MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST SESSION

OF THE

Harmony Baptist Association

HELD AT

STAR CITY, ARKANSAS

September 18th, 1918

OFFICERS

J. L. LEE, Moderator		 Pine I	Bluff
W. C. WOOD, Clerk and	d Treasurer	 Pine I	Bluff

Next session will be held with Ohio Street Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, September 17, 1919, 10:00 o'clock a. m. E. W. Westmoreland to preach Introductory Sermon. D. W. Bolton, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

Star City Ark., September 18, 1918.

Realizing the need of a new association to do more aggressive mission work in line with the policies of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the following churches to-wit: Beech Street, Pine Bluff; Dumas; First Baptist, Pine Bluff; Hazel Street, Pine Bluff; Hickory Grove; Ohio Street, Pine Bluff, and Star City called for, and received letters of dismission from Friendship Baptist Association for the purpose of organizing a new body.

Messengers from the above churches met at Star City, Ark.,

on this date and proceeded to business.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

1. J. L. Lee was chosen Moderator pro tem and Rev. W. C. Wood was chosen clerk pro tem. After singing, Rev. W. J. E. Cox led in prayer. Letters were read from the churches and the Messengers enrolled.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Beech Street, Pine Bluff, Mr. R. F. Robinson; Mesdames R. F. Robinson, H. E. Monk, B. A. Owen, and B. W. Langford, and Miss Ruth Handly.

Dumas, E. J. Nuckols, B. F. Edington, I. N. Moore, W. M. Carn-

ley, Mrs. J. J. Burrus and Mrs. H. Kimbro.

First Baptist, Pine Bluff: Rev. and Mrs. W. J. E. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fox, and Miss Nell Foley.

Hazel Street, Pine Bluff: T. F. Spears.

Hickory Grove: Ben McGriff, J. T. Miller, W. E. Dodds, J. C.

Haddox, Mallie Bailey, Mrs. W. E. Dodds and Vera A. Moran. Ohio Street, Pine Bluff: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Martin, Rev.

and Mrs. W. C. Wood, J. W. Duckett, J. L. Lee and Arthur Mitchell. Star City: A. H. Nobles, J. W. McPherson, T. R. Smith, W. A. Fish, W. M. Crook and Mrs. Nettye H. Atkinson.

2. The following constitution was read by Brother Cox and

unanimously adopted:

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

This body shall be styled The Harmony Association, and it shall meet annually at such time and place as may be duly determined.

Article II.

Its object shall be, without interfering with the independence or authority of the churches, to concentrate Christian effort in the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom at home and abroad.

Article III.

It shall be composed of all pastors within the bounds of the association and of messengers from Baptist churches co-operating with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Each church shall be entitled to three Messengers and one additional Messenger for every twenty-five members, or major fraction thereof, above fifty.

Article IV.

Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform the usual duties of such officers. They shall be elected annually and remain in office until their successors are elected. The offices of clerk and treasurer may be in one.

Article V.

Corresponding Messengers and visitors from other bodies of our denomination shall be entitled to all privileges except voting.

Article VI.

The business of this association shall be conducted between its sessions by an Executive Committee of nine members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII.

The Treasurer shall receive and distribute all funds belonging to the association and give an itemized report thereof, annually.

Article VIII.

This constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the association by a two thirds vote of the Messengers present.

3. By motion this association was named Harmony Association.

By motion the temporary officers were made the permanent officers of the body. The clerk was also made treasurer of the body. The Moderator announced several committees.

4. At 11 A. M., Rev. W. J. E. Cox preached a very helpful sermon from Rev. 1:10, 12, 17. The association took a recess till 2 P. M. Prayer of dismission was led by W. H. Fox.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

5. The meeting was called to order by singing and prayer at 2. P. M.

By motion, Rev. W. C. Wood was appointed to preach at 8 P. M. The Moderator appointed several other committees.

