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IMBODEN, ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28, 1919.

OFFICERS:

H. E. KIRKPATRICK.....Moderator
FRANK MASSEY.....Clerk and Treasurer

The Next Session Will be Held With Pocahontas Church, Beginning on Friday,
Before Third Sunday in September, 1920, at 10 O'clock, A. M.
for Three-Day Session.

ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON.

J. W. Derrick

J. W. Wade, Alternate

DOCTRINAL SERMON.

H. E. Kirkpatrick

S. C. Vick, Alternate

The Sixth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxilliary to
Black River Association, will meet with the Pocahontas Church, on Thursday
before 3rd Sunday in September, 1920, at 10:00 a. m.

PROCEEDINGS.

Imboden, Arkansas, September 26, 1919.

The Fifth Annual Session of the Black River Baptist Association met at 10:00 a. m. in the Baptist church, and was called to order by H. E. Kirkpatrick of Walnut Ridge, Moderator of the previous meeting.

Led by Dr. C. D. Tibbles, the body joined in singing "Amazing Grace."

Further devotional services were conducted by J. W. Wade, pastor of the Imboden church.

The Moderator appointed as reading clerks H. W. Townsend and J. P. Dunn, and the letters from the different churches were read. Upon petitionary letter, the Smithville Baptist church was admitted into fellowship of the Association.

Upon roll call the following messengers answered for their respective churches as follows:

Alicia—Adena Andrews, G. C. Gardner, Nettie LeMay.

Black Rock—J. H. Townsend.

Hoxie—J. P. Dunn, J. T. Jackson, E. W. Stone, R. S. Watson.

Imboden—J. W. Wade, Dr. C. D. Tibbles, G. B. Borah.

Mammoth Spring—Mrs. Sam C. Estes, Miss Minnie Mahan.

Minturn—Not represented.

Pocahontas—Mrs. E. E. Lewis, Frank Massey, Mrs. Frank Massey.

Portia—Not represented.

Swifton—W. R. Oshell, Mrs. W. R. Oshell.

Smithville—John Bilbrey, Mrs. H. B. White.

Stranger's Home—Not represented.

Tuckerman—S. C. Vick.

Walnut Grove—J. W. Kuykendall, J. M. Buster, Mrs. J. M. Buster.

Walnut Ridge—H. W. Townsend, H. E. Kirkpatrick, C. L. Thorn, C. B. Pope.

The organization of the body being in order, upon motion by J. W. Wade, the Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for H. E. Kirkpatrick of Walnut Ridge, for Moderator. Upon motion by J. P. Dunn, the Moderator was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for Frank Massey of Pocahontas, for Clerk.

During the session the Moderator appointed the following named committees to make reports on the following named subjects:

Committee on Finance—W. R. Oshell, Dr. C. D. Tibbles.

Committee on Publications—Messengers from Tuckerman church and H. W. Townsend and C. B. Pope.

Committee on Woman's Work—Messengers from Swifton church and Mrs. E. E. Lewis. (This committee did not make report).

Committee on Temperance—Messengers from Black Rock church and J. W. Wade and C. L. Thorn.

Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work—Messengers from Walnut Grove church and Mrs. Adena Andrews, J. P. Dunn and Mrs. Frank Massey.

Committee on Nominations—S. C. Vick, E. H. Tharp and John Bilbrey.

Committee on State Missions—S. C. Vick, Adena Andrews, W. R. Oshell and J. B. Borah.

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions—J. W. Wade, H. W. Townsend and C. B. Pope.

Committee on Associational Missions—W. T. Jackson, R. S. Watson and Mrs. J. M. Euster.

Committee on Christian Education—Dr. C. D. Tibbles, R. W. Stone and W. J. Derrick.

Committee on Orphans' Home—J. M. Buster, J. W. Kuykendall and Nettie LeMay.

Committee on Sunday Schools—E. H. Tharp, John Bilbrey, G. C. Gardner and J. P. Dunn.

Committee on Obituaries—Mrs. Frank Massey, H. W. Townsend and W. T. Jackson.

