

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
FT. SMITH - OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

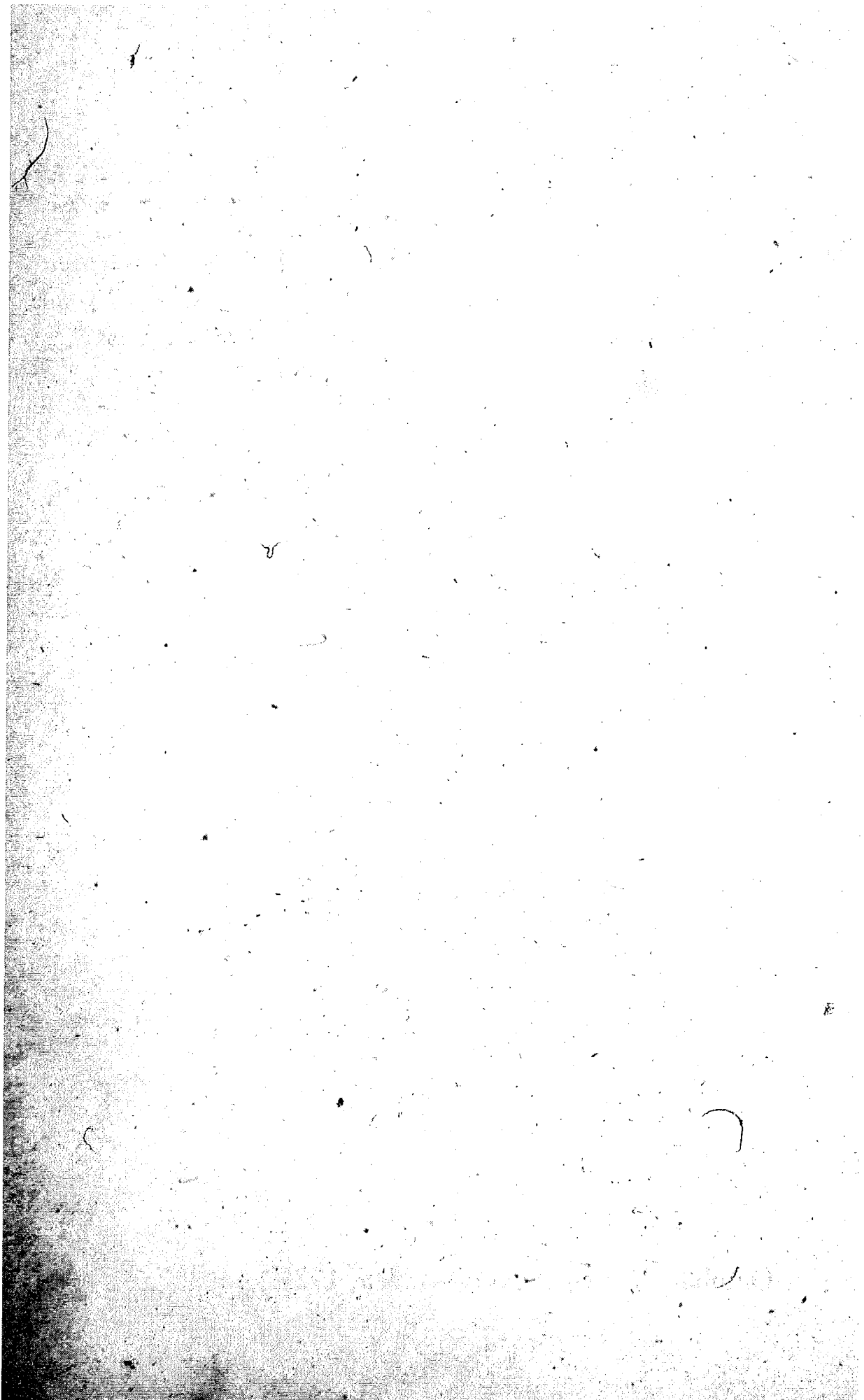
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Conference organized in 1881  
and the Oklahoma Conference  
organized in 1908.

*of the*

Methodist Protestant Church



HELD AT  
COMANCHE, OKLAHOMA  
October 31st to November 3rd, 1923



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## ROLL OF OUR HONORED DEAD

Ables, A. A.; Armstrong, M. D.; Avery, B. F.; Bryan, W. A.; Bounds, J. E.; Bourke, . . . .; Brooks, Finley; Bradford, John; Burr, Polk; Buross, J. P.; Garnett, T. E.; Cole, R. B.; Ford, Boaz; Floyd, H. T.; Foster, W. A.; Fannon, J. W.; Garris, M. B.; Grubb, J. A.; Gregory, J. A.; Hopkins, J. B.; Holdridge, J. W.; Hughes, A. B.; Jacobs, W. F.; Johnson, W. M.; Lanston, Herman; Lentz, J. M.; Leech, Thomas; Moore, R. B.; Mackey, A. J.; Mason, Clark; Murdock, W. S.; Patton, William; Pate, . . . .; Powell, James; Phipps, J. F.; Roark, A.; Sexton, Jacob; Simmons, W. G.; Smalley, A. J.; Stumbaugh, A. J.; Shackelford, S. J.; Stocton, John; Stevens, J. S.; Terry, J. W.; Tunstall, R. V.; Wallace, . . . .; Wood, A. H.; Whiticer, William; Whiticer, James; Wilson, W. B.; Williams, James.