6. It was ordered that the reports on Foreign, Home and State Missions be read immediately succeeding each other and discussion of the three be had at the same time. The reports were read accordingly, and after discussion by D. W. Bolton, W. J. E. Cox, W. C. Wood, I. N. Moore, W. H. Fox and J. L. Lee, were adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs in May, decided that Southern Baptists should be requested to give One and a Half Million Dollars to Foreign Missions before the next meeting of the Convention. Compared with Southern Baptist numbers and

wealth, this amount is small.

God's blessings are upon Foreign Missions. Even the war is helping this great enterprise. There were 6,290 baptisms last year. We have now 464 churches on all the fields of which 141 have assumed self-support. We have a church membership above 53,000 with 715 Sunday Schools enrolling more than 34,000 scholars. In other schools we have enrolled nearly 9,000 scholars. We are conducting theological schools in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, South America. We have but few doctors under appointment, and yet these gave more than 100,000 treatments last year. Eighteen new missionaries were appointed in June and many others are greatly needed.

Every church in the association is admonished to lay large plans, and press the greatest campaign next March and April that we have ever undertaken for Foreign Missions. This association should undertake to raise a worthy part of the Million and a Half Dollars. Arkansas should raise \$40,000 this year for this great

cause.

The HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS, price fifty cents, is recommended to all church members. The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., furnishes FREE of charge tracts for distribution.

> D. W. Bolton, W. H. Fox, Frank Edington, Miss Nell Foley, Mrs. W. C. Wood.

> > Committee,

HOME MISSIONS

The most urgent mission task that confronts us today, is the spiriualization of the life of the New South. The astonishing increase of the South's wealth will crush the souls of the people, if they are not strong enough to master it for spiritual ends.

only a vital religious life and service can give the strength.

The following figures, taken from the Home Mission Board's report last year, give some idea of the work that is being done thru this Board: Number of workers, 1,498; churches and stations supplied, 5,106; mountain schools, 36; pupils in these schools, 5,190, of whom 110 were preachers; built or improved 505 meeting houses; Sunday Schools organized, 634; churches organized, 213; baptisms, 30,982; total number of additions, 51,949. For this work the Baptists of the South gave directly \$589,987.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Home Board to outline its work for this year on the basis of a million-dollar apportionment. Especially did it declare for enlarged efforts for our soldier hoys. This calls for greatly enlarged giving, but our people are well able to do this. For country and human liberty our boys are giving their all. Every loyal Baptist will do his best to care for the spiritual needs of these boys.

Your committee recommends:

- 1. That this Association gladly accept its increased apportionment for Home Missions.
- 2. That classes be formed in all our churches to study the Home Mission books that are issued by the Board, and that a large use be made of the free tracts on Home Missions. Orders for tracts and books should be addressed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. Moore,
R. F. Robinson,
Fred O. Moran,
Mrs. W. H. Fox,
Mrs. A. H. Martin,

Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

With Arkansas Baptists the greatest expression of their missionary faith and zeal is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the entire State under the control of Christ. If Arkansas is to give the best help of which she is capable in winning the terrible war, her people must be brought to faith in Christ. To fail in our support of State Missions is to fail in our support of the boys who are offering their all at the battle front.

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This work is carried on by the churches in the State through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed great results, thus: 91 workers, 4,384 conversions, 2,243 baptisms, 3,470 additions, 29 churches and 111 Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s organized, and \$44,800 given for State Missions. It is the best day we have ever

seen.

This year the work has been greatly enlarged, the number of workers being 189. We have four men working full time at Camp Pike besides some special workers. We are spending thousands of dollars to win our soldier boys to Christ. There have been more than 6,000 professions at Camp Pike. It will be necessary to raise in the State Mission Campaign not less than \$50,000 if we go to the Convention at Helena with all State Mission obligations paid. Arkansas Baptists are abundantly able to give of this and more.