During the session the following named visiting brethren were enrolled and took part in the discussions of the body: Otto Whittington of Little Rock, State Organizer for the Baptist 75 Million Campaign; L. R. Burress, of Jonesboro; W. J. Derrick, Hoxie; J. E. Newman and B. H. Holford, Bald Knob; F. M. Carter, Mammoth Spring; Prof. R. G. Lile, Arkadelphia; G. R. Tyler, Paragould; Wm. Cooksey, Arkadelphia.

After an interesting sermon by Dr. Otto Whittington, the body adjourned with prayer to meet at 2:00 p. m.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator promptly at 2:00, and devotional services were conducted by G. R. Tyler.

The Committee on Temperance made its report, and after being discussed, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We protest against the liquor now in the state, and demand enough organized effort for its suppression, and call on the Legislature for the necessary legislation to that end; legislation that will re-inforce the Anti-Saloon League of the State; and the civil authorities of the counties and the State, in apprehending the guilty and overcoming the evil.

Our progress for national prohibition has been gratifying. A large majority of the State Legislatures have ratified the Federal Amendment to the Constitution, making it effective.

With the continuing activities and zeal of our legislators and the enforcement of same when passed, we may confidentially look to the year 1920 to bring to us the measure of "Dry America."

We are gratified to note that the Anti-Saloon League of America has added

world-wide prohibition to its national program, and that the convention of the world temperance representatives under its call met in Columbus, Ohio, in November, last year, and formulated ways and means for co-operation with the temperance units of our allies across the seas, recommending an international league for a world-wide drive against alcohol and for prohibition, for we consider this one of the first real fundamentals of security, and world peace.

We hereby offer, as the sense of this Association, our unfaltering loyalty and support.

J. H. TOWNSEND,

J. W. WADE,

C. L. THORN,

Committee.

The Committee on Publications made its report, which was discussed and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications report: That the uninformed Baptist cannot render the broadest service for the Master; that next to the Bible our denominational publications are the best means of informing our people, among which we recommend the literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and our own state paper, the Baptist Advance. We urge especially that every family take and read our state paper.

H. W. TOWNSEND,

S. C. VICK,

C. B. POPE,

Committee.

The Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work made its report, which was discussed and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON B. Y. P. U. Work.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that a very important branch of the church work in the Association is being neglected, that of the training of the young people for efficient work for the Master. Only two B. Y. P. U.'s in the Association. Our Lord spent three years teaching and training the disciples before he would risk them to go out to teach and train others. We have disciplined and baptized, but we only emphasize one phase of the teaching, leaving the training off, which is the perfecting of the saints.

We recommend that this hurtful waste and neglect of duty be cared for properly.

J. P. DUNN,

J. W. KUYKENDALL,

J. M. BUSTER,

Committee.

Adjourned with prayer until 7:45 p. m.

FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Association was called to order by the Moderator promptly at 7:45 p. m. and devotional services were conducted by J. W. Wade. After an interesting

talk by Wm. Cooksey, H. E. Kirkpatrick preached the Associational Sermon from the 73rd Psalm.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association was called to order at 9:30 by the Moderator, and devotional services conducted by Wm. Cooksey.

The Nominating Committee made its report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, your Nominating Committee, herewith report as follows: We recommend to preach the Associational Sermon, Bro. W. J. Derriek, of Hoxie church. Alternate, J. W. Wade, of Imboden church.

For Doctrinal Sermon, H. E. Kirkpatrick of Walnut Ridge church. Alternate, S. C. Vick of Tuckerman church.

For Executive Committee, H. W. Townsend, Walnut Ridge, E. S. Watson, Hoxie, Frank Massey, Pocahtontas, J. M. Bilbrey, Smithville, Dr. C. D. Tibbles, Imboden.

For Messenger to State Convention, J. W. Wade, Imboden.

For Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, H. E. Kirkpatrick, Walnut Ridge.

To report on Publications, Pocahtontas church.

To report on State Missions, Tuckerman church.

To report on Home and Foreign Missions, Swifton church.

To report on Woman's Work, Imboden church.

To report on Associational Missions, Fortia church.

To report on Sunday Schools, Hoxie church.

To report on Christian Education, Stranger's Home church.

To report on Orphans' Home, Walnut Ridge church.