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## OUR LIFE SERVICE RECRUITS

Miss Gladys Thompson, Mansfield, Ark., Foreign Missions; Miss Ona Evans, Hugo, Okla., Missions; C. C. Harmon, Gans, Okla., Ministry; Carl Wright, Eagletown, Okla., Ministry; Miss Buel Rushing, Quinton, Okla., Young People's Work; Ivan R. Wilson, West Fork, Ark., Ministry; Roscoe S. Ferguson, Strickler, Ark., Undecided; Roy Kirby, Charleston, Ark., Consecrated Service; Miss Estelle Neal, Cedarville, Ark., Home Missions; Miss Beulah Pitts, Hagarville, Ark., Home Missions; Clyde Parham, Idabel, Okla., Ministry; Mrs. Clyde Parham, Idabel, Okla., C. E. Work; Mrs. Clara Bowen, Meeker, Okla., Soul-Winner; Miss Anna Trent, Meeker, Okla., Consecrated Service; Mrs. Opal Grey, Prague, Okla., Service; Miss Stella Roberts, Meeker, Okla., Service; Miss Frances Nash, Prague, Okla., Service; Mrs. O. J. Bartell, Payson, Okla., S. S. Teacher; Mrs. Harrison Horton, Meeker, Okla., S. S. and C. E. Work; Earl McNabb, Sentinel, Okla., Ministry; E. L. Harrell, Duncan, Okla., C. E. Field Work; Mrs. J. W. Quaid, Quinton, Okla., C. E. Field Worker; J. M. Hastings, Foss, Okla., Minister; Miss Orva Banks, Comanche, Okla., Foreign Missions; Miss Prudence Choat, Comanche, Okla., C. E. Field Work; V. L. McDonald, Haworth, Okla., Ministry; Henry W. Crawford, Hugo, Okla., Ministry.

**CONFERENCE ROLL OF ITINERANT MINISTERS**

Ayers, T. D., Hon, Ark.; Banks, W. C., Comanche, Okla.; Bounds, R. W., Comanche, Okla.; Burrows, J. W.; Combs, Ark.\*; Browers, J. W., Quinton, Okla.; Copeland, J. W.; Chandler, Okla.; Curtner, L. M., Lincoln, Ark.; Dickerson, T. L., Ozark, Ark.\*; Ford, Mrs. M. B. Wynnewood, Okla.; Gammage, A. E., Wilburton, Okla.\*; Kelly, W. H., Texas\*; Kendall, J. L., Ark.\*; ~~Land, John, L., Prague, Okla.~~; Mathews, M. L., Idabel, Okla.; Maggart, H. E., Duncan, Okla.; McElvany, W. R., Prague, Okla.\*; McMillan, G. O., Hugo, Okla.; Moody, John A., Ft. Smith, Ark.; Pettigrew, J. W., Haworth, Okla.\*; Overby, J. L., Haworth, Okla.; Price, J. B., Cement, Okla.; Quaid, Thomas, Milburn, Okla.\*; Quaid, J. W., Quinton, Okla.; Rhoten, A. J., Haworth, Okla.; ~~Rebey, A. T., Okla. City, Okla.\*~~; Simmons, C. T., Elmore City, Okla.; Simmons, Leroy, Dill, Okla.; Thompson, B. A.; Mansfield, Ark.\*; Worley, A. D., Wheeler, Texas\*; Prim, T. H., Miami, Okla.\*

**SUPERANUATED MINISTERS**

Ballard, W. D., Olustee, Okla.\*; Brice, F. S. C., Erick, Okla.\*; Doughty, D. J., Ponca City, Okla.\*; Foster, W. A., Crosses, Ark.\*; Garrison, R. E., Uncas, Okla.\*; Honea, J. M., Ozark, Ark.\*; Killgore, J. A., Fayetteville, Ark.\*; Lewis, T. E., Ft. Smith, Ark.\*; Martin, J. J., Hugo, Okla.\*; Neal, Lee, Cedarville, Ark.\*; Nichols, R. R., Denning, Ark.\*; Pace, B. F., Blanchard, Okla.\*; Prior, J. A., Quinton, Okla.\*; Smith, W. H., Winslow, Ark.\*; Purcell, William, Lavaca, Ark.\*

