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FRIDAY SESSION

In session with the Little Memory Church Sunman, (Ripley Co.,) Indiana, August 3, 4 and 5, 1962. The brethren and sisters and delegates begin to assemble themselves on the grounds prepared for the purpose about 9 o'clock Friday morning. After singing several cherished songs of Zion which we as regular Baptist hold and esteem with much affection, Elder Woodroe Fuller approached the stand with a great degree of humbleness to introduce the services, followed with an old time prayer fashioned after the prophets of old, seasoned with the sweetness of love, and flavored with the hope of eternal bliss that touched the hearts of every one present. Following this wonderful prayer, Elder Sidney Hudson came to the stand and preached the introductory sermon. He chose the following scripture as a text: "Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house." Proverbs 24; 27. From this scripture he began to draw a picture that left no doubt in the minds of Godly men and women that the house of the Lord is builded out of select timber (men and women) prepared out in the field, (Field of sin) and made ready by an experimental knowledge of their lost condition, then are they fit for the Master's use.

Following the introductory sermon, the delegates from our sister churches, and corresponding Associations were invited to assemble themselves at the meeting house for the purpose of transacting any and all business that might legally and properly come before the Association. The delegates being seated, the familiar songs of Zion

begin to ring with resounding echos of old, harmonious to the ears of all old time lovers of old fashion peculiar singing.

The musty sounds of organs, nor the hilarious and boisterous tones of stringed instruments cannot surpass or even equal the blending together of natural voices that have been tuned to sing in Long, and Common meter.

Our beloved Moderator invited Elder Burton Howard of the New Salem Association to introduce the services at the house. His remarks were well timed, instructive, and befitting the occasion, followed with a most wonderful prayer. The prayer left no doubt in the minds of those that would stop our tongues if they could, that the old baptist of Jessus Christ was still alive, and would be at the second appearing of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Prayer being ended, Our beloved Moderator came to the pulpit and announced that the Fifth Annual session of The Northern New Salem Association was now ready to work. The Association proceeded to do business in the following manner, aided by our beloved assistant Moderator.

1. Letters called for and correctly noted. By a move and second the letter from Little Memory Church was read. Her letter was found to be in order. Her letter and delegates, together with the letters and delegates from our sister churches were joyfully received and seated in order. By the same motion all queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association then organized by electing Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator; Elder H. N. Vanderpool, Assistant Moderator; Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk; and Elder Claude Ousley, Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly organized churches desiring to join our union and received none.

4. Called for churches that formerly belonged to another association desiring membership with us and

received the following. A petition from the Mt. Ararat church of regular Baptist, Galax, Virginia. Their petition and delegates were received, her delegates were seated and her petition was referred to the committee on arrangements.

5. By a move and a second the reading of the articles of Faith, rules of Decorum, and the Constitution were omitted.

6. Called for letters from our corresponding Associations and received the following: (a) NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION: Represented by the following delegates. Elders: Mitchall Chaffins, Burton Howard, Mack McCloud, Hiram Adkins, Banner Manns, Hershell Huff, and Elbert Little. Brothers: Johnny Oliver, Aaron Allen, Hager Watts, Glenn Pack, Troy Hall, and Joby Cooley, together with their file of minutes. Letter in the hands of Elder Mitchall Chaffins. The delegates and their letter was received and invited to be seated with us in an advisory council. (b) UNION ASSOCIATION. Represented by the following delegates. Elders: Boyd Smallwood, G. M. Perrigan, Roy Caudill, and Ronald Maggard. Brothers: Andy Bates, Herman Thompson, Ray Coeburn, H. Hampton, Raymond Sammons, Coleman Fields, and Melvin Watts. Letter in the hands of Elder Boyd Smallwood, together with their file of minutes. The letter and delegates were received, and invited to be seated with us in an advisory council. (c) SARDIS ASSOCIATION. Represented by the following delegates. Elder Emmitt Case and brothers: Earl D. West, Harold farney, Russel Thacker, and Marion Young. Letter and file of minutes in the hands of Elder Emmitt Case. The delegates with their letter was received, and invited to be seated with us in an advisory council. (d) MUD RIVER ASSOCIATION. Letter and file of minutes was received by U. S. Mail. No delegate was present. (e) PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION. Represented by the following delegates. Elder John Moore, and Brothers: Elmer Rayburn, Ralph Reed, Don Merritt, David Gillian, Ray Tolliver and Banner Johnson. Letter and file of minutes in the hands of

brother Elmer Rayburn. The delegates with their letter were received and invited to be seated with us in an advisory council. (f) INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION: Represented by the following delegates. Elders: Beckham Fields, Crit Eldridge, Alonzo Allen, Olas Baldrige, and Hershell Baldrige. Brothers: Henry Eldridge, J. D. Cornett, Jerome Watts, letter in the hands of Elder Olas Baldrige. The delegates with their file of minutes were received with great joy and invited to be seated with us, and aid us in advisory council. (g) THORNTON UNION ASSOCIATION: Represented by the following delegates. Elders: Kirby Ison and Raymond Collins. Brothers: Billy Day, Russell Collins, and Willie Hampton. The delegates were seated and invited to aid us in advisory council. The letter bearer failed to arrive before the close of the Association work.

7. Called for Associations desiring to take up a Godly correspondence with us and received none.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following: Elders: Sidney Hudson, H. N. Vanderpool, Steve Osborne, Willie Collins, and Joshua Hicks. Brothers: Jim Whitaker, Forrest Osborne, Hiram Osborne, Willie Hampton and Jim Caudill.

9. Resolved that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

10. Appointed a committee on ministry consisting of one delegate from each church together with the entire delegation from the Little Memory Church to arrange preaching for Friday night and Saturday, who reported as follows: Friday night, (1) Elder Boyd Smallwood, who was absent and was replaced by Elder Emmitt Case. (2) Elder R. A. Shaw, and (3) Elder Banner Manns. For Saturday: (1) Elder Hershell Huff (2) Beckham Fields, (3) George M. Perrigan, (4) Kirby Ison.