To report on Temperance, Walnut Grove church.

To report on B. Y. P. U. Work, Black Rock church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BILBREY,

S. C. VICK,

E. H. THARP,

Committee.

The Committee on Home and Foreign Missions made its report, which was read and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions report: That the Southern Baptist Convention at its May, 1919, session unanimously decided to undertake to raise \$75,000,000.00 during the next five years for the purpose of taking care of all benevolences, both at home and abroad. Of this amount the State of Arkansas has been asked to raise \$3,200,000.00, and Lawrence county has been asked to raise \$25,000.00.

WHAT 75 MILLION WILL HELP US DO FOR THE MASTER.

It will equip more adequately and multiply manifold the 1,099 missionary

workers of the Foreign Mission Board and the more than 2,000 Home and State Board Missionaries.

It will enlarge and raise to a better efficiency the 132 Baptist schools of the South.

It will go far towards meeting the expanding needs of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Women's Missionary Union Training in Louisville, Ky., the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Women's Training School at Fort Worth, the Baptist Bible School in New Orleans, La., and a theological seminary for the Negroes.

It will increase greatly our hospital service to the sick, open wider our arms to the orphans and provide a strong support for our aged ministers of the gospel.

It will put Southern Baptist in position to assume a considerable share in the reconstruction of war-torn Europe and embrace many of the marvelous opportunities for service which thrust themselves upon us from all parts of the world, at home and abroad.

HOW TO DO IT.

1. By constant, soulful intercession to a great God, who delights to give.
2. By a persistent, restful, reliant, conquering faith in the power and mercy of a risen Savior.
3. By a Southwide cooperant spirit of sacrifice and service.
4. By a united, heroic, sacrificial leadership.
5. By a universal willingness to give and serve the Master.
6. By spiritual inspiration, enlightening information and thorough-going organization.
7. By the enduring power of the Holy Ghost.

We recommend that Black River Association, through her churches and the other churches of Lawrence County, undertake to raise the full quota that the churches of Lawrence county have been asked to raise.

We further recommend that all pastors and members join hearty co-operation in the campaign.

J. W. WADE,
H. W. TOWNSEND,
C. B. POPE,
Committee.

The Committee on Associational Missions made its report, which was discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

After careful examination of the report from Hoxie church, your committee would report as follows: Owing to the fact that the churches composing this Association embraces the territory from Tuckerman to Poca-hontas, and along the Frisco Railroad from Cache River to Mammoth Spring, therefore, we find that in the territory reaching out from all of our churches there is an alarming destitution so far as Baptist preaching is concerned, and that last year only one church was organized and two disbanded, and the field is so vastly great—is only

occupied by Methodists, Freewill Baptist and Holy Rollers, whose preachers seem to have but a vague idea of God's plans of saving the lost, thus increasing our responsibility to carry the gospel to the lost in this territory.

In the territory between Cache river on the east and Black river on the west there is a field from ten to fifteen miles wide and thirty miles in length covered with busy farmers, and in it all only four or five Baptist churches away from the railroad points, and only two of these have pastors; and west of Black River we find that in the territory formerly in Spring River Association that this field has been actually deserted so far as our advanced Missionary workers are concerned, and because of the missionary fires burning in the hearts of some of the saints in the churches, they are coming out and joining our forces, and all over the hill country and in every church there is a minority crying to do the Lord's will in preaching the gospel to earth's lost millions. Therefore, in view of this, we recommend that this Association put on a large program, first by appointing a strong missionary and by soliciting the co-operation of our State Board, and that at this meeting we authorize this Board to appoint a competent man to serve as Missionary for full time, and that he be instructed to spend the time, when not convenient to hold evangelistic meetings, in rebuilding the churches that are down, and labor in the other parts of the territory, to preach in the school houses and there show the supreme advantages as well as a great blessing in co-operating with our convention organizations.

COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made its report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows: Out of the fourteen churches in our Association, we find there are eleven active Sunday Schools. We find that there has been a general increase in attendance as well as interest in the work. We find the general use of the Southern Baptist Convention Series of Literature. We realize that the Sunday School is the recruiting station for the church, and the future usefulness of the church depends largely upon the efficiency of the work and efforts put into the young life of the Sunday Schools, and the manner in which we lay the foundation of the young life, and the carefulness we exercise in not putting anything into the character of the pupil, to mar the structure built for God and His service.