**LICENTIATES**

Floyd, Nolan, Milburn, Okla.; Hobbs, T. J., Denning, Ark.\*; Land, J. J., Hagarville, Ark.\*; Parker, S. D., Tehuacana, Texas\*; Parks, M. D., Tehuacana, Texas\*; Sidwell, Mrs. Ora, Lee Creek, Ark.\*; Wilson, Ivan R., West Fork, Ark.\*; Crawford, H. L., Ozark, Ark.; Howard, J. O., Duncan, Okla.; Harlan, H. H., Ft. Smith, Ark.\*; Wright, Carl, Eagletown, Okla.\*; McDonald, V. L., Boswell, Oklahoma.

**UNSTATIONED ROLL**

Cravens, J. G.\*; Holloway, J. M.\*; Stacy, J. H., Crowder, Okla.\*

**CONFERENCE ROLL OF LAYMEN**

Sutton, C. A., Hugo, Okla.; Rushing, G. N., Quinton, Okla.\*; Adair, H. R., Boswell, Okla.\*; Harrell, W. P., Duncan, Okla.; McDonald, V. L., Haworth, Okla.; Harris, Henry, Pleasant Hill, Okla.;

(\* Denotes absence from Conference).

Creveling, Harry, Fletcher, Okla.; Blanscett, Jeff, Ozark, Ark.; Bocher, L. E., Uncas, Okla.\*; Ward, Will H., Elmore City, Okla.; Dark, Charley, Comanche, Okla.; McNabb, Earl, Sentinel, Okla.; McClain, A. J., Wynnewood, Okla.\*; Martin, C. L., Mansfield, Ark.\*; Moody, W. M., Ft. Smith, Ark.\*; Horton, H. H., Meeker, Oklahoma.\*

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G. N. Rushing, Quinton, Okla.; Clarence Scott, Marlow, Okla.; L. E. Bocher, Uncas, Okla.; Ernest Smith, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Zebb Rainwater, Charleston, Ark.; Lyle Deliplane, Mansfield, Ark.; A. V. Ford, Wynnewood, Okla.; Earl McNabb, Sentinel, Okla.; John Moss, Foss, Okla.; Jacob Igo, Cement, Okla.; Miss Zena Mullenix, Cement, Okla.; J. S. Bennite, Quinton, Okla.; C. C. Horn, Quinton, Oklahoma.

(This is an Incomplete List)

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORKERS

Harry Creveling, Fletcher, Okla.; G. D. Mullenix, Cement, Okla.; Miss Cole, Fletcher, Okla.; Miss Bertha Allwordt, Lawton, Okla.; Mrs. Clarence Scott, Marlow, Okla.; W. M. Moody, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Fannie Roberson, Charleston, Ark.; Carl Wright, Wynnewood, Okla.; Mrs. M. A. McClain, Wynnewood, Okla.; Miss Linnie Fenn, Dill, Okla.; Miss Buel Rushing, Quinton, Okla.; Eugene McCurdy, Quinton, Okla.; Miss Ineta Thompson, Quinton, Okla.

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The next session of the Annual Conference will be held at Hugo, Okla., beginning Wednesday, October 29, 1924.

This conference is supporting a chair in Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas. Send your boy and girl to our own schools. Ozark Academy, and Westminster College.

## HISTORY OF FORT SMITH-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

The Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference, as it has Christened itself, has had a varied history. The Ft. Smith part was organized into a separate Conference out of the North Arkansas Conference in the year of 1881. There had been Methodist Protestants in this section of Arkansas before the Civil War. The first president of the Ft. Smith district, Rev. Clark Mason, lies buried on the Fayetteville circuit. Some splendid work was done by such men as Mason, Stumbaugh, Bartholomew, Mackey, Wilson, Jacobs, and a host of others. The only charter members now alive are Rev. R. R. Nichols, of Denning, Ark., and Rev. T. E. Lewis, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

The Oklahoma part of this new Conference has had quite as varied a past. The first district of the present state of Oklahoma to be organized was the northeastern part, known as the Indian Mission Conference, which was organized about the year 1887. W. B. Tinsell was a leading man in this conference. A little later the Oklahoma Conference, the Southern Oklahoma Conference, the Chickasaw Mission and later the Choctaw Mission was organized. Among the leading men in these districts were B. L. Hancock, J. E. Bounds, B. J. Doughty, and a host of others. These Oklahoma Districts were merged by the General Conference in 1908.

General Conference of 1916, recommended the merging of the Oklahoma and Ft. Smith districts which was done in a splendid and harmonious session at Shiloh, near Mansfield, Ark., Nov. 1-4, 1917.

