

MINUTES  
OF THE  
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
CONCORD  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
HELD WITH  
POTEAU BAPTIST CHURCH  
Scott County, Ark.,  
October 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1883.

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AMERICAN BAPTIST FLAG,  
1883.

## OFFICERS.

L. F. PATTERSON, - - - - - Moderator

A. J. McGEHEE, - - - - - Clerk

J. N. PENNINGTON, - - - - - Treasurer

The next Session will be held with Sharon Church, Logan County, Ark., on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1884.

## MINUTES.

The annual session of the Concord Missionary Baptist Association of Western Arkansas was held with Poteau church, Scott county, Ark., beginning Oct. 20, 1883.

The exercises were opened with song and brief remarks by the moderator, E. L. Compere. Owing to the absence of both A. S. Worrell, and alternate, M. K. Pitts, after prayer by A. A. Spiller, the Introductory Sermon was preached by R. P. Claborne, from the 15th chap. of 1 Cor. Prayer by J. J. Tate.

D. B. Ray, of St. Louis, Mo., then made a brief talk in behalf of the AMERICAN BAPTIST FLAG. Adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m., for refreshments, with benediction by D. B. Ray.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was begun with the reading of the 46th Psalm by E. L. Compere and prayer by J. J. Holland. On motion, A. J. McGehee was appointed clerk, pro. tem. Dr. J. H. Smith and W. M. Holland were then appointed to read the church letters. The Moderator appointed the pastor and deacons of Poteau church, together with R. H. Cook and James Edmondson a committee on divine services. The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulting as follows: L. F. Patterson, Moderator, A. J. McGehee, Clerk, and J. N. Pennington, Treasurer.

On motion of S. J. Fuller, it was agreed that the Moderator and his assistant, E. L. Compere, prepare a list of the necessary standing committees and report the same on Sunday morning. It was also voted that on Sunday at 9 a. m., there be a Sabbath School lecture and, in the afternoon, discourses on temperance. By request of E. L. Compere, D. B. Ray was invited to preach the Missionary Sermon in his stead.

The committee on divine services reported preaching at night in Waldron by J. J. Holland, at Poteau church, by J. N. Pennington, at the residence of Bro. B. Brown by J. H. York.



D. B. Ray, while addressing the Association, declared that he had stood by the Baptists of Western Arkansas, at the risk of money, reputation, and even life itself. That he had acted in the face of the boldest attempts at intimidation, and intended to stand to his post live or die. He then appealed to these Baptists to assist him in placing the FLAG on a basis that would insure it to wave triumphant over the 'and long after he and they should cease to be. Prayer by J. W. Miller.

Adjourned til Monday, 9 o'clock, a. m., with benediction by E. L. Compere.

At night J. J. Tate preached at Poteau church, J. J. Holland at Waldron, and J. H. York at Bro. B. Brown's.

### SUNDAY 9, A. M.

Assembled in the church house, and after prayer by J. W. Miller, Prof. J. B. McDonough delivered an interesting address on Sunday-schools. The audience then repaired to the grove, where at 11 o'clock, after song and prayer by E. L. Compere. D. B. Ray preached the missionary sermon from Luke, 18th Chap., 28th and 29th verses, on which he based a most touching appeal in behalf of both foreign and domestic missions. After remarks on the same subject by J. J. Tate and L. F. Patterson, a collection of \$22.83 in cash and \$36.50 in pledges was taken for home missions.

The several standing committees were announced as follows:

Nominations: G. H. Council, J. H. Smith, and J. W. Cross.

Documents: Wm. Herndon, J. W. Cross, and J. W. Condry.

Sunday-schools: J. N. Pennington, T. J. Condry, and S. C. Benning.

Temperance: G. C. Anthony, R. P. Claborn, and J. H. York.

Obituaries: J. H. Smith, S. J. Fuller, and E. L. Compere.

Foreign and Indian Missions: J. J. Holland, A. A. Spiller, R. H. Cook, and J. H. Durant.

Education: J. J. Holland, R. P. Claborn, and E. L. Compere.

Domestic Mission: J. J. Tate, J. W. Miller, and J. M. Lindsey.