Your Committee urges:

- That a careful study of the Board's Catechism be made by all pastors and churches.
- 2. That pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this Association get together and make plans to reach every church

in the Association for a worthy offering to State Missions before December 1.

3. That every church in the Association do its very best to raise at least the amount asked of it by the Executive Board and that each church add special gifts for the work among the soldiers at Camp Pike. Send all such money to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, not later than December 1.

W. J. E. Cox, A. H. Martin, J. W. McPherson, E. J. Nuckols, J. W. Duckett,

Committee.

7. Resolution of Protest against the elimination of the Camp Pastors from the army cantonments was offered by Brother Cox, a copy of which was ordered sent to our Congressman, Hon. S. M. Taylor, at Washington, D. C. The resolution follows:

On August 22, 1918, representatives of the Northern and Southern Baptists Conventions conferred at Washington with the Third Assistant Secretary of War, Dr. F. P. Keppel, in regard to the order of the War department eliminating Camp Pastors from Army Camps.

The Commission made an earnest protest against the enforcement of the order, and a plea for its withdrawal, or such modification of it as would guarantee us the privilege of preaching directly

to our soldiers in the camps.

The Commission made it very clear to the Secretary that we are loyal to the Government; that all Camp Pastors are instructed to conform to the military regulations of the camp; that their work in no wise conflicts with, but suppliments the work of the Chaplains and that of the Y. M. C. A.; that in the very nature of the case neither the Chaplains nor the Y. M. C. A. forces can present in full the religious message of the great denominations to their boys in the camp; that the Camp Pastor does not function as an employee of the Government, but does only a religious work, ministering to the spiritual needs of our soldiers.

We deplore the issuance of this order, for it springs a divisive issue, and refringes on the religious convictions of our people, and really is in violation of the First Amendment of the Federal Consti-

tution concerning religious liberty.

The work of the Camp Pastor is done with no cost to the Government, and brings to our Government in this war the strongest force, namely, an enlightened patriotism reinforced by religious con-

viction.

Whenever a great need is to be presented to our people, the Government turns immediately to the preachers and the churches for help. They are called on to preach conservation of food from their pulpits, to advocate the purchase of Libery Bonds, Thrift Stamps, Red Cross and every other helpful means for the prosecution of the war. This the ministers have gladly done. Now, the greatest contribution that the ministers and the churches can make to the winning of the war is the preaching of the gospel to our soldier boys in the camps.

Our people are stirred to the depths on this great question

and we urge you as our representative from this district to use your utmost endeavor to have the order rescinded or greatly modified as requested by the Commission mentioned above.

HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

8. The report on Christian Education was read by Mrs. B. A. Owen, and discussed by D. W. Bolton and W. C. Wood. The report follows:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Baptist of Arkansas have two well established colleges, Ouachita, at Arkadelphia, and Central, at Conway. Both these institutions have for many years been contributing largely to our denominational growth and development. We also have three mountain schools, Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, Maynard Academy, at Maynard, and Montview Institute, in Carroll County. Our total property in educational institutions is estimated to be worth about \$400,000. Our total education debt as reported at the last meeting of our Convention was only about \$60,000. This debt is on our State Board, and consists of the debts of Central College assumed by the Convention, and of obligations made to secure money to pay annual deficits at Ouachita College. We now have above \$70,000 in the Endowment Fund for Ouachita, and it is hoped and belived that this fund can be made to grow fast enough to keep us from having any more deficits there.

The Baptists of Arkansas must pay our little education debt, endow Ouachita liberally, and provide new buildings and equipment for our colleges and our mountain schools. We heartily endorse the plan of a five-year campaign for Christian Education. We are glad that an Education Secretary has been employed, whose whole time is given to raising funds for Christian Education, and to stimulating interest in education and to general enlistment work in this cause.

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Ouachita College and our mountain schools are of very special importance in the matter of training men for the ministry. We are sadly in need of more preachers, and preachers need training in order to be prepared to do the best service. We ought to ensuring and help our young preachers to attend our own Baptist institutions of learning. Let no church fail to make contributions every year to Ministerial and Christian Education.