There is a splendid outlook in this division of our Great Church. As I think of the Apple Crowned Hills of Arkansas, the prize fruit country of the Union, with the beautiful little city of Fayetteville, sitting like a pearl among the Ozarks, I say, "Lord help us to measure up to the opportunity in this section." Then I hie away to the westward across the great Arkansas River valley, most fertile of the regions of the Southwest with Ft. Smith the giant young Metropolis sitting mid-way between Kansas City and the Gulf, bidding fair to dispute with any the kingdom of the Southwest. I find also in this section gas, oil, coal, timber, and cotton, the fleecy staple that has made man rich in a single year. In this section are Miami, the prince of mining towns, where we have a Mission; Tulsa, the chief of oil towns, whose growth and wealth

are marvelous; Oklahoma City lies just to the west of this region, not even Kansas could rival the wheat fields of Central Oklahoma. To the west are cattle ranging sections with their fertile river valleys. To the south is Lindsey, the greatest broom-corn market in the world, surrounded by fertile river valleys with wealth and natural resources.

What is the Spiritual outlook? We have some fifteen or sixteen young men entering the Ministry. We have in all some sixty-five ministers on our rolls. We believe in them and they believe in the Church of Mutual Rights. Many splendid movements are being set on foot and you will hear ere long from the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference. People are beginning to demand a right to exercise their intelligence in Church affairs as well as in other lines of human Endeavor.

Rev. M. L. Mathews served as President of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference from November, 1917, to November, 1920. Under the wise and untiring efforts of President Mathews, the Conference made great progress, as is shown by the Annual Reports of 1917 to 1920. Since the uniting of the Conference, Mr. E. W. Mackey, Rev. J. A. Phipps, and Rev. G. O. McMillan, have served as Conference Stewards.

At the November, 1920, Conference the following officers were elected: O. W. Milburn, President, M. L. Mathews, Treasurer, and G. O. McMillan, Secretary.

At the October, 1921, Conference, the following officers were elected: M. L. Mathews, President, G. O. McMillan, Secretary, R. Underwood, Treasurer. This Conference reported 1100 conversions, and 750 additions to the Church during the year just closed with 20 students in Westminster College.

At the Sixth Annual Session, the following officers were elected: John W. Quaid, President, G. O. McMillan, Secretary, A. J. Rhoten, Treasurer. Six young men and four young women volunteered for the ministry and other Christian Service at this Conference. The reports show over 900 Conversions, and 484 additions to the Church. A healthy increase in all lines is shown and no charge was left unsupplied.

At the seventh Annual Session the following officers were elected: John W. Quaid, president; J. W. Browers, secretary; A. J. Rhoten, treasurer. Seven fine young men and women volunteered for life service at this Conference. Reports show . . . . Conversions, and . . . . additions. No Charge was left unsupplied.

Let this be our slogan: "Every thing over the top this year in a financial way." Don't forget the four days during the year for the General Church offering. Do your best to put on a programme for each of these days.



## JOURNAL

The seventh Annual Session of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church met the Thirty-first day of October, 1923, at the Methodist Protestant Church, Comanche, Oklahoma. Conference opened at 10 A. M. with song Scripture reading, I Cor. 1, by President J. W. Quald and sentence prayers by members.

The President declared the Conference opened for business and the secretary called the roll. On account of there being a number of the conference members absent the President deferred the appointment of committees until a later hour. By motion Conference adjourned until 1:30 P. M. The Conference sermon was deferred to the evening hour.

### First Day Afternoon

Conference convened at 1:30 P. M. J. W. Browers led in the devotional service. Roll was called noting absentees.

The President then named the following committees: (See Committees). At 2:00 P. M. the president declared the hour for the election of officers. J. L. Land, J. W. Copeland, W. P. Harrell were appointed as tellers. By motion, nominations were ordered by ballot. The first ballots showed a majority for J. W. Quald as President. By motion the vote was made unanimous.

By motion Rev. J. W. Browers was elected Secretary of the Conference by acclamation. A. J. Rhoten was nominated by ballot, and by motion was unanimously elected conference Treasurer.

By motion the president was authorized to nominate the standing district committee. He named J. M. Bizzell, G. N. Rushing, W. C. Banks, H. J. Medford, J. A. Moody, and G. O. McMillan. By motion they were elected.

By motion the president was authorized to name standing committee. He named: V. L. McDonald and W. P. Harrell and by motion they were elected. Rev. M. L. Mathews was elected Trustee for the Watalulu Camp Ground for the ensuing year. Rev. G. O. McMillan was elected president of Young People's Work.

For a few moments the Conference discussed the report on the Itinerant Ministry, made by a Committee appointed by General Conference officials. By motion this report was adopted.

A motion for the President to appoint the necessary committees to carry out this report, carried. A. J. Rhoten, J. A. Moody, G. O. McMillan, V. L. McDonald, and C. A. Suttan were appointed.