Religious Literature: W. M. Holland, J. M. Mooneyham, and H. J. Roberts.

Finance: T. J. Condry, Jacob Tate, and G. H. Council.

Long tables groaning under the weight of good things were the next objects of attention.

At 2:30 p. m. Jno H. Durant sang a Choctaw hymn. S. J. Fuller read from the 6th chapter of Numbers. Prayer was offered by Jno H. Durant in the Choctaw language. W. M. Holland then lectured on temperance, followed by S. J. Fuller and D. B. Ray.

At 6:30 o'clock in the evening, J. W. Miller preached at Poteau church, J. M. Lindsey at Denton's School-house, and A. A. Spiller at Waldron.

MONDAY, 9:30, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator reading the 8th Psalm. Prayer by P. E. Windham. Minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and approved. Roll called and corrected. Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Then on motion of A. A. Spiller, Isaac McGlamery was received as correspondent from the Ouachita Association. On motion, W. H. Davis, Dr. A. G. Washburn, and S. Goforth were tendered seats as visiting brethren, and D. B. Ray was received as the representative of the AMERICAN BAPTIST FLAG and the St. Louis Baptist Publishing Company.

It was moved that L. F. Patterson, E. L. Compere, and J. W. Miller, be appointed correspondents to the Creek Association. R. H. Cook, J. W. Condry, W. M. Holland, A. A. Spiller, and J. H. Durant, volunteered to go as correspondents to the Choctaw Association. On motion of S. J. Fuller, it was voted that the correspondence with the State Convention be dropped. J. N. Pennington moved that the Moderator appoint delegates to the General Association. E. L. Compere, S. J. Fuller, A. A. Spiller, J. N. Pennington were appointed for that purpose, and by special motion, L. F. Patterson was added to complete the roll of five.

Then E. L. Compere, J. J. Holland, J. J. Tate, G. C. Anthony, and R. P. Claborn volunteered as correspondents to the Ouachita Association, which convenes on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1884, seven miles northeast of Dallas, Arkansas.

The committee on Religious Literature submitted the following: Your committee on Religious Literature report that: Whereas, the power of religious literature for good is second only to the public preaching of the Gospel, and whereas, we as Baptists have failed to discharge our whole duty in the circulation of our denominational literature. Therefore;

RESOLVED. That we earnestly recommend the more thorough reading of the Bible, and our rule of faith and practice. We also urge the general circulation of sound scriptural religious papers, books, and tracts. We suggest that our ministers increase their efforts to place at least one thorough Baptist paper in every Baptist family and also that they urge the importance of every family being supplied with such religious books as are needed to aid in Bible study, and to furnish needed denominational information. We heartily recommend the AMERICAN BAPTIST FLAG, published at St. Louis, as eminently worthy of patronage. For religious literature, suitable for church and Sunday-school purposes, we



recommend the publications of the St. Louis Baptist Publishing Company, or the Kind Words, Macon, Ga.

W. M. HOLLAND, Chairman.

After addresses on this subject by S. J. Fuller, W. M. Holland, and E. L. Compere the association adjourned for preaching by D. B. Ray from Luke, 22d chap., 29th and 30th verses, after which pledges were made for mission work to the amount of \$57.00. Adjourned for refreshments.

At 1:30 p. m., assembled with singing. Prayer by J. H. York. The discussion of religious literature was again taken up by D. B. Ray. The report was then adopted as submitted.