We therefore, recommend the continuance of the use of the Southern Baptist Convention Series literature; also more efficient teachers, keen and alive to the situation; and that each church use its best endeavors to use the coming Baptist 75 Million Campaign to gather a large number into the Sunday Schools as well as a large amount of money into the Lord's treasury.

We further recommend the operation of the Sunday School Institute in our Association.

We recommend the setting apart of one Sunday in each month for offering to the Orphans' Home.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. THARP,

J. P. DUNN,
G. C. GARDNER,
Committee.

The Committee on Christian Education made its report, which was discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We are glad to say that the Baptists of Arkansas are making rapid strides in the line of Christian Education. We have two well established colleges in the State—Ouachita, at Arkadelphia, and Central, at Conway. Both these institutions have for years been contributing largely to our denominational growth and development. Ouachita has turned out more than six hundred preachers, while from the two schools there are more than one thousand teachers in our public schools and colleges today.

We also have three Mountain Schools—Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home; Maynard Academy, at Maynard; and Mountain View Institute, in Carroll county. Our total property in educational institutions is estimated to be worth about \$400,000. Our total educational debt is given as 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. While all our schools are doing a great work, yet our facilities for Christian education are inadequate to care for the great need that is upon us. Many students are being turned away from our doors because there is not room for them. We are glad to note that rapid progress towards a large college at Jonesboro is being made. The Baptists of this Association should take special interest in this school, for it is in our immediate vicinity, and in all probability many of our own boys and girls will be educated there.

There is a crying need for educated workers in every phase of the work. There is not a "rocky corner" in the field but what needs laborers that are trained in their particular line of work.

It is useless to pray the Lord of The Harvest to send laborers into the field, and then not try to help them with the training they must have.

All of the above great work will be taken care of by our portion of the \$75,000,000 to be raised. Is not this alone enough to cause every one of us to put forth every effort to put our State "over the top?" Let us see to it that this important part of the Master's work does not fall. Because upon Christian education depends largely our ability to carry out the great commission. It is the foundation of successful missions.

Signed:

CHAS. D. TIBBELS.
W. J. DERRICK,
R. W. STONE.

The Committee on State Missions made its report, which was discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, report the following: The ever-increasing wealth of our State affords an abundant field for the on-going of the Kingdom. We are now on the threshold of a new day. Our Secretaries and State Missionaries are doing a great work in the name of our Master, but they must have our prayers and financial support.

Therefore, we recommend concerted action upon the part of each church within our Association to instigate every available means to promote the State Mission enterprise.

S. C. VICK,

W. R. OSHELL.

The Committee on Orphans' Home Work made its report, which was discussed and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphan's Home, would submit the following report: The Baptists of Arkansas have been operating an Orphans' Home at Monticello for more than twenty-three years. We believe this work of mercy has meant much to the cause of our Master, who has truthfully said, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to himself unspotted from the world." More than one thousand children have been cared for in the home since its beginning. Your committee recommend that the policy of placing the children in good Christian homes is one of wisdom, and should prevail.

We recommend:

1st. That every church and Sunday school make regular monthly offerings to the expenses of the home, when practicable, and at all times should contribute liberally to this worthy cause.

2nd. That we remember in prayer these children, and also those in charge of the Home, as they toil unceasingly to care for them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BUSTER,

J. H. TOWNSEND,

Committee.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Frank Massey, Treasurer of Black River Association for the year 1918-19, beginning September 17, 1918, and ending September 26, 1919.

Receipts.

Imboden Church, Minute fund	\$ 2.00
Mammoth Spring Church	1.00
Walnut Grove Church	2.00
Black Rock Church	1.50
Swifton Church	3.50
Pocahontas Church	3.00
Walnut Ridge Church	10.00
Hoxie Church	2.00

Hoxie W. M. U. -----	1.00
Bethel Church -----	1.10
Portia Church -----	2.00
Hat Collection for Orphans' Home -----	10.30

\$39.40

Disbursements.