Rev. J. A. Richardson, a member of the Colorado-Texas Conference was introduced and gave a splendid address. Conference adjourned for the day.

### Evening Hour

At seven o'clock Rev. J. W. Copeland preached the Conference sermon. John 11:5.

### Second Day—Morning Session

Conference convened at 9 o'clock. Devotional services led by J. A. Moody. Roll called and as the conference stood with bowed heads the roll of the honored dead was called. The minutes of the first days proceedings were read and approved. The president then



made a partial report and by motion it was adopted. (See President's report).

By motion the president was given the authority to appoint a committee to group the charges for the summer conferences. G. O. McMillan and Jeff Blanscet were appointed to serve with the boundary committee. By motion recommendation No. 5 of President's report was reconsidered. By motion this recommendation was referred to the committee on assessments. By motion the selection of a place for next Annual Conference was taken up. Hugo was nominated and by motion nominations closed and Hugo was unanimously elected.

By motion J. A. Phipps and J. A. Richardson were selected as Honorary members of this conference. Rev. J. A. Phipps was introduced and gave an address in behalf of Westminster College. By motion the Conference considered the adoption of a chair in Westminster College. By motion the conference assumed half support of the Chair this year, with full support next year. The hour having arrived for the Eleven o'clock service, conference adjourned to hear Rev. Phipps bring a splendid message on "Following Jesus."

#### Afternoon of Second Day

Devotional service was led by Rev. G. O. McMillan. The afternoon was devoted to Young People's Work, Rev. McMillan in charge. Mr. Clarence Suttan, President of the Hugo Christian Endeavor, told briefly of the work at that place. Henry Crawford, then told what Christian Endeavor had done for him. He praised C. E. very highly. Rev. Rhoten spoke briefly of the work at Haworth. Moody, Phipps, and others made brief talks on Young People's Work. Jimmie Ray, a returned missionary from Old Mexico gave a splendid address on social life in Mexico. Conference adjourned for the day.

#### Evening Hour

The evening service opened with a good song and prayer service after which Rev. Henry Crawford of Hugo, Oklahoma, now a student in Ozark Academy, brought us a fine message on "Why I entered the Ministry."

Then Mr. Harold Singer, Field Secretary of Oklahoma Christian Endeavor Union, gave a splendid lecture on life service. Jimmie Ray then brought a heart searching message on "the needs of Old Mexico." Next G. O. McMillan made a strong appeal for life service recruits. Seven fine young people answered the call for full life time service. (See list of life service recruits).

#### Third Day

Conference convened at 9:30. Devotional led by Earl McNabb of Sentinel, Oklahoma. Roll call. Minutes of second day's proceedings read and after one correction, were adopted. Report of committee on state of Itinerant Ministry was read and adopted.

(See report A). Report on Literature and Periodicals was read and adopted. (See report B). The preaching hour having arrived business was suspended while Mrs. M. B. Ford, pastor of Daylight charge, brought a timely message from John 10:10. At the close of her message, while we were all wondering how we would get through the rain and mud, to dinner, Sister Robert Bounds surprised us by announcing that the ladies had prepared dinner and were going to serve it in the Church and talk about good eats! We will all have to take our hats off to the ladies of Comanche.

### Afternoon of Third Day

Conference convened by Devotional Service led by V. L. McDonald of Haworth, Oklahoma. Report of committee on Itinerancy and Orders was read and by motion was adopted (See report C). President of young people's work made a report and it was received. (See report D). A motion was made for all Pastors to obligate themselves to have the President of Young People's Work, at least one time this year, in a Young People's Rally. Motion carried. Report of committee on Boundaries read and by motion was referred back to committee for amendment. Rev. G. O. McMillan was elected President of the Electoral College, after which Conference adjourned so that the Electoral College might convene. J. W. Quaid, Munroe Hastings, Earl McNabb, J. W. Browers, W. P. Harrell were chosen as tellers for the college.

Rev. J. W. Quaid and Rev. G. O. McMillan were nominated as ministerial delegates to General Conference. J. W. Quaid was elected on first ballot. C. A. Suttan and R. E. Lee were nominated as lay delegates. Lee was elected on first ballot. Rev. G. O. McMillan, and Rev. J. W. Browers, were nominated as second Ministerial delegates. McMillan was elected on first ballot. C. A. Suttan and H. J. Medford were nominated as second lay delegates. Suttan was elected on third ballot. Rev. M. L. Mathews and Rev. J. W. Browers were nominated as Alternate Ministerial Delegates. Mathews was elected on the sixth ballot. Will H. Ward and H. J. Medford, were nominated as alternate lay delegates. Ward was elected on first ballot. The electoral college was then dissolved and the conference resumed business.