The report on Sunday-schools was read as follows: Bro. Moderator, your committee on Sabbath-schools, beg leave to submit the following report. We are happy to inform you that some of our churches have large and prosperous Sunday schools, yet it is a lamentable fact that some of our brethren are cold or luke warm on this great and important branch of Christian labor. The Sabbath-school is one of the greatest institutions of this age of the world's history. When conducted by the church of Christ, it is an institution that can be rendered highly instrumental in the hands of the church in implanting in the minds of our children the true teaching of God's word; and thereby place, as it were, a safe guard around them that will ever protect them from the traditions of men, and reclaim many of our neighbors and neighbor's children who are to-day believing and practicing those delusive traditions, which are so extensive in our country. It is the most practical way of implanting in the minds of rising generations that God's Word is one unbroken chain, or system, and teaches but one mode of religion, and that mode consists of experimental and practical religion, and is not composed of various modes and practices. We would recommend that each church in the bounds of the Concord Association have an organized Sabbath-school to assist her in the labor of our Master's cause, and that each school be well supplied with suitable literature and song books, and that, too, from strictly Baptist publishing houses. Here is a field filled with golden opportunities of doing much and lasting good. Dear brethren and sisters let us grasp them with unyielding fortitude, and move forward with the good work as bold soldiers of the cross of Christ. We would recommend that the schools represent more fully in the Sunday-school Convention of the General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, and report the progress and success of the various schools, for the advancement of the cause. We recommend that the Sunday-school Convention have a called session to be held with the Fellowship Church, commencing on

Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in December next, to meet at 9 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. PENNINGTON, Chairman.

After speeches on Sunday-schools by W. H. Davis, and S. J. Fuller, who said he would not give a *pinch of snuff* for all the *union* Sunday-schools in the land, the report was adopted. On motion the Moderator appointed as delegates from this association to the Sunday-school Convention, to be held at Salem City, the 4th Sunday in December next, Dr. A. G. Washburn, T. J. Condry, W. H. Davis, L. T. Hail, and A. J. McGehee, with H. H. Monser and Dr. C. Bevill, alternates.

Report of committee on Domestic Missions.

Bro. Moderator:—Your committee on Domestic missions submit the following: WHEREAS, there exists great destitution in the bounds of this Association, we recommend the Association to appoint two or three missionaries to travel and to preach in all those destitute places. We recommend that the delegates say how much they are willing to pledge for their churches or themselves individually; that this money be paid over to the Treasurer, and be paid out quarterly to the missionaries of the Association. We recommend that this Association appoint her own missionaries.

Respectfully,

J. J. TATE,  
J. W. MILLER, } Committee.  
J. M. LINDSEY, }

After urgent appeals in behalf of home missions by R. P. Claborn, D. B. Ray and others, \$42.50 in additional pledges were contributed. After prayer by Dr. C. Bevill, adjourned till 8:30 a. m., Tuesday.

Preaching in the evening at Poteau church, by J. H. York, at Waldron by G. C. Anthony, at William Condry's by S. J. Fuller.

TUESDAY, 8:30, A. M.

Prayer by S. C. Benning. Minutes read and approved. The subject of missions was again discussed by E. L. Compere, R. P. Claborn and many others, resulting in pledges to the amount of \$87.50 by the several churches and individuals. On motion, all speeches were to be limited to 5 minutes, and no one to speak but once on the same subject without permission. The mission report was then adopted.

On motion of the Council, the regular order of business was suspended to hear the following resolutions read by W. H. Davis;

Whereas, a disposition is manifested among some of the brethren to bring about a reunion of all the brethren who once composed



the Concord Association: and Whereas, we believe such a reunion will be beneficial to the cause of Christ; Therefore,

RESOLVED, That we endorse the propositions known as the Greenwood propositions, and invite the brethren composing the other part of the Association to meet with us at our next session as in former days, and organize without discussion.

The propositions referred to were then read also, being as follows:

GREENWOOD, ARK., April 12, 1883

As a basis of honorable settlement of the difficulties of the Baptist churches at Charleston, we the undersigned, recommend the following:

First, That the majority church be advised to rescind her endorsement of her former pastor, F. L. Kregle.

Second, That upon the action of the majority, the minority church be advised to rescind their act of non-fellowship with the majority, and express to the majority church their regret at their hasty withdrawal, and

Third, Upon due notification of this act upon the part of the minority, we advise the majority to revoke their act of exclusion of the minority, so far as the minority are represented in their act noted above in Article No. 2. Signed.