11. By a move and second the association agreed to correspond with the following associations. NEW SALEM, UNON, INDIAN BOTTOM, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA, MUD RIVER and THORNTON UNION. By the same

motion Elder Roy B. Akers was chosen to write the letters.

12. Appointed committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each church together with the Moderator and Clerk of the Northern New Salem Association, and the delegates and transients from our sister associations to arrange business for Saturday.

13. By a move and a second the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing a few of the songs of Zion, Elder Banner Manns of the New Salem Association was chosen to introduce the services at the house and offer prayer. He gave wonderful council and instructions, and his prayer was indeed a blessing from that heavenly land. This was a true witness that surely God was in our midst, and pleased at our coming together. Our beloved moderator then came to the pulpit and called the Association to order.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Read the bill of arrangements and discharged the committee.

3. The circular letter written by Elder Baxter Osborne was read by him. It was joyfully received and ordered printed in our minutes. By the same motion Elder Homer Elliott was chosen to write a circular letter for consideration at our next association.

4. Appointed a committee on finance to wit: Elders; Banner Manns, Burton Howard, and Sidney Hudson, who reported the sum of \$415.00 contributed by the several churches.

5. Called on the treasurer to file his report, who reported as follows:

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| Total money on hand August 3, 1961 | \$110.25 |
| Contribution from the churches, 1961 | \$385.00 |
| Money received for pictures | 30.00 |

Grand total on hand August 5, 1961\$535.25

Disbursements

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| Cost of printing (2500) copies of 1961 minutes | \$290.00 |
| Kentucky Sales Tax | 8.78 |
| Postage to Little Flossie Church | .78 |
| Postage to Little Ruth Church | .93 |
| Postage to Mud River Association | 1.18 |
| Clerk's fee | 50.00 |

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| Total disbursements | \$351.67 |
| Balance in the treasury August 3, 1962 | \$183.58 |

6. By a move and second the treasurer's report was received. By the same move Roy B. Akers is to supervise, and have printed (2500) copies of our minutes, and to note the names of the officers on the outer cover of the same. He is to receive \$50.00 for his services.

7. By a move and second the Association authorized the printing of obituaries of its deceased members in the minutes. Pictures can be had at the expense of the member desiring them.

8. Resolved that requests for Union Meetings, and the communion season of each church be noted in the minutes.

9. Called on brethren who was appointed to attend Union Meetings, and sister Associations to make their report. By a move and second the faithful were commended, and the failures were properly excused.

10. By a move and second the following brethren agreed to attend sister Associations this year 1962. (a) NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION. To convene with the SAMARIA church Teaberry, Floyd Co., Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1962. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Steve Osborne, Claude Ousley, Anthony Hamilton, H. N. Vanderpool, Parris Tackitt, J. R. Mosley, Bob Hunter, Ray Hoover, Homer Elliott, Sid Hudson, and Delmar Williams. Brothers: John Elliott, Virgil Wicker, John Mullins, Shade Meeks, and Levi Sword. Letter in the hands of

Roy B. Akers. (b) UNION ASSOCIATION: To convene with the Bull Creek Church, Maxie, Buchanan County, Virginia. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1962. The following brethren agreed to attend. Elders: Steve Osborne, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Anthony Hamilton, Roy Hamilton, Walter Parker, Parris Tackitt, and H. N. Vanderpool. Brothers: Earnest Parrigan, McKinley Rose, Shade Meeks, Harold Varney, Bart Potter, Chuck Keeze, and Marcus Short. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne. (c) SARDIS ASSOCIATION: To convene with the Pilgrims Home Church at Varney, Pike County, Kentucky. Located about 15 miles from Pikeville, Ky., on U.S. Highway 119 toward Williamson, West Virginia. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1962. The following brethren agreed to attend. Elders: Anthony Hamilton, Steve Osborne, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, H. N. Vanderpool, Parris Tackitt, Junior Mosley, and Walter Parker. Brethern: Virgil Wicker, Charles Keeze, Jesse Bryant, Marcus Short, Shade Meeks, J. B. Hale, Tip Collins, Banner Collins, Harold Varney, and Jubel Music. Letter in the hands of Brother Harold Varney. (d) MUD RIVER ASSOCIATION: To convene with the Mt. Zion Church, Pecks Mill, Logan County, West Virginia. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1962. The following brethren agreed to attend. Elders: Steve Osborne, Parris Tackitt, and Baxter Osborne. Brothers: Jubel Music and Archie Burton. Letter in the hands of Elder Steve Osborne. (e) PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION: to convene with the South Fork Church, Worthington, Greenup County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1962. The following brethren agreed to attend. Elders: Ray Hamilton, Anthony Hamilton, Parris Tackitt, Steve Osborne, Roy B. Akers, and Baxter Osborne. Brethern: Howard Collins, Hiram Osborne, McKinley Rowe, Shade Meeks, Hershall Sturgill, Dixon Miller, Van B. Hall, and Tip Collins. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne. (f) INDIAN BOTTOM: To convene with the Kingdom Come church near Blacky, Letcher County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first

Saturday in September, 1962. The following brethren agreed to attend. Elders: Parris Tackitt, Homer Elliott, Sidney Hudson, Clovis Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, and Roy B. Akers. Brothers: Dixon Miller, Hiram Osborne, Junior Mosley, Virgil Wicker, Hershall Sturgill, Van B. Hall, John Elliott, Howard Collins, Roman Mullins, and Harold Varney. Letter in the hands of Elder Homer Elliott. (g) THORNTON UNION. To convene with the Thornton Church, Mayking, Letcher County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1962. The following brethren agreed to attend. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Steve Osborne, Homer Elliott, Sidney Hudson, and Clovis Tackitt. Brethren: Van B. Hall, Howard Collins, Jesse Bryant, Roman Mullins, Dixon Miller, Hershall Sturgill, and Harold Varney. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.

11. Appointed the same committee as of yesterday to arrange preaching for Saturday night and on the Sabbath, who reported the following. For Saturday night. Elders: Banner Manns, Emmitt Case and R. A. Shaw. For the Sabbath, Elders: Boyd Smallwood, R. A. Shaw. And our beloved Moderator Baxter Osborne to preach and close the Association.