Printing Minutes -----	\$16.90
Paid to Bro. Dorris for Orphans' Home -----	10.30
Postage -----	2.00
Clerk and Treas. Fees -----	10.20

\$39.40

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK MASSEY,

Treas. Black River Association.

Prof. R. G. Lile, of Ouachita College, spoke at the 11:00 o'clock hour on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the Moderator. Devotional services were conducted by W. J. Derrick of the Hoxie church.

The Association voted to hold the next session with the Pocahontas church.

The Committee on Obituaries made its report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries report, that during the past year God has called the following members of the various churches composing this body, to their reward:

Gus Moseley, Alicia church.

Mrs. Martha B. Willett, Black Rock church.

Mrs. Ethel Davidson, Hoxie church.

Miss Eunice Gilkerson, Hoxie church.

Mrs. Fred George, Hoxie church.

Mrs. Edna Hall, Swifton church.

Mrs. Edna Hicks, Tuckerman church.

Mrs. Alice Forest, Tuckerman church.

Mrs. Bertha Forest, Tuckerman church.

Mrs. Lilly Cannedy, Tuckerman church.

Mrs. Eva Holt, Walnut Grove church.

Mrs. Ethel Freer, Walnut Grove church.

Mrs. Ann E. Townsends, Walnut Ridge church.

Mrs. W. A. Smith, Walnut Ridge church.

Mrs. Linnie Moore, Walnut Ridge church.

Miss Mammie Moore, Walnut Ridge church.

We deplore their loss, but humbly bow in submission to the will of God.

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit; that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”

We recommend that a time be set apart by this body as a memorial to the departed.

W. T. JACKSON,
H. W. TOWNSEND,
MRS. FRANK MASSEY.

The Association voted to hold the memorial services from 3:30 o'clock to 4:00 p. m.

An excellent talk on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign was made by Wm. Cooksey, and also by L. R. Burress.

At 3:30 o'clock other matters were dispensed with, and a very touching memorial service in memory of the deceased members was held.

The following resolution, which had been read by R. G. Lile at the morning session and discussed by different speakers at different times during the day, was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that this Association heartily endorses the 75 Million Campaign launched by the Southern Baptist Convention; that we pledge ourselves to pray for and support it; that we urge our pastors and all other workers to present this cause on every proper occasion to the end that our people may be thoroughly informed and interested, and that we urge every church to make a complete organization in accordance with the plans proposed by the forces of the Southern Baptist Convention, and of our Baptist State Convention, to the end that a contribution may be solicited from every member of every church in this Association.

The Finance Committee made its report, which is as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following:

Received from the churches for Minute Fund and Clerk's fees-----\$29.08
Received for Home and Foreign Missions----- 6.75

Signed:

W. R. OSHELL.
CHAS. D. TIBBILS.

The following resolution, offered by H. W. Townsend, was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved that the Clerk have the necessary number of Minutes of the proceeding of this Association meeting printed, and after paying for printing and other incidental costs, he be allowed the remainder of the Minute Fund for his services.

Resolved further, that he be extended the hearty thanks of this body for his efficient, sacrificial services.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 8:00 o'clock by the Moderator.

Doctrinal was preached by J. W. Wade, of the Imboden church.

Dismissed with prayer until 11:00 a. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

After Sunday School the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and L. R. Burress, of Jonesboro, preached.

The following resolution was offered by H. W. Townsend, and adopted:

Resolved, that this body extend to Imboden church and the citizens of the town our sincere thanks for their bounteous hospitality during this Association meeting.

Association adjourned with prayer, to meet with Pocahontas church at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1920.

FRANK MASSEY, Clerk.

H. E. KIRKPATRICK, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Black River Association of Missionary Baptist churches.

Article 2. The purpose of this Association shall be to enlist, combine and direct the energies of the sisterhood of churches in Missions—State, Home and Foreign, Christian Education, Sunday Schools, Orphans' Home, Temperance and such other interests as will promote the Lord's cause among men.

Article 3. Each church within the bounds of this Association shall be entitled to three delegates, and to one additional delegate for each fifty members or fractional part thereof above the first fifty.