T. R. Smith, Ben McGriff, Miss Nell Foley, Mrs. B. A. Owen.

Committee,

9. The committee on Orphans' Home submitted their report, which was read by W. E. Dodds and spoken to by Elder George D. Moore and G. A. Sumerall. The report follows:

ORPHANS' HOME.

The Orphans' Home at Monticello has been in operation 22 years, and has been a blessing to, perhaps, 1,000 orphans. This work of mercy has a large place in the hearts of our people. Its mission

based on God's word, is to relieve the distressed orphans, and save them to the State, and bring them into the Kingdom.

The policy of placing the children into good private homes, while it has its problems, nevertheless is proving a great blessing to the children, and at the same time enabling the Home to care for a larger number of children.

The health of the children has been remarkably good during the year. There has not been a serious case of illness. All symptoms of pellagra have disappeared, and it is hoped that a permanent cure has been effected.

The serious drouth has blighted the crop prospect, but the Home Superintendent thinks there will be a sufficient amount of feedstuffs raised to care for the live stock until another crop is

The Home will need \$7,500.00 to meet all obligations, and go to the Convention clear of debt.

We recommend:

1. That every church and Sunday School make regularly monthly offerings to this work of mercy.

2. That a cash and pledge collection be now taken for the

Home.

Respectfully submitted.

W. E. Dodds. Mrs. B. W. Langford, Miss Ruth Handly. Mrs. H. E. Monk,

Committee.

10. The Committee on Old Ministers' Relief reported as follows:

The State Convention has a committee on Old Ministers' Relief, with Rev. G. M. Ford, of Fordyce as Chairman. He reports that there are several old Ministers in our state who are unable to preach, and who have no means of support. We therefore recommend that our churches consider this worthy cause, and make worthy offerings accordingly.

H. A. Nobles, J. T. Miller, Mrs. W. H. Fox, Mrs. R. F. Robinson.

Committee,

1. The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Brother Cox and was adopted as follows:

Executive Committee-W. C. Wood, D. W. Bolton, W. J. Cox, I. N. Moore, J. G. Atkinson, Sam Craig, T. F. Spears, W. E. Dodds, J. F. Grumbles.

Place of next meeting-Ohio Street Church, Pine Bluff.

Time of next meeting-Wednesday after the Third Sunday in September, 1919.

Preacher of introductory sermon—Rev. E. W. Westmorland, Rev. D. W. Bolton, alternate.

> D. W. Bolton, W. J. E. Cox, I. N. Moore,

> > Committee.

12. The Committee on Publications composed of Mrs. W. H. Fox, Mrs. A. H. Martin, D. W. Bolton and R. F. Robinson submitted their report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We wish to commend our Home and Foreign Fields and Royal Service, and to emphasize the great good that will come from our pastors putting on a campaign and raising a club in every church sufficiently large that the membership may be well informed on all our Home and Foreign work.

In this connection we would urge the reading of the Baptist Advance in every home, and that any pastor who neglects to have his members take and read it is losing one of the most essential assets to all the work of the kingdom as well as his own church.

We are pained to note our paper has a subscription list of only 5,700. This ought not so to be, when we have such a large number of Baptists in the state.

13. The Committee on Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. Work made their report, which was read by Mrs. W. J. E. Cox and discussed by Rev. and Mrs. Cox, J. L. Lee, I. N. Moore and Geo. D. Moore. The report was adopted as given below:

B. Y. P. U. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We would recommend:

- 1. That we do our own Baptist Sunday School work in the Association.
- 2. That we organize, at the earliest possible time, a Sunday School Convention or Training School, using the district Association as a unit, adopting a simple constitution, with a president or superintendent; possibly a secretary-treasurer; also appoint a superintendent or leader for each department of the Sunday School. Divide the Association into about four districts, having a district leader or superintendent for each. Have at least two conventions or training schools in each district during the year; then have an annual convention or training school at some centrally located place in the Association.
- 3. That we keep in direct touch with Brother J. B. Moseley, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretary, and heartily co-operate with him in pushing the work in the Association.
- 4. That we push State Mission Day in the Sunday School, September 29th, and make our offering as large as possible.