12. Moved and second that all the churches in the Northern New Salem Association continue to be governed by the same advice contained in the 14th item of our 1961 minutes. By the same move it was agreed to drop item 15 as it appeared in the 1961 minutes.

13. By a move and second, the Association accepted the petition from the Mt. Ararat Regular Baptist Church located at Galax, Va., and take them under watch-care for twelve months. The following ministers and brethren were appointed to make further contacts with the pastor and members of Mt. Ararat Church by journeying to that part of the moral vineyard. If there is found a difference in clean order and strict discipline, or a departure from sound doctrinal principals, the Brethren is advised to exercise righteous dignity and Bible truths in their attempt to reconcile already established practices. The committee is as follows. Elders:

H. N. Vanderpool, Wm. P. Deel, Anthony Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton and Brother Johnnie Bentley. They agreed to go on the fourth (4th) Saturday in October, 1962.

14. By move and second it was resolved to grant the following requests: Little Flossie church, to change her communion season, and the address of the church, Maggie Home church, to change her regular meeting time from the fourth Saturday and Sunday in each month to the first Saturday and Sunday in each month.

15. By a move and second the Association resolved that scriptural evidence follow each article of faith as proof of why we "Old Regular Baptist" believe our articles of faith to be in line with the sound principals of true doctrine. This is in answer to a request from the Little Ida Church, Detroit, Michigan.

16. Resolved that the sixth (6th) annual session of the Northern New Salem Association convene with the Little Ida Church, Ecourse, Wayne County, Mich. Commencing on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1963. Elder Walter Parker was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elders Delmar Williams and Anthony Hamilton are to be his alternates. Thus the work of the Association was ended. Elder Mitchell Chaffins was invited to close the Association with prayer. He was abundantly blessed with a mighty downpouring of God's eternal love and council. This gave witness that surely God was pleased that a few of His failing creatures had met once more to proclaim His ever to be adored name above all names that be.

17. Resolved that we tender our fervent thanks to the officers and members, and the friends of the Little Memory Church for their tireless efforts to make this one among the never to be forgotten associations that God has blessed us to enjoy. We shall never forget the efforts of the members of the Pilgrims Home church to share our responsibility to see that our visiting delegates, brethren and sisters were taken care of. May the good Lord bless fourfold, each and every one that

helped us, in our prayers. We want to especially thank Brother Van B. Hall and those that helped him in preparing the stand in the beautiful location, provided by the omnipotent hand of God our creator. To the sisters and friends that sacrificed of their time to stand around the hot cook stoves preparing meals for each and every one that graced their homes, we want to say: "thanks 'children' for your wonderful hospitality." Were it not for the willingness and sacrifices that people like you have shown, the delegates would not be able to perform their duties as effectively as the spirit would direct.

SABBATH MORNING—AUGUST 5, 1962

To describe the scenes and activity that took place on the Sabbath morning marking the beginning of the last day of the fifth annual session of our association, would require the artistical hand of God our Father who can paint pictures that no man skilled in the arts of nature could ever draw. Brethern and sisters and friends began to assemble at the stand amid the formation of tall timber that God in His wisdom had caused to grow. As the brethern began to line the old songs of Zion tears began to flow for joy. The echo, and re-echoing of these blessed old songs resounded through the timberland giving out sounds that can only be outmatched when heaven claims her own. Although the sun beamed down from the heated elements, God was indeed mindful of the purpose of our gathering and to show forth His kind and loving mercy toward us, He caused a pleasant breeze to continually circulate through the shaded section where the congregation had assembled surpassing any air conditioner, or any other device that man has ever invented. "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of my Lord."

All the ministers that had been selected to preach, were present. First on the stand was Elder Boyd Smallwood, from the Old Union Association. His introduction was marked with much humbleness, that opened

the windows of Heaven releasing an abundance of joy that seemed to flood the grounds that surrounded the congregation. Seldom has a people been blessed to hear a prayer such as he was given to pray. It truly was the essence of an old time holy ghost powered, prayer. "Gracious is the Lord indeed, to His children in time of need." Second on the stand was Elder R. A. Shaw from the Mt. Ararat "independent" church, Galax, Va. He being a stranger in the flesh, caused many eyes to be focused on him. No doubt many in the congregation wondered from whence this stranger came. His meekness and humbleness, and the demonstration of the power of God's eternal word, soon erased any doubt or fear from the mind of the most skeptical person, and caused them to say: "Surely he is just another soldier of God's great and undefeated army that is slowly, but surely moving on toward heaven and it's blissful shore. The subject that arrested his mind will be found in the 8th Chapter of Romans and the 5th verse. "Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: Foresee, sayeth He, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee in the mount." Elder Baxter Osborne, our beloved moderator was last on the stand. Being a man of Godly compassion, and nourished up in the soundness of truth and mercy, he chose for a text the preachers admonition found in Ecclesiastes, 12:13. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. "The spirit of deliverance over-shadowed him in such proportions as to enable him to expound the gospel truths unequalled by but few men that have been in the ministry as long as he has. He was firm, yet gentle as a lamb. God showed His great power through the demonstration of His holy spirit as it works in obedient servants. At the close of his remarks the brethern and sisters began to sing that blessed old song "Jerusalem my happy home." Thus was the fifth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association brought to a close amid much shouting and singing, and praising the

Lord God Almighty, who brought again from the dead our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

Humbly submitted
Roy B. Akers, Clerk

UNION MEETINGS APRIL

LITTLE JEWEL—Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1963. Elders: Mitchall Chaffins, Wayne Harold, I. D. Back, Olan Baldridge, John Moore, and Clifford Collie to attend. Communion time the Fourth Sunday in June, 1963.

MAY

LITTLE IDA—First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1963. Elders: Parris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Charlie Kezee, Roy Hudson, Baxter Osborne, Walter Parker, and Moderator to attend. Communion time the First Sunday in June, 1963.

MAGGIE HOME—First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1963. Elders: Anthony Hamilton, Ivory Sowards, Covis Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, Hiram Adkins, Emmitt Case, Geo. Hamilton, Homer Elliott, and Moderator to attend. Communion time First Sunday in July, 1963.