Article 4. The officers of this body shall consist of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall also be treasurer, elected annually and who shall discharge the duties generally incumbent upon such officers.

Article 5. The Association shall appoint annually an executive committee, consisting of five members, whose duty it shall be to look after the general interests of our work during the interim of the annual meetings of this body. This committee shall report annually its work to the Association.

Article 6. The Association shall appoint at each annual meeting two preachers to prepare and preach a sermon at the ensuing meeting. One to preach the associational sermon, and the other a doctrinal sermon.

Article 7. This body shall be purely advisory in its purpose and work and shall never usurp the authority of the churches or infringe upon the independence and rights of the individual church.

Article 8. At each annual meeting of the Association a committee shall be appointed to report back to said meeting, assignment to the various churches the work of preparing for the next session, reports on the various objects on which this Association now does or hereafter may decide to have reports.

Article 9. The time for holding the annual sessions of this body shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, and shall continue for three days. The place for holding the next ensuing session shall be selected by a majority vote of the delegates present at each annual session.

Article 10. This constitution can be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting, provided such amendment be offered at the first day and voted

on the second day of the meeting of the body.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. M. Frizzell.....	Black Rock
J. P. Dunn.....	Hoxie
W. T. Jackson.....	Hoxie
J. W. Wade.....	Imboden
C. D. Tibbles.....	Imboden
G. B. Borah.....	Imboden
H. T. Ross.....	Imboden
F. M. Carter.....	Mammoth Spring
W. D. Ellis.....	Swifton
H. L. Thomas.....	Swifton
H. C. Vick.....	Tuckerman
J. J. Mathis.....	Walnut Ridge
H. E. Kirkpatrick.....	Walnut Ridge

The Fifth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Black River Association, met at the Imboden Baptist Church, Thursday, September 25th, 1919, at 2:00 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by our Associational Superintendent, Mrs. C. E. Post.

After singing, "I Am Thine, O, Lord," devotional services were led by Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, who read the 139th Psalm; prayer was led by Mrs. J. G. Jackson.

Mrs. J. W. Wade was appointed as enrollment committee, and reported the following members at the afternoon service:

From Hoxie—Mrs. R. R. Robinson, Mrs. C. E. Post.

From Pocahontas—Mrs. R. E. Riggs, Mrs. H. L. Throgmorton, Mrs. D. L. Wiley, Mrs. Clifford Price, Mrs. L. C. Haynes, Mrs. Keefer Campbell, Mrs. Edgar Lehman, Mrs. Frank Massey, Mrs. B. F. Tracey, Mrs. Daley Munday, Mrs. E. E. Lewis.

From Swifton—Mrs. W. R. Oshell.

From Alicia—Mrs. Eva Byrd, Mrs. H. B. McCullough, Mrs. L. P. Lemay, Mrs. F. Andrews.

From Imboden—Mrs. R. V. Goss, Mrs. J. T. Helms, Mrs. J. H. Washum, Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, Mrs. J. W. Wade, Mrs. Jno. M. Smith, Mrs. J. L. Stewart, Mrs. R. F. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. N. Jarrett, Mrs. H. R. Bowers, Mrs. J. A. Hill, Mrs. C. A. Phillips, Miss Ida James, Mrs. C. A. Phillips.

Bro. J. P. Dunn, of Hoxie, Bro. G. C. Gardner, of Alicia, Bro. W. R. Oshell, of Swifton, and Bro. H. E. Kirkpatrick, of Walnut Ridge, were also present at the meeting.

We regret very much that the ladies of Walnut Ridge did not send their letter, but glad that Bro. Kirkpatrick could give us a report, that we might learn about the great work they are doing. We sure want them to be able to report in person next year.

As the secretary was not present, Mrs. J. A. Hill was elected Secretary Pro Tem.

The following reports were read by the different societies:

Pocahontas showing membership 18, average attendance, 10, expenditure \$ 26.50
Alicia showing membership 10, average attendance good, expenditure---- 41.00
Black Rock showing membership 10, average attendance 6, expenditure-- 75.00
Imboden showing membership 14, average attendance 12, expenditure-- 233.50
Hoxie showing membership 38, average attendance 11, expenditure----- 396.42

Swifton, Mammoth Spring and Walnut Ridge failed to get their reports in.