Frank White,

A. S. Worrel,

D. M. Jetton,

C. C. Stolcup,

W. M. Bridgeman,

J. W. Miller,

W. H. Davis

A. A. Spiller,

E. L. Compere,

R. P. Claborn,

It was moved that the above resolutions be adopted, and after remarks on the subject by D. B. Ray, E. L. Compere moved that there be a season of prayer, led by D. B. Ray, for the success of this attempt at reunion. Then S. J. Fuller R. H. Cook, J. J. Holland, W. H. Davis and others, all urged the peace thus made prospective, and by a unanimous rising vote, the resolutions were adopted. The Association then adjourned for preaching by J. J. Holland, from John, 1st Chap, and a portion of the 46th verse, "Come and see." After other devotional exercises and prayer by E. L. Compere, adjourned for refreshments.

Immediately after dinner, reassembled with song. Prayer by J. W. Miller.

Committee on Documents reported: That, we, your Committee on Documents, find that three churches have asked for the next session of this body to be held with them, to-wit: Fellowship, Shiloh, and White Oak. We therefore recommend that the next session of this Association be held with White Oak. Respectfully,

W. B. HERNDON, Chairman

Report was received, and after substituting Sharon (her petition not being till then made known) for White Oak, was adopted.



## Report of Committee on Temperance.

Bro. Moderator:—Your committee on Temperance most respectfully submit the following: The use of ardent spirits we consider the great barrier of national prosperity, and the destroyer of human happiness, and an adversary of good morals. It is the worst of all evils that we have to contend against. Its baneful influence is seen everywhere it is used. See what effect it has against the laws of State and Government. Keeps justice from being done to those who are guilty, who need punishment, and gives injustice to the innocent. It often disturbs our religious assemblies. It destroys the morals of the youth of our land, weakens their brain; and unfits them for business. It sends many to the houses of thousands annually, takes the homes of many to pay for its effects, and causes the widow's heart to be filled with sorrow—and makes her children cry for bread.

Drunkenness furnishes the courts with more victims than any other sin—makes train-robbers of the youth, causes the father in his crazed condition to take the lives of his little children, and [we often see it published that the husband kills his wife, by being drunk. Now we must try and see if this evil cannot be remedied. The child is trained to it by his parents, by giving him a morning dram, or drenching him with bitters. It is often used as a medicine till it does more harm than good. Physicians can help this to some extent by using other stimulants in the place of whisky, and something that will not destroy the brain, and burn out the system. We do hope that every church that wishes to prosper, will enforce the *three mile* law, and that they will memorialize the coming Legislature to prohibit the sale or the use of ardent spirits in the State, so that our great enemy may be killed and buried from our midst. Respectfully submitted.

G. C. ANTHONY, Chairman.

Report received, and by rising vote, adopted.

## Report of Committee of Foreign and Indian Missions.

We, your Committee, report that we feel it to be the duty of the churches to send the Gospel to every creature, and we find that millions of the heathens, and thousands of the Indians, are destitute of this Gospel; and while we feel our inability to supply this great destitution, we would urge upon the churches of this Association to do all they possibly can to aid in this glorious work. And as the Mission Board of the General Association has undertaken to raise money enough to sustain a Mission among the Heathens, we most earnestly advise that every church-member adopt a plan to secure means for Foreign Mission in co-operation with the Board of the General Association. "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has

prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come," Paul, 1st Cor., 16: 2, or let brethren and churches lay off and cultivate a portion of land, the proceeds of which shall be given, and let sisters organize societies, or work separately, in making quilts or other garments, and give the proceeds, that we may do work for the salvation of the real heathen. Respectfully,

J. J. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Report received, and after comments by E. L. Compere, was adopted. H. J. Roberts then proposed to cultivate one acre for the above purpose, and J. W. Cross one half acre.

Report of Executive Committee:

Bro. Moderator: Eld. J. W. Miller reports that he has traveled 1,050 miles, preached 85 sermons, delivered 54 exhortations, attended 20 prayer meetings, witnessed 45 conversions, assisted to ordain 2 deacons, baptized 33, received for his labor, \$35.00.

Eld. A. A. Spiller reports that he has traveled 735 miles, labored 115 days, preached 57 sermons, delivered 71 exhortations, prayed with 21 families, attended 50 prayer meetings, assisted in the organization of one church, baptized 3, received \$38.75.

E. L. COMPERE, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

On motion of E. L. Compere, the cash collected on Sunday, was directed to be divided equally between the two missionaries.