LITTLE MEMORY—Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1963. Elders: Boyd Smallwood, Sid Hudson, Homer Elliott, Anthony Hamilton, Parris Tackitt, and Baxter Osborne to attend. Communion time Second Sunday in July, 1963.

LITTLE RUTH—Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1963. Elders: Anthony Hamilton, H. N. Vanderpool, Delmar Williams, Steve Osborne, and Moderator to attend. Communion time Second Sunday in June, 1963.

LITTLE FLOSSIE—Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1963. Elders: Mitchall Chaffins, Parris Tackitt, Claude Ousley, Burton Howard, Olan Baldridge, to attend. Communion time Third Sunday in June, 1963.

LITTLE EDNA—Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1963. Elders: Hiram Adkins, Parris Tackitt, Anthony Hamilton, Marion Sword, Mitchall Chaffins, and Mod-

erator to attend. Communion time Fourth Sunday in June, 1963.

JUNE

LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME—Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1963. Elders: Sid Hudson, Homer Elliott, Baxter Osborne, Joshua Hicks, Parris Tackitt, Roy Hudson, Tack Hall, Covis Tackitt, and Moderator and Assistant to attend. Communion time Second Sunday in July, 1963.

LITTLE POLLY—Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963. Elders: Willie Collins, Sidney Hudson, Parris Tackitt, Anthony Hamilton, H. N. Vanderpool, Claude Ousley, Virgil Wicker, to attend. Communion time Second Sunday in July, 1963.

LITTLE MAUDIE—First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963. Elders: Claude Ousley, Delmar Williams, Richard Griffith, Willie Collins, H. N. Vanderpool, Savel Combs, Moderator and Assistant to attend. Communion time First Sunday in July, 1963.

LITTLE REBECCA—Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963. Elders: Anthony Hamilton, Parris Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Woodroe Fuller, and Hiram Adkins to attend. Communion time Third Sunday in July, 1963.

LITTLE ZION—Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963. Elders: Walter Parker, Bob Hunter, Sidney Hudson, Bart Potter, Willard Newsome, Charlie Kezee, Ivory Sowards, and Moderator to attend. Communion Third Sunday in July, 1963.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK—Third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1963. Elders: Steve Osborne, Covis Tackitt, Richard Griffith, Bob Hunter, Ivory Sowards, Hiram Adkins, Parris Tackitt, Alonzo Allen, to attend. Communion time Third Sunday in August, 1963.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1825

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being

baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and upon their producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and Clerk chosen by the members present.

6. New Churches may be admitted into the Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

7. Every query presented by the church to the Association, being first debated in their own churches shall be taken up by the Association.

8. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the church with Minutes of Association.

10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper, and send it by their delegates to the Association, and such sums

to be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association, shall be recorded by the Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

12. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises unless the same is dispensed with.

13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.

14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see necessary, and they shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which shall violate the rules of the Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are

one, equal in power, essence and glory. Isaiah, 45:5. 1st Cor. 8:6. 1st John, 5:7.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practices, 2nd Peter 1:21. 1st Timothy 3:16. 2nd Timothy 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. For by grace are ye saved through Faith. Isa. 42:1. Eph. 2:8.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore a Saviour is needed for our redemption. Gen. 2:7. Romans 5:12.

5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of the soul, and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost. Prov. 8:4. Matt. 9:13. Mark 2:17. 2nd Timothy 2:9. 1st Peter 1:23.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST. 2nd Timothy 1:9. Luke 18:13;14. Acts 13:39.

7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth, and the mode is, IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over. Matt. 3:14. Luke 1:9,10. John 1; 31,32,33. Romans 6:4. Eph. 4:5.

8. We believe that the Lords Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the use of bread and wine, and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers, Luke 22; 10, 11, 12. John 13:7, 8,12,13,14,15,16,17. 1st Timothy 5:9,10.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. John 5:28,29. 1st Cor. 15:51,52. Luke 24:46.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel except such as are regularly ordained and baptized,

and that by immersion, by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular presbytery of the church. Acts 13;2,3. Romans 1;6. Titus 1;6

11. We believe it is the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities. Acts 11;29. Romans 15;26. 1st Cor. 16;1,2.

12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage, or indulge people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving Faith in CHRIST for salvation, is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us. Matt. 16;12. Acts 8;16 through 21. Romans 16;17,18. Eph. 4;14,15. Gal. 18; 9, 10.

13. We believe that the Church of CHRIST is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ, who have obtained fellowship with the Lord, and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel. John 11;8,9,10,11. Acts 2;42. 1st John 1;3.

14. We believe that JESUS CHRIST is the head of the church, and the government thereof is upon His shoulders. Isaiah 9;6,7. 22;21,22. Luke 1;33.

15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation, so as to make God partial directly, or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice, and free consent. John 3;16. Heb. 2;9.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CIRCULAR LETTER

July 31, 1962

Dear Brethern of the Northern New Salem Association:

Being chosen of you at our 1961 session to write a circular letter for your inspection at our 1962 session.

After much thoughtfulness and prayerful consideration on how to write, it has bore on my mind to write to you concerning the faith. This being the first circular letter that I have ever written, I hope God will bless me to slant my talk to the churches of our association and our correspondents. I hope this will not be taken as a sermon, but for advice and council to the brethern and sisters of the Old Regular Baptist faith everywhere.

Brethern, the Bible tells us how we ought to live and how we ought to treat each other. The Apostle Paul in his letter tells us to greet one another with an holy kiss, goes on and says, "all the brethern greet you."

My subject is therefore being justified by faith. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1). Now let us pause a moment, brethern, to think about peace. The Lord said, "My peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth." Therefore having faith in God, putting that faith in action brings about a great peace in our souls.

But some people will say since modernization has taken over in our land and our great scientists have done so many wonders, "well, how do you know there is a God? You talk about God and you preach Him the way, the truth, and the life, but how can you be sure there is such a one existing?" My dear readers, first of all I want you to note what the Bible says, "the fool has said in His heart there is no God." So I'm not going to try in this letter to prove to the fool that there is a God. But we know that Bible prophecies cannot fail. I might exhaust every ounce of strength in my body to try to prove to some people that God does exist, and I could not convince them. But the children of God believe in Him. They try Him and prove Him daily, and He renews Himself in them. But let's see what prophecy says about those things that exist today, which have been prophesied for more than 2500 years.