The paper, "Why More Consecration Should be the Leading Factor in Every Christian's Life," read by Mrs. Massey of Pocahontas, was very good, and enjoyed by all present, and it should teach every one of us more consecration to our Master's work.

Song, "More Like the Master."

The address by our Superintendent, Mrs. C. E. Post, was certainly fine, and should show to us just what could be accomplished by us if we would carry out the great plans she has put before us in our W. M. U. work.

The subject, "What is the Christian's Attitude Toward Our Young People," was discussed by Miss Mildred Matthews of Jonesboro, and those who missed this wonderful talk missed a great thing. The talk to the mothers and teachers especially, was very good, and Miss Matthews understands this work thoroughly.

Song, "Millions for the Master."

A short address was then given by our State Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, which was very good and enjoyed by every one.

Bro. Kirkpatrick led in prayer.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Literature Committee—Miss M. Matthews, Mrs. R. R. Robinson, Mrs. D. L. Wiley, Pocahontas.

Resolution Committee—Mrs. Clifford Price, Mrs. W. R. Oshell and Mrs. L. P. LeMay.

Obituary Committee—Mrs. R. R. Robinson, Hoxie; Mrs. Eva Byrd, Alicia; Mrs. W. R. Oshell, Swifton.

Nomination Committee—Miss Ida James, Imboden; Mrs. H. L. Throgmorton, Pocahontas; Mrs. Eva Byrd, Alicia.

Reports from these committees were as follows:

REPORT FROM RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

We take great pleasure as your Committee on Resolutions in behalf of the W. M. U. to express gratitude and appreciation for all courtesy extended during its session. Therefore, be it Resolved, That we extend to the church and ladies of Imboden our sincere thanks for their kindness and hospitality during our meeting. We are grateful to our efficient officers and especially our worthy Superintendent, Mrs. C. E. Post; also the helpful talk by Mrs. J. G. Jackson, our State Secretary; and to Miss Matthews, the District Organizer. And we thank our Heavenly Father for his wonderful goodness to us in giving the opportunity to attend this meeting, and wonderfully blessed and benefited in a spiritual way, and are returning to our homes with helpful messages to our sisters who could not attend.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLIFFORD PRICE, Pocahontas.

MRS. W. R. OSHELL, Swifton.

MRS. L. P. LEMAY, Alicia.

Resolved, That we, your Committee on Obituaries, beg to report that we cherish the memory of our departed ones, and that their Christian life may ever be an example to us.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. R. ROBINSON, Hoxie.

MRS. EVA BYRD, Alicia.

MRS. W. R. OSHELL, Swifton.

REPORT FROM LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

We, your Literature Committee, realize the great need of Christian literature at this time, recommend the following; that we give prayerful consideration to the study of God's word and that each society take up some definite Bible study and that each lady in our church subscribe for and read the Royal Service, Baptist Advance, and Home and Foreign Field. We recommend that each society take up the study of the W. M. U. Manual of Methods.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS M. MATTHEWS, Jonesboro.

MRS. R. R. ROBINSON, Hoxie.

MRS. D. L. WILEY, Pocahontas.

We, your Committee on Nomination, beg to report that we nominate Mrs. H. L. Mus, of Walnut Ridge, President; Mrs. C. E. Post, of Hoxie, Superintendent; Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, of Imboden, Secretary and Treasurer, for the following year.

Respectfully,

MISS IDA JAMES, Imboden.

MRS. H. L. THROGMORTON, Pocahontas.

MRS. EVA BYRD, Alicia.

We were dismissed by prayer, led by Bro. Kirkpatrick, to meet again at 8:00 p. m.

The evening session was called to order by our Superintendent, Mrs. Post. Song, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

Devotional services led by Mrs. J. A. Hill.

Duet by Mrs. H. L. Throgmorton and Mrs. Jessie Phelps.

Memorial services led by Mrs. Robinson of Hoxie.

Our deceased to whom we wish to pay tribute of respects are Melissa Foster, of Hoxie; Mrs. Ethel Davidson, of Hoxie; Mrs. Anna Townsend and Mrs. W. A. Smith, of Walnut Ridge.