Committee on assessments made a report. A motion to adopt report lost. By motion the report was referred back to committee for correction. Conference took recess for the evening preaching services, at 7 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Richardson, of San Angelo, Tex., brought a wonderful message on the subject "Christ the only way." After which conference convened for a short session. Report on assessments after being revised was again read, and by motion was adopted. (See report E).

By motion the president was given authority to nominate trustees for the conference parsonage, J. W. Browers, J. A. Moody, and C. A. Suttan were named, and elected. The following were named for Forward Movement Committee: A. J. Rhoten, G. O. McMillan, and M. L. Mathews, and were elected. The following were named as chairmen of the several districts to hold summer conferences: Hugo District, Robert E. Lee, Haworth, Oklahoma; Brady District, Will H. Ward, Elmore City, Oklahoma; Comanche District, E. E. Alexander, Marlow, Oklahoma; Prague District, Otis Rundles, Prague, Oklahoma; Anna District, Roscoe Fergeson, Strickler, Arkansas; Ft. Smith District, J. B. Garras, Mansfield, Arkansas; Denning District, W. O. Byrd, Ozark, Arkansas. Conference then adjourned until 8 o'clock Saturday.

### Fourth Day—Morning Session

Conference opened with devotional services led by Rev. T. D. Ayers. Roll call, minutes of third days proceedings read and approved. Report of the committee on resolutions read and approved. (See report F). Conference then took recess for committee work.

After a short recess conference again convened for business.

Boundary Committee made report and after one correction it was adopted. (See report G). Committee on education reported, their report was received. (See report H). Report on official character was read and after some changes was adopted. (See report I).

A resolution concerning Ozark Academy was read and heartily adopted. (See resolution, Ozark academy). Conference then adjourned for preaching at the 11 o'clock hour. Rev. Nolan Floyd, pastor of Bold-Springs circuit preached an inspiring sermon on "Christian Loyalty."

#### Fourth Day—Afternoon Session

This being the last evening for business, Conference convened and plunged into the work of winding up the business. The report of the Stationing Committee was approved. (See report J). Statistical Committee reported, and by motion report was referred back for a more complete report. (See report K). Motion to retain the board of Church Extension, carried. B. F. James was elected to take T. L. Dickerson's place on the Ozark Academy board. This finishing the business for this session, Conference adjourned by prayer, to meet again Oct. 29, 1924, with the First Methodist Protestant Church of Hugo, Oklahoma.

J. W. BROWERS,  
Secretary.

JOHN W. QUAID,  
President.

Brethren trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, let us strive to reach the goals we have set.

Remember we are to support half of a chair in Westminster College, this year, with a promise of full support next year.

Another forward step we have made is we are going to build a Conference parsonage for our president to live in.

#### COMMITTEES

Assessments—W. C. Banks, C. A. Suttan.

Literature and Periodicals—J. L. Land, J. W. Copeland.

State of Itinerant Ministry—A. J. Rhoten, G. O. McMillan, C. A. Suttan, J. A. Moody, V. L. McDonald.

Itinerancy and Orders—G. O. McMillan, R. W. Bounds, W. P. Harrell.

Stationing Committee—J. W. Quaid, V. L. McDonald, W. P. Harrell.

Boundary Committee—John A. Moody, T. D. Ayers, G. O. McMillan.

Official Character—H. E. Maggart, L. M. Curtner, H. O. Harris, Leroy Simmons.

Educational—W. C. Banks.

Resolutions—C. T. Simmons.

Statistical—J. L. Overby, Floyd Nolan.

**(Report A)**

Committee on State of Itinerant Ministry. We recommend as follows: 1—That a committee to be known as the Forward Movement Committee to be named. This committee to supervise like committees in the group districts of the Conference that these district committees supervise a Church committee who shall supervise the Church Finances.

2—That so far as possible all Churches be opened and that a Pastor be supplied for each Church regardless of what may have been done by said Church in the past year. That each Church be made to understand that it is a part of the Great Church Body, and not a separate organization for promoting only self interest.

3—That the President and a committee of two from the Forward Movement Committee make investigations of Strategic Centers within ninety days and report to the Home Mission Board. Expenses of this survey to be cared for from Annual Conference Expenses to be apportioned and collected as other assessments.

4—That the following districts to be set off, and a Chairman appointed by Stationing Committee, to hold District Conferences for educational purposes. These conferences to be held alternately, so that one group of teachers may visit each District. That the President may be Chairman or, if unable to do so, he name a Chairman whose duty shall be to provide speakers and dates to hold Conferences of not less than two days in each district.