Now go with me to the book of Naham, which sometimes may be called one of the minor prophets, Naham says, "the shield of his mighty men is made red; the

valiant men are in scarlet. The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation and the fir tree shall be terribly shaken. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broadways. They shall seem like torches. They shall run like the lightnings. (Naham 2:3,4) Verse 6 says, "the gates of the rivers shall be opened and the palace shall be dissolved." We know today this prophesy is describing our automobile that we ride and drive back and forth to church. How long has the automobile been invented? The first motor driven vehicle was invented by Henry Ford, Sr. in 1896, then by General Motors in 1898, only about 65 or 66 years ago. Brethern, I feel certain that the first gates were put in the rivers about the same time. This is proof that God existed 2500 years ago and spoke through His prophets things that are now coming to pass, things that we see in our generation and don't have to guess about. Habakkuk said, "for lo, I raise up the chaldeans. That bitter and hasty nation which shall march through the breadth of the land to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful. Their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. Their horses are also swifter than the leopards and are more fierce than the evening wolves and their horsemen shall spread themselves and their horsemen shall come from far. They shall fly as the eagle that hasteneth to eat. They shall come all for violence. Their faces shall sup up as the east wind and they shall gather the captivity as the sand. And they shall scoff at the kings and the princes shall be a scorn unto them. They shall deride every stronghold." Habakkuk also said, "I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And the Lord answered me and said, 'write the vision and make it plain upon tables that he may run that readeth it, for the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie. Though it tarry, wait for it because it will surely come. It will not tarry.'" Oh, if people could only learn that the great God is not

temperal but eternal and has been from everlasting to everlasting. How wonderful it would be, but I fear that so many people take for granted that God is like unto silver or gold or some precious temperal thing, but dear reader, here is what God really is. He is the Almighty. There could be a book written on this one word: The Almighty!

But listen to what He said in Exodus 6:3: "And I appear unto Abraham and unto Issac and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty. But by My name Jehovah was I not known to them." He is also Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, He is also the word; invisible, unsearchable, and he said, "Canst thou see My face for there shall no man see me and live." (Exodus 33:20) God is Holy, Just, Impartial, Faithful, True, Loving, and Good and Merciful and He is all in all. And He said "Thou shall have no other Gods before Me." Oh, Brethern, I fear sometimes too many people want to put Him second or third. Yes, they want Him, but not first. Now Brethern, Faith is a precious jewel. It encounters all evil, destroys unbelief, gives strength to the weak, and power to the worthy. Oh, how could I live without that faith. It lifts me up when I am down, it gives me strength when I cannot go any further. Oh, what a blessing it was to that poor woman who had struggled in so much agony for twelve long years, and when she by faith had touched the clothes of my Lord, He said, "Daughter, be of good comfort. Thy faith hath made thee whole." (Matthew 9:22). Oh, how happy she must have been to hear those words from your Lord and mine. Brethern, I remember 25 years ago, when I was just a young man I got in trouble on account of my sins and how I was made to mourn like the dove and no relief in sight. Then that lonely evening, the fifteenth day of June in 1937, when it looked like I had to die and that without God. But I cried in bitter tears, "Lord, let me die, but save my soul." Then that low still voice came, "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins which were many, I freely forgive." I believe with all my heart the Lord born my soul again, translating it out of darkness into the marvelous light of His Son,

washed and made it white in the blood of that everlasting covenant, set me on a run for heaven and there is no place to look back. Oh, Brethern, how happy I was. Faith had moved, God had acted. My sins were gone, and I cried praise to His name. Oh, no, Brethern, we can't look into the heavens as yet with these natural eyes, but when that blessed faith illuminates my soul and carries me out in a spiritual land I can almost see my heavenly home. Bless the Lord! Now Brethern, we know that by this faith the elders obtained also a good report. Brother preachers, I know that with the burdens we have to carry, sometimes it is hard to come up with a good report, but one thing we can do is to keep our conscience void of accusations. For it is sure that we are not promised the wealth of the world and the love of its people. Christ told His disciples, "Ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake." Then Brethern, it would be ignorant to think that a servant of God had started to preach just because he (man) wanted to. The call to the ministry of God and of the Church is set forth in the Bible almost everywhere you look. I believe that God has a reason for calling His ministers. The Lord said to Moses, "Therefore, behold the cry of the children of Israel is come unto Me and I have also seen the oppressions wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore and I will send thee unto Pharaoh that thou mayest bring forth my people." (Exodus 3:9, 10). So God sent Moses to deliver His people. He also called Aaron, Moses' brother to administer the rights of the priest's office. He set Joshua at the head of Israel after Moses' death. He called Samuel at the age of six. Samuel anointed David to be king over Israel. David was anointed with the sweet ointment of God to lead His people and God said this about David, "I have found him, a man after mine own heart." Jesus called the twelve apostles and then the seventy and gave them a mission, and Brethern, I believe that every man that God has called has got a job to do. Paul was called from Pharasey religion, him being a servant of the Pharases, but God saved him by His grace and called him and made him a min-

ister of Christ to the Gentiles. Look at Acts 26: "At midday, oh king, I saw in the way a light from heaven above the brightness of the sun shining round about me and them which journeyed with me and when we were all fallen to the earth I heard a voice speaking unto me and saying in the Hebrew tongue, 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks,' and I said, 'Who art thou, Lord?' And he said, 'I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest but rise and stand upon thy feet, for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose. To make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen and of those things in thee which I will appear unto thee, delivering thee from the people and from the Gentiles unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. (Acts 26:13-18). So, Brethern I believe that God calls His ministers and when He calls one he is a peace-loving man and knowing that the hand of the Lord lays heavy upon the disobedient servant. We fear not to move at His command. Then I believe that it is like fire shut up in the bone. Jeremiah said, "Then I said I will not make mention of Him or speak any more on His name, but His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones and I was weary with forebearing and I could not stay." Oh, Brethern, sometimes I am in a strait betwixt two. I am made to cry, "Who shall deliver me from the bondage of this death." The spirit says go but the fleshly mind says, "You can't. You musn't. You have to work or you're not financially able." But through all of this I am more than a conquerer through the grace of God. As I sit here writing this letter, I think of all the joys we could have serving the Lord in one mind if all our brethern of all our correspondence could see what they're doing by fighting and devouring one another. Brethern of the Northern New Salem Association, let us pray that God will help us to live in peace what little time we have left here. I know according to the Bible the