It is again we come together to offer prayer for the loved ones of our deceased sisters and that we may be submissive to our Heavenly Father's will, and that we may follow the Christian example these noble women left to us by their noble Christ-like life.

Standing prayer was offered by Rev. H. E. Kirkpatrick.

Song, "When Millions Come Pouring In."

Address by Miss Mildred Matthews on the value of the W. M. U. Training School, which was delivered very splendidly and explained as no one else but herself could do, she being a product of that school herself, and I am sure that girls who are called by our Heavenly Father for that part of his work would surely like to go there to school.

Song, "The King's Business."

The 75 Million Campaign was then discussed by Mrs. J. G. Jackson, and it was made so plain how badly our offering is needed that I am sure that no one went out from under the sound of her voice without the determination to do what they possibly could.

We should have all received a higher inspiration in the carrying on of our Master's work and endeavor to help as best we can, though it be feeble, to raise the seventy-five million.

After deciding to meet at the annual Black River Association on Thursday before the third Sunday of next September, 1920, we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. P. Dunn.

Reports from Walnut Ridge and Mammoth Spring received later.

Walnut Ridge—Membership, 25 active; 10, honorary; average attendance of 11; paid out for all purposes, \$645.95.

Mammoth Spring—11 members; good attendance, and total paid out, \$121.50.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Number of letters written.....	50
Number of Societies visited.....	3
New Societies organized	1
Number of Tracts distributed.....	150
Number of subscriptions taken to Royal Service.....	22

Total Paid Out by All Societies.

Home Missions	\$ 161.50
Foreign Missions	75.50
Orphans' Home	44.00
Benevolence	102.45
Christian Education	216.75
Minute Fund	4.00
Building and Church Expense.....	939.17
Total.....	\$1,546.37

B. Y. P. U.

Walnut Ridge—(One Society)—Miss Delia Hall, President; Miss Ruby McCarroll, Secretary. Expense of literature, \$15.00.

S T A T I S T I C A L T A B L E

CHURCHES	Received by Letter Baptised	Otherwise	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	S.S. Enrollment	S.S. Expenses	Pastors' Salary	Ass'al Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphans Home	Building and Repairing	Other Objects	Total	Value Church Property
Alicia	8	1			1	16	35	\$ 7 00	\$ 100 00		\$ 50 00	\$ 11 00	\$ 6 00			\$ 110 00	\$ 86 00	\$ 370 50	\$ 1500 00
Black Rock			3		1	88	50	45 00	120 75		25 00	10 00	10 00		20 00	51 35	47 17	329 27	2300 00
Hoxie	20	10			3	126	160	35 85		\$ 2 00	130 15	21 00	20 00	5 00	35 00	361 42	123 45	731 02	3000 00
Imboden	6	8	16			97	92	45 19	1200 06		125 00	20 00	20 00			266 32	121 22	1808 38	2500 00
M. Spring	1	9	1	2		31	42	36 62	500 00		27 65		46 43	5 00		164 85	34 10	814 61	1500 00
Minturn																			
Pocahontas		2	12			113	75	55 62			50 00	20 87	20 87	48 66	23 96		79 00	291 98	3000 00
Portia																			
Swifton	1	3		9	1	38	40	58 18	216 78		68 00	56 75	33 75	5 00	33 60		107 50	567 16	800 00
Smithville		5	5	1		40			180 00								175 70	33 70	600 00
Strangers Home																			
Tuckerman	13	13	1	1	4	170	100	65 00	450 00			90 00	35 00	10 90	60 00		85 00	795 00	3000 00
Walnut Grove	10	12	1		2	73	75	20 00	75 00		2 50	3 50	3 25	10 00			47 33	161 58	1000 00
Walnut Ridge	19	11	6		4	129	150	89 08	1500 00		245 00	271 50	261 50	500 00	107 26	401 75	509 44	3890 51	22000 00
Total	70	81	3	44	16	1021	810	458 14	4342 50	2 00	723 30	481 62	436 77	573 66	239 92	1030 79	1415 91	10095 72	41000 00

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Strangers Home					
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