Report of Committee on Education:

Bro. Moderator. We have great reason to be thankful for the increasing facilities to educate our children at home. A few years since, we had not such facilities. Now we have in our bounds a college that has been built up, mainly, by the efforts of the members of this Association; and we should rejoice in what has been done, and what we have done in bringing this institution to its present standing. And as our children are as intellectual, and as enterprising as any children, the Committee urge that we, as Baptists, make sacrifices to educate our children. Beloved John, and brave Peter, were both unlearned, but the Great lawgiver, Moses, and the great apostle Paul, were both men of learning. Let us do our best to educate our children, and pray God to convert and accept them for his service.

J. J. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries:

Bro. Moderator: We are pained to record the death of our beloved brother, who died a member of the Shiloh Church, Eld. B. C. Owen. He was in the midst of his usefulness, and yet fully ripe. He was greatly beloved, being a man like the beloved disciple. He was born in Alabama, and died in Scott county, Arkan-



sas, in August, 1883, at the age of 42 years, and in the full triumph of faith in Christ. And the devoted old brother, D. J. Sweeney, of Charleston, who was a member of Concord Association in 1882, has passed away, at the advanced age of nearly four score. Also, Dr. R. P. McAlister, of the Fellowship Church, has passed away during the year. He was with us at last session, in the interest of Sabbath-schools, and was one of the first brethren among us who took divided ground in favor of Baptist Sunday-schools. He became the first superintendent of the Fellowship Church Sunday-school, and held that position almost to the end of his life.

E. L. COMPERE, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Bro. Moderator: We, your Committee on Nominations, report J. M. Ledbetter, to preach the Introductory Sermon, Alternate, J. J. Holland; Missionary Sermon, E. L. Compere, Alternate, R. P. Claborn; Temperance Lecture, J. J. Tate, Alternate, J. H. York; Lecture on Sunday-Schools, A. J. McGehee. Executive Committee: A. C. McGehee, Wm Tyler, Jno. McLaughlin, James Stinebaugh, and J. A. Bennett

G. H. COUNCIL, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance:

Bro. Moderator: We, your Committee on Finance, report	
For printing minutes.....	\$33 40
Sabbath collections.....	23 83
Total.....	\$57 23

J. N. CONDRY, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

Treasurer's Report:

Bro. Moderator: We, your Treasurer, report,	
Sabbath Collection.....	\$23 83
For printing minutes.....	33 40
Total.....	\$57 23

Paid to the Clerk of the Association.....	\$33 40
" to A. A. Spiller.....	11 92
" to J. W. Miller.....	11 91

J. W. PENNINGTON, Treasurer.

Report received and adopted.

Letter of dismission was granted to Double Branch church. The Following resolution was read and adopted:

RESOLVED, that this Association be divided into two districts, for the purpose of holding minister's and deacon's meetings, as follows: Let the Poteau Mountain be the dividing line from the Nation east as far as Lanigan's Mill, thence down Petit Jean Val-



ley, as far as the Association extends. All the churches south of the above mentioned line to constitute one district and all north, to be known as the Salem and Waldron district. The first meetings to be held with Amity and Shiloh Churches, for the purpose of organizing, on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in December next, at 9 o'clock, a m. Respectfully,

J. J. HOLLAND

The Association elected J. H. York and R. P. Claborn missionaries for the ensuing year. The roll was called, and absentees unexcused, were marked with an \* before their names.

On motion, the Clerk was paid \$10.00 for his services, and instructed to have printed and to distribute as many copies of minutes as the remainder of the funds would allow. Closing prayer by J. W. Miller. Adjourned with song and extension of the hand of fellowship. Benediction, by R. P. Claborn.