time is short here. I know that my popularity will drop because of what I am writing, but what is popularity without character? I know I cannot serve God and please man. I cannot give righteous advice and safe counsel and be a partaker of the sinful things of this life. It displeases me very much as I go through the experiences of this life to see some people trying to serve God and holding on to the world. I have talked in this letter mostly to the brethren, but it is needful that the sisters also be minded of the faith.

Dear sisters, since you are a part of this association, I feel it very necessary to talk to you in this letter concerning our faith together in Christ. Inasmuch as the Bible says, "see that you earnestly contend for the faith." Note **THE** faith, not **A** faith. There is a living faith and there is a dead faith.

Dead faith has dead substances and propheth nothing. Paul said, "I would the younger women marry, guide the house," and so forth. That means you must be capable of doing so. Then to do that you must be faithful, patient, and sober minded, able to teach your children, and to bring them up in the way they should go. To do this means to keep them decently clothed and to always be able to give them righteous advice. You may ask me: "Would it be wrong to put shorts on my little 5 or 6 year old girl?" Then you may say: "Why, that child doesn't know anything about sin. That wouldn't be any wrong." I'm going to agree to the first part. It doesn't know anything about sin. Neither do our children know anything about education when we start them in school at the age of 6. But as that child continues to grow and go to school, it learns more and more about education. So it is with our young daughters when we turn them loose on the streets and the places of recreation at such a tender and young age, so scantily dressed, they don't know anything about sin, but as they grow, and become older, they learn as our children do that have been taught in school. Twenty years ago I wouldn't have thought that our Regular Baptist mothers especially, would have

dressed their daughters in such scanty clothing as we see them in today, going and coming from Regular Baptist homes. Dear mothers, let me say this: "As this letter is becoming too long, and I haven't the space to write, when you put shorts on your daughter and turn her loose in the byways for vulgar men to gaze upon as they go from one place to another, you have not only shorted them in clothes, but you have cheated them in character, and I dare not say, regardless of the abuse that I might suffer as the servant of the Lord, if this continues and we do not make a swift return to the Bible teaching as to the character of our children, both to boys and girls, God only knows what will happen to us in the future. So, mothers, let me beg you, if you love God and your children then please make a swift return from the road down which you have headed your child. I do not say that all Regular Baptist mothers allow this to go on in their homes. Then you that are not guilty will not be offended at me for writing about these things. The reason Jesus said, "All men shall be offended because of me this night," was because all men were guilty in the presence of God, because He said, "All have sinned and all have come short of the glory of God." Dear Brethren, I know that this letter is getting too long, so let me close by saying: Brethren, strive to live in peace and may God, the fountain head of peace, bruise Satan under your feet and bless you in all your Godly undertakings in this life. As ever, your humble servant in the Lord.

Fare Ye Well,
ELDER BAXTER OSBORNE

Obituaries



ALFRED HICKS

By request of the family, I will try in my weakness and by the help of God to write an obituary of a beloved Brother, in the Lord to wit Brother Alfred Hicks. He was born May 15, 1883, in Knot County, Kentucky and deceased this life November 26, 1961, being 77 years, 5 months and 11 days old. He was the son of Issac and Matilda Hicks and was first married to Dora Ellen Bollen, in 1902. Unto this union was born 12 children,

namely, Elbert, Lawrence, John M., Mildred, Millie, Bert, Pollie, and Orvell now living and four children preceded him in death. He also had 51 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He left one sister, Rosie Moore and one brother, Logan. Dora Ellen deceased this life in October, 1936, leaving Brother Alfred and her children to morn her loss, with all the love and devotion his children gave him. As time passed Brother Alfred felt he needed the companionship of a good christian wife. He was then married to Amandie Hicks in 1938, and unto this union was born one son, Roger. Matters not how dark it may seem or how low the clouds may hang, the rays of God's Holy Spirit will penetrate the hearts of the sons of men. I feel Brother Alfred accepted that enlightened spirit and repented of his sins, and his soul washed white in the blood of the lamb. He joined the old Stone Coal Church of Jesus Christ in 1910 and lived 51 years of a good faithful life. He was a good singer until his sickness deprived him from going to church. On certain occasions, he would request me and other brethern to come to his home and sing and hold prayer and as always the tears of joy would stream down his blessed face. He was a devoted father and companion and was loved by all who knew him. We sure do miss him, but we feel his loss here, is heaven's eternal gain. May the writer say to all his blessed children, to live with Brother Alfred again you will have to be born again to enter into that holy city where I feel Brother Alfred will go, both soul and body on the blessed Resurrection Day. There are many things I could go on and say, but space would not permit. So good-by and God bless you all.

Written by his unworthy Brother in the Lord.

ELDER CLAUDE OUSLEY

His memorial will be preached on the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July 1963, at the Little Maudie Church, in McGuffey, Ohio.

ELDER CLAUDE OUSLEY

ELDER DELMER WILLIAMS

ELDER NEWTON VANDERPOOL

ELDER WOODROE FULLER



VERNIA TACKETT

With sadness of heart deeper than I can express, I will try to write this obituary of my dear mother, Vernia Tackett. She died December 6, 1961, with a heart attack in the Riverside Hospital, Trenton, Michigan.