5. That we organize a teacher-training class in every church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. J. E. Cox, Mrs. W. C. Wood, Arthur Mitchell, J. C. Haddox.

Committee.

14. The Report on Associational Missions was read by W. H. Fox and discussed by Brethren Cox, Wood, McPherson, Bolton, and Sumeral. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee recommend that the Association employ an efficient missionary for full time work within the bounds of Harmony Association, and that his salary be agreed upon by the missionary and the Executive Committee.

W. H. Fox, E. J. Nuckols, Fred O. Moran, Mrs. J. J. Burrus, Mrs. H. Kimbro,

Committee.

Pledges to Associational Missions were then taken.

Ohio Street, Pine Bluff	\$100.00
Dumas	50.00
Mrs. J. P. Ross, Palmyra	10.00
G. A. Sumeral, Florence Beech Street, Pine Bluff	
Hazel Street, Pine Bluff	
Star City	50.00
Hickory Grove	25.00
First Baptist, Pine Bluff	300.00

15. After prayer the Association adjourned to meet at 8 p.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

- 16. The meeting was called together by singing. Brother T. F. Spears led in prayer.
- 17. The report of the Committe on Temperance was read by T. F. Spears and adopted as submitted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Bible enjoins temperance in all things. But this report has come to the question of strong drink. Your committee rejoices in the advancement of the Temperance cause in all parts of the

world. Prohibition laws are proving more effective in both national and state legislation. We also wish to endorse strongly the War Department in its efforts to suppress vice and the sale, or giving away, of liquor at or near the Encampments for our soldier and sailor boys.

W. M. Carnley, T. F. Spears, Mrs. H. Kimbro, Mrs. W. E. Dodds.

Committee.

- 18. By motion, Brother J. F. Grumbles was added to the Executive Committee to take the place of one omitted by the Committee on Nominations.
- 19. The report on Women's Work was read by Mrs. W. C. Wood and adopted as follows:

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT.

By the organization of Harmony Baptist Association it became necessary to organize a new W. M. U. auxillary. Mrs. Nettie Atkinson was chosen temporary chairman. Officers for the next year were elected as follows: Mrs. W. J. E. Cox, Associational President, Mrs. W. H. Fox, Associational Superintendent; Mrs. W. C. Wood, Secretary. Representatives were present from the following Unions: First Baptist, Ohio Street, Hazel Street, and Beech Street of Pine Bluff, Dumas, Star City, and Hickory Grove. We urge the importance of all the unions being regular in their reports to our Associational Superintendent, Mrs. Fox. A report of the year's work done by the above societies appears in the detached statistical table.

MRS. W. C. WOOD, Secretary.

- 20. By motion 300 copies of the minutes of the Association were ordered printed and distributed to the churches in proportion to their numerical strength. The printing of minutes to be paid for from the funds in hand for that purpose. The remainder of said fund to go to the clerk for his services. A cash collection of \$10.51 was taken to suppliment the minute fund.
- 21. The Treasurer has received the sum of \$41.06 for clerk and minute fund and the same has been applied as directed.

W. C. WOOD, Treasurer.

22. The following resolution was offered by Brother I. N. Moore, and heartily adopted by the body:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Whereas at this meeting of Harmony Association, the officers and messengers have been royally entertained by the good people of the town, and whereas the committee of the church has overlooked nothing that was calculated to make our stay in their midst pleasant and profitable,

Be it Resolved, that a vote of sincere thanks be tendered by

this Association to the Star City church and is pastor and the good people of the town for the many courtecies and kindnesses shown us.