Thus closed the Thirteenth Session of this Association, in great harmony and brotherly love.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	Bap Isd.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Di-m'd. by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Refused.	Total.	For Minutes.	Home Missions.	Meeting Days	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates.	DELEGATES.
Amity.....	J. W. Miller.....	W. J. Baker.....	Hackett City.....	13	11	3	1	1	1	107	\$380	\$25 00	2	1	3	J. M. Mooneyham, H. J. Roberts.....
Burnsville.....	J. J. Holland.....	.....	Burnsville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	10	50	.....	2	.....	.....	A. H. Farmer, J. J. Forman.....
Cedar Grove.....	.....	W. M. Smith.....	Tomlinson.....	1	23	.....	.....	6	.....	76	2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. J. Tate, J. A. Kennon, T. J. Tate.....
Dutch Creek.....	C. F. Patterson.....	J. A. Kennon.....	Blue Ball.....	9	2	.....	.....	5	.....	46	1 00	.....	1	.....	.....	W. M. Holland, J. H. Durant, G. B. Warner.....
Double Branch.....	W. M. Holland.....	R. K. Gentry.....	Kutly Onaha.....	8	7	.....	1	3	.....	61	1 50	.....	2	.....	.....	G. H. Council, R. H. Cook, E. L. Compere, W. B. Harndon, A. Lovelace.....
Fellowship.....	E. L. Compere.....	C. P. Davis.....	Witcherville.....	11	.....	14	.....	13	6	177	2 50	25 00	1	1	2	A. A. Spiller, L. F. Patterson, A. J. McGehee.....
Friendship.....	L. F. Patterson.....	H. L. Moffitt.....	Dayton.....	11	12	5	.....	1	5	131	1 50	20 00	4	.....	.....	S. J. Fuller, P. M. Ward, J. Wooten.....
Hopewell.....	S. J. Fuller.....	W. F. Carrick.....	Boonville.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	46	1 35	.....	4	.....	.....	J. H. York, L. Blackburn.....
James' Fork.....	J. H. York.....	W. R. Vaughn.....	Peoria.....	8	3	1	2	.....	1	69	25	10 00	1	1	1	W. Blair, J. F. Bentley.....
Jones' Creek.....	L. F. Patterson.....	J. D. Jones.....	Branley.....	4	.....	2	.....	2	.....	69	1 50	.....	2	.....	.....	J. J. Pool.....
New Bethel.....	G. C. Anthony.....	J. J. Pool.....	Cauthron.....	10	.....	4	1	.....	.....	25	1 00	.....	1	.....	.....	R. P. Claborn, S. G. Anthony, R. Bean
Pilgrim's Rest.....	J. M. Ladbetter.....	A. L. Claborn.....	Chocoville.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	39	.....	10 00	.....	4	2	.....	G. W. Smith, J. A. Singletery, J. Ramsey, B. E. Thomas, J. W. Condry.....
Poteau.....	L. F. Patterson.....	G. W. Smith.....	Waldron.....	.....	3	13	.....	1	2	131	3 20	.....	3	.....	.....	A. P. Scott.....
Pleasant Hill.....	W. M. Morris.....	J. W. Plunkett.....	Hackett City.....	2	1	.....	1	6	1	62	1 65	.....	4	1	.....	J. J. Holland, J. J. Hartsfield, J. W. Cross.....
Palestine.....	.....	A. J. Bennett.....	Greenwood.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	29	1 50	.....	2	1	1	L. T. Hall.....
Sharon.....	Wm. Bridgman.....	A. M. Lambert.....	Chismville.....	.....	3	.....	.....	1	.....	53	2 45	.....	.....	1	1	J. N. Pennington, J. M. Lindsey, S. C. Benning.....
White Oak.....	J. N. Pennington.....	S. C. Benning.....	Belva.....	6	31	5	1	3	2	65	1 75	.....	3	1	3	J. H. Briggance.....
Union Hope.....	J. N. Pennington.....	J. H. Briggance.....	Long Ridge.....	3	8	1	.....	.....	.....	26	50	.....	2	.....	.....	W. I. Goff.....
White Oak.....	J. N. Pennington.....	W. B. Chisey.....	Chismville.....	6	16	6	.....	2	1	57	1 25	.....	4	.....	.....	W. A. Mitchell, J. P. Tate, T. J. Condry.....
Waldron.....	E. L. Compere.....	C. L. Hutchinson.....	Waldron.....	2	11	.....	.....	1	.....	18	2 00	.....	2	.....	.....	

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