She was born August 22, 1890—71 years old. She was the daughter of George and Rebecca Tackett, born in Pike County, Kentucky. She was a member of the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist, Ecorse, Michigan. She was the wife of Willie Tackett, who mourns our loss so much. Mother had 18 children, 15 living, 3 sons and 12 daughters: Eddie Tackett, Nora, Va.; Hassell and Cline Tackett of Taylor, Michigan; Mrs. Arizona Gannon, Mrs. Fannie Ray of Pikeville, Kentucky; Mrs. Frances

Ray, Mrs. Ada Little, Mrs. Carrie Sing, Mrs. Judy Hall of River Rouge, Michigan; Mrs. Mollie Caudill of Romulus, Michigan; Mrs. Myrtle Holbrooks of Nora, Va.; Mrs. Sadie Caudill of Dearborn, Michigan; Mrs. Bessie Ray, Virgie, Kentucky; Mrs. Bobby Burris, Taylor, Michigan; and Mrs. Betty Devincinzi, San Jose, California. One brother, Irvin Tackett, Pikeville, Kentucky; 54 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren left to mourn our loss.

Mother loved her children so much, she was always begging them to go to church. Three of her daughters belong to the Regular Baptist Church. The last words mother said were, "Jesus, please take me." I believe with all my heart she fell into the arms of our Saviour. I want to say to mother's children, "If you ever see mother again, you will have to fall out with sin and be born again. Put your trust in God, the one mother trusted." She said so many times, "My way is clear, but I hate to leave my children." She told us to be good to dad, and take care of him.

She always called for Brother Sid Hudson to come to her when she got worse. She would say, "Sid, visit my children and talk to them." She had so much faith in him. Mother would say when he left, "He surely is one of God's children." I know our loss is Heaven's gain for she left us good hope. So, God bless you children; to meet her in Heaven is my Prayer.

Your Sister in Hope. Written by a broken-hearted daughter.

FRANCES RAY



BILL OUSLEY

It is with much sadness that I will try to write this obituary of Brother Bill Ousley, which has departed this life for a much better one in the presence of God, Jesus, and the angels of Heaven. Brother Bill was born May 23, 1893 and died December 27, 1961. He was blessed with a long life, but suffered many afflictions. He was the son of Joner and Sarah Prater Ousley. Brother Bill was a member of the Maggie Home Church of Old Regular Baptist. He lived a faithful life until his death, and filled his seat at church when he was able to go. It seems that I can hear him shout the praises, and glory to God when his cup would begin to fill and run over. I believe that on that sweet morn-

ing I will hear him begin to shout as he has never shouted before, and the body, after it is changed will never know sorrow, fear nor pain, but will shout glory to God and the Lamb; I've been redeemed by His blood. Brother Bill is survived by three sisters to wit: Mrs. Judy Bradley, Mrs. Joe Prater of McArthur, Ohio and Mrs. Ann Hicks, Martin, Ky. He also leaves two brothers to mourn his passing to wit: Jack Ousley of McArthur, Ohio and Miley Ousley, Hamdin, Ohio.

Written by

ELDER PARRIS TACKITT



HAROLD EDWARD HALL

With a deep feeling of unworthiness I will try to fulfill a request by the father and mother of Harold Edward Hall to write a short sketch of his life. Harold Edward was born May 24, 1949 and departed this life July 6, 1962. He was the son of Edmond Randolph and Hildegard (Indinger) Hall. Harold was a friendly little boy, and well loved by all his playmates. He enjoyed out door life, and often referred to himself as being happy when being in the wooded areas around his home in search of wild animals. He also loved fishing and swimming as sport and recreation. It was while enjoying a youthful outing, that he lost his life in a large pond of water located on his grandfather's farm. He was last seen by his playmates out in the center of the pond as he slowly dropped beneath the

surface of the water never to return alive. Divers were sent for, and about three hours later his little lifeless body was recovered from about 18 feet of water.

Harold leaves to mourn his loss beside his father and mother, three young sisters: Truline, Charlotte and Deborah. Grandparents, Van B. and Roxie Hall, Sunman, Indiana; Felix and Johanna (Indinger) Pichler, Andor, Upper Austria. I am sure that if Harold Edward could speak to his loved ones he'd say: "Weep not for me dear ones, but rather weep for yourselves." The night that he took his departure, his little sister dreamed that she saw her little brother dressed in white. He said to her: "Give me your hand sweetheart and I will lead you to Jesus." She said: "I seen Jesus sitting on the most beautiful throne, with a royal crown on His head, and all around and about Him was walls and streets of silver and gold." She also seen angels too many to number surrounding their King Jesus singing and praising His wonderful name. There are many people who frown upon dreams, and shake their heads at the truth contained in them. To deny the revelations of dreams, is to deny the inspired word of the Bible. Harold Edward had great love for his father and mother and little sisters. He was forever more doing little things to remind them of his affection for them. The last thing that he ever did before going down to the pond to play was to make a crown from a plastic bottle all painted with many colors. He took it into the house and said: "here mother is a crown for you, you're sick so much and you never fret or relax your efforts to care for us children, I decided that you ought to have a crown." With these last words he gently walked away to a tragic death that has stilled his affectionate tongue forever.

I would love to say in closing that I believe this little boy is a shining angel around the throne of God. Jesus is gathering day after day buds and beautiful flowers for heaven. Surely he is numbered among the buds that Jesus loved. Allow me to say to you, Dolphus and Hildegard: If you desire to join him in the family circle started in Heaven, you must forsake this world and all

of its pleasures, repent of your sins and be willing to accept the burdens of the cross, and follow Jesus. You have other little buds in your home and wonderful care must be given to them, lest Jesus comes and claims them as His own. May God bless you both to heed the light which is Christ Jesus, that leads to eternal life in Glory.

The memorial of Harold Edward will be attended to at the Little Memory Cemetery. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Olas Baldrige, R. B. Akers, Lawrence Day and Hiram Osborne are to attend.

Humbly your unworthy, but willing servant for the Lord.