**DISTRICTS**

**HUGO**—Hugo, Boswell, Idabel, Rock Hill, Eagletown, Pleasant Hill, Haworth.

**BRADY**—Boldsprings, Brady, Daylight.

**COMANCHE**—Comanche, Hope, Madden Grove, Cement, Dill.

**PRAGUE**—Prague, Uncas.

**ANNA**—Anna, Sardis, Cedarville.

**Ft. SMITH**—Ft. Smith, Quinton, Mansfield, Shiloh.

**DENNING**—Denning, Valley, Beech Grove, Ozark.

Committee— A. J. Rhoten,  
G. O. McMillan,  
C. A. Suttan,  
J. A. Moody,  
V. L. McDonald.

**(Report B)**

We, your committee in Literature and Periodicals, recommend:

1st—That we use our own Sunday School Literature whenever possible;

2nd—That each pastor preach at least one sermon each year

on the influence of the sort of literature read in the home, and do his best to put into the homes of his people, some good books and set the example by heading the list himself for some good book recommended by our own denomination.

3rd—That each pastor be required by the stationing authority of the Conference to be a subscriber to one of our church papers, and see every member of his or her charge and urge them to take one of our papers;

4th—That by the first of January, 1924, we reach the following goals: Anna—12; Beech Grove—7; Boswell—10; Brady—10; Cedarville—10; Couthron—10; Cement—7; Comanche—10; Denning—20; Dill—10; Daylight—6; Eagletown—8; Ft. Smith—20; Hawthorth—10; Hugo—20; Cove Creek—8; Pleasant Hill—8; Prague—10; Quinton—8; Rock Hill—5; Bold Springs—6; Shiloh—8; Uncas—5; Valley—5; That renewals count on the goals.

J. L. LAND, J. W. COPELAND, Committee.

#### (Report C)

Your committee on Itinerancy and Orders desire to report as follows: A. B. Kindrick having no Quarterly Conference recommendation, we recommend that he continue to preach under the supervision of the Quarterly Conference and that he take up a course of study.

We recommend that Henry Crawford be admitted to the first year's study, and be given license to administer the Ordinances, if given work.

We recommend that Nolan Floyd be passed to second year, and that he take up the second year's study at once, and that he be given administrative license if he be given work.

We recommend that J. M. Hastings enter school as soon as it is possible, and that he be recommended as a suitable person to receive aid from the Board of Education if aid is needed.

We recommend that J. O. Howard be placed on the first year's course of study, and be given administrative license if given work by the Conference.

We recommend that Mrs. Ora Sidwell be retained in the third year's course of study, and that her administrative license be renewed if given work.

We recommend that T. J. Hobbs be retained in the first year's course of study, and license be renewed if given work. That H. H. Harlan be placed on second year's course of study, and be given administrative license if given work.

That J. T. Petty be referred to the committee on official character.

That V. L. McDonald be placed on the first year's course of study, and be given administrative license if given work.

That J. J. Land be passed to the second year's course of study, and be given administrative license.

Committee— G. O. McMillan,  
R. W. Bounds,  
W. E. Harrell.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

## (Report D)

As Mrs. H. W. Maier has said, "The Methodist Protestant Church moves forward on the feet of its young people," our church will succeed only as we look after the future leaders, by giving to our children and young people a thorough course in Christian Education.

We must look after the "church schools" from the cradle roll to the adult department. We must also look after the expressional training of our young people, by providing organized Christian Endeavor Societies for each age.

Therefore, I would recommend:

First: That we devote more time to the organization and promotion of Sunday School and Christian Endeavor societies. That we select a leadership from each, and insist on their studying expert endeavor, and teacher training courses.

Second: That if possible we plan to separate the primary departments from the secondary departments in Sunday School and provide separate rooms, and instruction for each, in order to be proficient.

Third: That through our young people's organizations we try to promote: (a) Increased attendance at church services. (b) Help the pastor as he may suggest. (c) Service to the Sunday School and other organizations. (d) The support of denominational enterprises. (e) Stewardship and the use of money. (f) Wider church fellowship. (g) Study of missions. (h) Organization of Junior Work. (i) Prayer life and Christian development. (j) Christian Citizenship. (k) World Evangelism. (l) Life Service Recruits, for the ministry and missions. (m) The building of a self-supporting soul saving station in each community. (n) The cooperation of each church in the district Conference programme of Christian Education. To the end that our harvest fields shall have more laborers enter there in, I prayerfully submit these suggestions.