23. At 8:30 P. M., Rev. W. C. Wood preached from the text Luke 24:45-48. Song, "How Firm a Foundation" was sung and the parting hand was given. The Association then adjourned. Rev. D. W. Bolton led the closing prayer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. W. Bolton	Star City, Ark.
W. J. E. Cox	Pine Bluff, Ark.
S. M. Ellis	Isola, Miss.
	Pine Bluff, Ark.
J. H. Hankins	Pine Bluff, Ark.
W. A. Harper	Pine Bluff, Ark.
	Star City, Ark.
W. C. Wood	Pine Bluff, Ark.

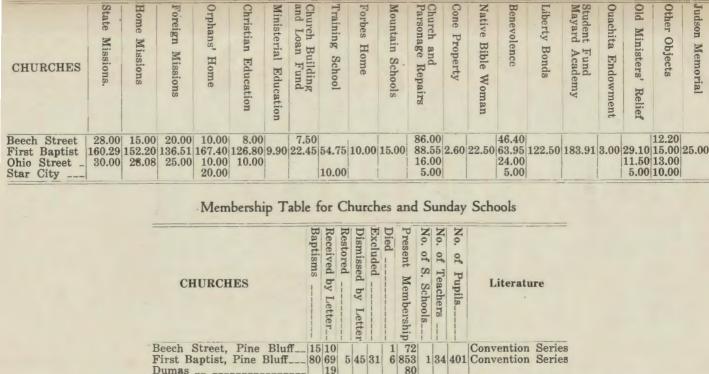
OFFICERS OF CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES

CHURCHES.	PASTOR	Postoffice		Postoffice		Presidents	Sunday School Superint'dents	Presidents
Beech St., P. B.	D. W. Bolton	Star City	J. E. West	Pine Bluff -	Mrs. (C. P. Atkinson	D. W. Bolin, Jr.	B. W. Langford
Dumas	E. W. Westmoreland	McGehee	I. N. Moore	Dumas			I. N. Moore	
First Baptist, P. B.	W. J. E. Cox	Pine Bluff_	W. L. Matthews_	Pine Bluff_	Mrs.	C. S. McNew_	T. N. Harper	T. E. Newton
Hazel St., P. B			Clyde Vowell	Pine Bluff_	Mrs.	W. A. Bobo	C. C. Pavne	Mrs. W.A. Bobo
Hickory Grove	D. W. Bolton	Star City	Fred O. Moran	Rest			F. J. Bailev	
Ohio Street, P. B	W. C. Wood	Pine Bluff_	R. M. Ware	Pine Bluff_	Mrs.	W. C. Wood	E. A. Rogers	Ben C. Lee
Star City	D. W. Bolton	Star City	Clyde E. Fish	Star City _	Mrs.	B. Silberstein	A. O. Vick	
FINANCIAL TABLE								

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals and Other Objects	Building and Repairs	Visiting Ministers	Benevolence	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers' Relief	Ministers and Clerks	S. S. Expenses	Value Church Property
Beech Street, Pine Bluff First Baptist, Pine Bluff Hazel Street, Pine Bluff_ Dumas Hickory Grove Ohio Street, Pine Bluff Star City	2,500.00 497.14 360.00 85.00 1,500.00	2,115.51 193.72 5.00 329.66	2.072.65 77.50 233.85 40.00	448.20 73.27 100.00 36.00 20.00	244.48 3.00 34.50	121.29 70.00 50.00	649.43 54.29 16.00 260.00	1,719.70 54.29 16.00 187.50	80.19	10.00	24.00 20.00 16.50	10.00	10.00 2.00 5.00 1.55 6.00	411.89 84.04 157.50	2,500.00 2,500.00 1,500.00 20,000.00 3,500.00

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION STATISTICS

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Hickory Grove ______ 1 7 2
Ohio Street, Pine Bluff ____ 34 32 5 11
Star City ______ 17 7 1 2