ELDER ROY B. AKERS

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca.....Plymouth, Ohio
 Little Jewel.....209 Wheatley Road, Ashland, Ky.
 Maggie Home.....McArthur, Ohio
 Little Ruth.....Marengo, Ohio
 Little Polly.....Stockbridge, Mich.
 Little Maudie.....McGuffey, Ohio
 Little Flock.....Route 1, Ray, Ohio
 Little Memory.....Sunman, Ind.
 Little EdnaLorain, Ohio
 Little Ida4060 Drennen Ave., Ecorse, Mich.
 Little Flossie.....Lisbon, Ind.
 Little Zion.....199 Auburn, Pontiac, Mich.
 Little Pilgrams Home.....Ruggles, Ohio

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca—Banner Collins, 130 E. Main Street, Plymouth, Ohio.
 Little Jewel—Alonzo Tackitt 160 McKnight Street, Ashland, Ky.
 Maggie Home—John Mullins, Route 1, Box 159, Hamden, Ohio.
 Little Ruth—Maynard Ratliff, Box 14, Fulton, Ohio.
 Little Polly—James Bartley, Route 2, Eaton Rapids, Mich.
 Little Maudie—E. L. Combs, Alger, Ohio.
 Little Flock—McKinley Rowe, Route 1, Hamden, Ohio.
 Little Memory—Howard Collins, R.R. 3, Osgood, Ind.
 Little Edna—Sherman Wright, 2061 McKinley Street, Elyria 7, Ohio.
 Little Ida—Jack Casebolt, 6108 Banner Street, Detroit, Mich.
 Little Flossie—Ira W. Slone, 228 E. Gertrude Street, Kendallville, Ind.
 Little Zion—Edwin Caudill, 2594 Weaverton Street, Rochester, Mich.
 Little Pilgrams Home—Frank Harvey, Route 2, Wake-man, Ohio.

**DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN
NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION**

- Little Rebecca—Delmar Williams, Johny Bentley and Tip Collins.
- Little Jewel—Jesse Bryant, Harold Varney and Jubel Music
- Maggie Home—Shade Meeks, Parris Tackitt and John B. Hale.
- Little Ruth—Claude Ousley, Wm. P. Deel and Maynard Ratliff.
- Little Polly—Richard Griffith, Hillard Castle and Johnie Shepherd.
- Little Maudie—Herb Robeson, Edd Stephens and E. L. Combs.
- Little Flock—Anthony Hamilton, Roy Hamilton and McKinley Rowe.
- Little Memory—Hurshell Sturgell, Dixon Miller and Howard Collins.
- Little Edna—Levi Swords, Bart Potter and Sherwood Blackburn.
- Little Ida—Roman Mullins, Covis Tackitt and Homer Elliott.
- Little Flossie—Virgil Wicker, Birtchel Mosley, Jr. and Windell Slone, alt.
- Little Pilgrims Home—Bob Hunter, Robert Wallen and Ray Hoover.
- Little Zion—James C. Hobson, Otto L. Newsome and Glynn Maddox.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

- Elder H. N. Vanderpool.....Plymouth, Ohio
- Elder Willie Collins.....Tiro, Ohio
- Elder Delmar Williams.....Shiloh, Ohio
- Elder Claude Ousley.....Plymouth, Ohio
- Elder Savel Combs.....Shelby, Ohio
- Elder Clenon Beverly.....Plymouth, Ohio
- Elder Baxter Osborne.....Route 1, Box 346, Ashland, Ky.
- Elder Steve Osborne.....Route 1, Box 330, Portsmouth, Ohio
- Elder B. J. Moore.....12th Street, Ashland, Ky.
- Elder Roy B. Akers, 408 Christopher Pl., Louisville 14, Ky.
- Elder Joshua Hicks.....Route 4, Jackson, Ohio
- Elder Parris Tackitt.....Route 1, Beaver, Ohio
- Elder Archie Burton.....Wellston, Ohio
- Elder Woodroe Fuller.....Route 3, Marysville, Ohio
- Elder Geo. Hamilton.....250 E. 13th St., Columbus, Ohio
- Elder Wryle Tuttle.....Route 2, Willard, Ohio
- Elder Wm. P. Deel.....240 Vernon Ave., Delaware, Ohio
- Elder Richard Griffith.....R.R. 1, Tekonsha, Mich.
- Elder Marion Pennel.....46941 Ecorse Rd., Belleville, Mich.
- Elder Anthony Hamilton.....Lloyd, Ky.
- Elder Roy Hamilton.....3840 Second St., Wayne, Mich.
- Elder Lawrence Day.....Oklana, Ohio
- Elder Walter Parker.....3952½ Dunton Rd., Lorain, Ohio
- Elder Charles A. Kezee.....828 Middle Avenue, Elyria, Ohio
- Elder Sidney Hudson, 1306 Marion St., Lincoln Pk., Mich.
- Elder Homer Elliott.....4420 Detroit St., Dearborn, Mich.
- Elder Covis Tackitt.....4309 11th St., Ecorse, Mich.
- Elder James Whitaker, 4928 Syracuse St., Dearborn, Mich.
- Elder H. B. Ray.....300 East Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich.
- Elder Virgill Wicker, 208 N. Park Ave., Kendallville, Ind.
- Elder Roy Hudson, 92 East Cicotte St., River Rouge, Mich.
- Elder Ellis Kincer.....1101 Hunter Ave., Ypsilanti, Mich.
- Elder Bob Hunter.....R.D. 2, Monroeville, Ohio

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Recommendation | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total Membership | Meeting Time | Money Contributed |
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| Little Rebecca | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 72 | 3 | \$ 50.00 |
| Little Jewel | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 66 | 4 | 50.00 |
| Maggie Home | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 43 | 1 | 50.00 |
| Little Ruth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 25.00 |
| Little Polly | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 2 | 25.00 |
| Little Maudie | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 15.00 |
| Little Flock | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 20.00 |
| Little Memory | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 2 | 50.00 |
| Little Edna | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 4 | 25.00 |
| Little Ida | 23 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 157 | 1 | 50.00 |
| Little Flossie | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 10.00 |
| Little Zion | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 3 | 25.00 |
| Little Pilgrams Home | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 20.00 |
| Total money contributed by the churches | | | | | | | | | | \$415.00 |
| Money collected for pictures | | | | | | | | | | 20.00 |
| Grand Total | 55 | 28 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 16 | 3 | 527 | | \$435.00 |

*Pure religion and undefiled before God
and the Father is this, To visit the father-
less and widows in their affliction, AND
to keep himself unspotted from the world.*

James—1:27