G. O. McMillan.

## (Report E)

We, your committee, recommend that the benevolences of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conferences be apportioned to the various charges as follows:

Charge	Gen. Con. Bdg.	A. C. Bdg.	Pres Sal.	Pres. H. W C Bdg.	
Anna .....	\$100.00	\$24.00	\$ 50.00 -	\$40.00	\$35.00
Boswell .....	60.00	10.00	45.00	35.00	30.00
Brady .....	100.00	18.00	75.00	50.00	45.00
Beech Grove .....	25.00	8.00	25.00	20.00	30.00
Comanche .....	50.00	14.00	40.00	30.00	25.00
Cement .....	60.00	15.00	45.00	40.00	25.00
Cedarville .....	90.00	18.00	55.00	45.00	35.00
Denning .....	100.00	24.00	40.00	30.00	30.00
Dill .....	50.00	24.00	80.00	50.00	45.00
Daylight .....	35.00	8.00	45.00	20.00	25.00
Eagletown .....	45.00	10.00	40.00	35.00	25.00



Charge	Gen. Con. Bdg.	A. C. Bdg.	Pres Sal	Pres. H. W C Bdg.	
Ft. Smith	100.00	20.00	55.00	40.00	35.00
Haworth	90.00	18.00	75.00	40.00	45.00
Hugo	150.00	35.00	140.00	90.00	55.00
Hope	50.00	8.00	35.00	25.00	25.00
Idabel	70.00	10.00	45.00	40.00	25.00
Mansfield	75.00	10.00	65.00	45.00	30.00
Madden Grove	25.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Cove Creek	85.00	10.00	60.00	40.00	35.00
Pleasant Hill	90.00	18.00	75.00	50.00	45.00
Prague	110.00	20.00	90.00	55.00	50.00
Quinton	90.00	20.00	60.00	40.00	35.00
Boldsprings	70.00	18.00	45.00	35.00	30.00
Shiloh	90.00	15.00	60.00	40.00	35.00
Sardis	25.00	5.00	20.00	15.00	10.00
Uncas	35.00	8.00	35.00	25.00	25.00
Valley	25.00	8.00	30.00	20.00	20.00

W. C. BANKS; C. A. SUTTEN, Committee.

(Report F)

The committee on Resolutions ask to submit the following report:

Where as our gracious Lord and Master in his kind and loving Providence has permitted this Conference to meet at this place and has inspired our beloved hosts and the noble people of Comanche to extend to this body of ministers, delegates, and visitors so many courteous favors and acts of kindness, making us feel welcome and at home. Therefore, be it resolved: that this Conference body express its heart-felt thanks for the kindness and hospitality of the good people of Comanche, and we pray God's richest blessing upon them.

C. T. SIMMONS, Committee.

(Report G)

We, the Boundaries Committee, beg leave to submit the following report

Charge	Names of Churches
Anna	Natural Dam, Peaceful Home, Cove City, and Elghty Six.
Boswell	Laflore, Carnes, Dean Mahew
Brady	Brady, Katy, Shady Grove
Comanche	Comanche Station
Cedarville	Cedarville, Uniontown
Cove Creek	Watalulu, Huntown, Marble Hill, Cove Creek
Beech Grove	Hall, Central, Pleasant, Grove
Denning	Denning, Alix, Mt. Bethel
Dill	New Hope, Bethel, Spring Creek
Daylight	Daylight
Cement	Rocky Ford, Stony Point, Chechi, Cedar
Eagletown	Eagletown, Rock Hill
Ft. Smith	Bethel, Mt. Hope, Gans, Paw Paw

Charge	Names of Churches
Haworth	Haworth Station
Hugo	Hugo Station
Hope	Hope
Idabel	Idabel, Marshall Hill, Redland
Madden Grove	Madden Grove
Mansfield	Mansfield, Lucas, Cauthron, Center Point
Pleasant Hill, Macedonia, Good Water, Pine Creek, Social Center	
Prague	Horton's Chapel, Shady Grove
Quinton	Quinton, Tipton, Lona
Boldsprings	Boldsprings, Durwood
Shiloh	Shiloh
Sardis	Sardis
Uncas	Uncas
Valley	Hagerville, Anna's Chapel

We recommend that Gans and Pawpaw be placed in the hands of the President to be dealt with as he sees best.

Committee— J. A. MOODY,  
T. D. AYERS,  
G. O. McMILLAN.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference, convening at Comanche, Oklahoma.

The following is my report for the conference year 1922-23:

Many precious victories have been won during the year. Though the trials have been many, and the hardships great, yet much has been accomplished by staying on the job.

The spiritual condition of the Conference is splendid. Many fine old time revivals have been held. We have had about ..... conversions and about ..... accessions to the Church.

I have preached 308 times during the year. I held the first and fourth Quarterly Conference as far as was possible. Between my first and second round visiting the Churches I helped in several revivals, in which we had near one hundred conversions.

I have traveled 13,621 miles during this year. I have received on salary \$1,198.64 (eleven hundred ninety-eight dollars and sixty-four cents). The above includes all freewill offerings and what was paid me for revival work. My traveling expenses for the year were \$341.69, (three hundred forty-one dollars and sixty-nine cents).

Our General and Annual Conference claims have been short this year on account of the financial condition of this country.

The number of churches in the district remains the same as at the last Conference. We have organized some new churches this year, but some have been dissolved. