vote on all questions properly presented and perform such other duties as are usual to such officer. The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of the body in session, have the same printed and distributed to the churches according to the funds provided and as the body may direct. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received; pay out upon the instruc-

tion of the body and make an itemized report of same to the Association at annual session.

- 7. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the work fostered by the Association. It shall meet quarterly and plan for the promotion of various interests of the organized work, using its best efforts to stimulate the spirituality and activity of the churches, and shall make report of its work to the Association at its annual session.
- 8. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body, or when necessity arises by the Executive Committee.
- 9. Churches may be admitted to membership in this Association by representatives bearing a petitionary letter with statistical data; provided they are found to be orthodox by a committee appointed by the Moderator. Upon a favorable vote of the body, the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship on behalf of the Assocation.
- 10. The Association shall have the right and the power to withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership, upon grounds which it may deem justifiable.
- 11. Any church shall have the right to withdraw from the Association upon due notice to the body.
- 12. Any church failing to report to the Association, neither sending representatives nor letter, twice in succession, shall be dropped from the roll of active members and put on a list of "inactive churches."

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the body in session.

#### REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Printing Minutes \$140	.00
Clerk, Postage, Misc 100.	.00
Moderator 50.	.00
B. T. U 100.	
Sunday School 50.	00
W. M. U 50.	
Brotherhood25.	.00
TOTAL \$515.	00

Recommend that this budget be raised by each Church giving two (2) per cent of general offerings.

One account is transferable to another should the necessity require and upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Fletcher Weston Mr. E. T. Hall Mrs. R. E. McCleery.

MINUTES

# EVENTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

BROOKSVILLE: We dedicated and began using an addition to our educational building on May 2, 1948. The building is of concrete block construction, two story, 22 ft. by 38 ft. and has asphelt tile floor and asbestos, fireproof roof. The building is debt fee.

EDEN: New building for Sunday School rooms was dedicated July 4, 1948. Dedication sermon by Brother Pinson of Inverness. Attendance was good for this event.

FLORAL CITY: Our church almost completed the addition to the church, this addition to be used for Sunday School rooms. It is fully completed on the top floor with only a basement kitchen and a recreation room under the new Sunday School rooms to be finished.

HEBRON: Our Sunday School rooms are completed. Our dedication service will be held in the near future.

INDIAN HILL: Our church has had windows repaired and the house screened. Also, we have installed eight electric lights with large reflectors.

LINDEN: Our church called Rev. Donald Martin as pastor in December 1947. We have completed our pastorium and furnished it with new furniture throughout. The kitchen is equipped electrically with stove and refrigerator.

# LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS

BROOKSVILLE: Mrs. Effie Landrum, Mrs. Lillie Sewell, Mrs. D. L. Hedick, Mr. Theodore DeWeese.

EDEN: Miss Sarah Bishop.

INVERNESS: Mr. Ben Williams.

OXFORD: Mr. Allen M. Pratt, Miss Annie Bogue, Mr. J. E. Hoard, Mr. Marion Pritchard.

WAHOO: Mrs. Annie Mae Wade.

WEBSTER: Deacon W. T. Whittington.

WILDWOOD: Mr. R. L. Kirkland, Mr. J. T. Burton, Mr. Geo. Caruthers.

# OFFICERS OF W. M. U. OF THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 1948 - OCTOBER 1949

## W. M. U. PRESIDENTS-1948-1949

Brooksville: Mrs. G. R. Creekmore, Brooksville, Florida Bushnell: Mrs. M. K. Langston, Bushnell, Fla. Center Hill: Mrs. W. F. Lamb, Center Hill, Fla. Coreman: Mrs. Lottie Williams, Coleman, Fla. Eden: Mrs. Virginia Jones, Brooksville, Fla. Hebron: Mrs. Gertrude McCall, Brooksville, Fla. Inverness: Mrs. R. H. Martin, Inverness, Fla. Istachatta: Mrs. J. C. Graham, Istachatta, Fla. Lecanto: Mrs. Ella Barnes, Lecanto, Fla. Linden: Mrs. Hugh Iley, Center Hill, Fla. Oxford: Mrs. Frank Wortman, Oxford, Fla. Webster: Mrs. D. W. Griffin, Webster, Florida Wildwood: Mrs. Fred Waldron, Wildwood, Fla.

# REPORT TO THE ALACHUA ASSOCIATION

By Mrs. Wm. B. Thiriwell

Early in the associational year our Woman's Missionary Union corps of officers was completed. We regretted the less of our experienced vice-president. Mrs. Raiston of Bushnell, because of severe illness, Mrs. Malcolm Williamson of Inverness was elected at our January meeting to fill this vacancy. All officers have been most zealous and efficient at their respective tasks during the entire year. Early in December they spent the day together studying their duties and making plans for the year's work. Their cooperative spirit and consistent labor have produced a good harvest.

We began the year with nine active societies. During December Istachatta was organized with almost 100 percent of the women church members enlisted. Mrs. T. J. K. Funderburk, assisted by Mrs. D. L. Hedick and Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell held a clinic for this society using the Year Book.

During the first quarter of 1948 Webster asked for assistance in organizing a society. Mrs. D. L. Hedick and

Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell spent one January day discussing the work with leaders and in the afternoon taught the Year Book to the newly organized society of 12 members.

in March Eden was organized with five charter members. Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell spent the evening with them and held an officers' clinic. Mrs. D. L. Hedick counselled with them and helped with their early program meetings.

Our youngest society was organized by Mrs. Malcolm Williamson in May at Lecanto. Since the organization she has coached the officers and helped get their program moving smoothly.

These new societies increased our number from nine to thirteen, and our membership from 218 to 278. Seven churches are still without a missionary organization.

On Armistice Day an all day study course on "The Message of Stewardship" was taught for the Association by Mrs. Wm. B. Thirlwell. At the April meeting at Bushnell Mrs. D. L. Hedick gave the inspirational address on "What Is Your Percentage In Stewardship?" These two associational emphasis on stewardship coupled with the constant work of local stewardship chairmen has shown a steady growth in the number of tithers from 94 the first quarter to 122 the last quarter.

May 12 our association suffered the loss of its able, consecrated Stewardship Chairman and immediate past president, Mrs. D. L. Hedick. All of us had leaned on her love, wisdom, and council and are bereft of her guidance.

Regular quarterly meetings were held. January's meeting at Inverness was arranged by Mrs. T. J. K. Funderburk and we enjoyed a study of the new Year Book with Mrs. R. L. Lassiter, now our state president, and Mrs. George Davis of South Carolina leading the discussions. During noon time the several associational officers and committee chairmen had luncheon with the local society chairmen, got acquainted with each other, discussed and planned their work. This was a delightful occasion for each of the ten chairmen had decorated her table appropriately and provided favors and literature for her respective group. This meeting ushered in our sixtieth anniversary year. As a climax to a delicious menu Inverness served a huge birthday cake frosted in lavendar and

white, the Woman's Missionary Union colors.

The April meeting was arranged by Mrs. E. S. Haney, our district two superintendent. The challenging program was made up entirely of persons in our own association and reached its highest peak in Mrs. Hedick's address on Stewardship.

Our July meeting held at Wildwood was in charge of Mrs. Gus Schultz, our associational Young People's Leader. Sunbeams, R. A.'s, G. A.'s, and Y. W. A.'s, from our various churches rendered the entire program with skill.

Our October meeting held last week at Center Hill was our largest meeting of the year with 31 present. Our own State Young People's Leader, Miss Elizabeth Provence, was with us and spoke "For a More Abundant Harvest," and we met and loved at sight Miss Violet Long from Jerusalem. We have a new appreciation and a more definite prayer interest in our Lord's homeland since she talked with us about "Reaping in the Holy Land."

Our regular quarterly executive committee meetings have been most helpful, cooperative, and well attended.

The president and Young People's Leader attended the Leadership Conference at Orlando and the State W. M. U. Convention at Ocala.

A few figures: Our subscriptions to Home Missions and the Commission have more than tripled during the year. Royal Service subscriptions are up more than 50 percent.

Twenty-three study classes, two of them associational were held during the year with 231 women participating.

Our total reported gifts to all mission offering were \$2,410.56, divided as follows:

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Coleman	Mrs. Eeulah Koonce, Coleman	1155.00		100.00	182.50		28.70	25.00				1491.29
Eden	James R. Snow, Brooksville	1575.00	60.39	60.00	69.69		. 133.96	13.91	763,10		12.50	2704.86
Floral City	Mrs. J. S. Landtum, Floral City	-430.00	15.20		21.00	Sir-11	10.00	8.60	238.62		82.78	829.44
Hebron	Mr. D. J. Mills, Inverness	750.96	13.20	19 61	167.37		193.51	00.09		181,73	98,58	1124.99
Homosassa	Mi s Ellen Harris, Homosassa	233.95		*	09.184		30.00	,				350.95
Indian Hill	Mrs. D. C. Knight, Bushnell	17.35					14.00					91.39
Inverness	Ernest Steed, Inverne s	2959.96	2006.52	39.00	150.00		249 00	20.00				5195.48
Istachatta	Mis. Reita Petteys, Nobleton	873.00	154.22		91.87		.87.61	16.71	:		71.17	1297.61
Lecanto	Mrs. Katie Wilder, Lecanto	360,60	36.00		10, 69		55.95			: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :		491.92
Linden	Doc Spooner, Webster	1598.21	31.00		110.00	79.18	115.63	15.00	553.87		672.87	3176.06
Oxford	36	2673, 22	1048.13		593.50		243,27		730.00	110.00	263.78	5691.90
Pleasant Hill		263.18	27.50		76.33			5.00	33.35	19.76	30.73	
Sumterville	J. B. Hogan, Sunterville	363.00	17.79		59.85		18.29	29.00		11.00	55.00	574.93
Wahoo	Lee Smith. Bushnell	¥ 225.00						5.00		*		230.00
Webster	R. R. Reddish, Webster	1357,06	178, 16		137.39		85.56				297.93	2056.10
Wildwood	3.19	3375,00	999.10		285.32		613,19	50.00	5889.83	00.09	983, 16	2166.20

TABLE G - GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANGES, ETC.

	FOR YI Associ
M. C. Mizell, Coleman W. B. Gittings, Brookstille Mabel H. Kelly, Bushnell Mrs. Bertie C. Knight, Cen er Hill George V. Sellers, Coleman Mrs. Malinda Jones, Brooksville Mrs. John T. Knight, Floral City Mrs. Gertrude McCall, Brooksville Andrew Goodman, Crystal River Mrs. D. C. Knight, Bushnell Dr. R. H. Marlin, Inverness Mrs. Carrie M. Baxley, Istachatta Mrs. Katie Wilder, Lecanto H. D. Outlaw, Center Hill Miss E. Loula O'Dell, Oxford Mrs. J. J. Segrest, Bushnell Mrs. J. J. Segrest, Bushnell Mrs. J. Segrest, Bushnell Mrs. J. Segrest, Bushnell Mrs. J. C. C. Hall, Sumterville Miss Agne, Heller, Bushnell P. A. Tompkins, Webster	TATE OF FLORIDA. ENDING SEPTEMBE Missionary, Rev. Th Rich Ave., DeLand, I Clerks of Churches &
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58.64 58.64 13.25 3.50 8.20 8.20 118.00 43.90 111.00 115.50	Designated Home Missions
71.81 86.13 11.00 10.00 10.00 73.35 9.00 229.21	Designated Foreign Missions
280.00 27.00 23.96	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries
29.65 184.63 184.75 1.3.00 6.00 134.07 17.55 57.47 11.00 20.00 20.00 24.31 47.31 47.31 47.31 48.4 48.4 48.4 48.4 48.5 48.6	Orphanage, Total Gifts  Designated to Hospitals
	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects
	Total Gifts for Missions
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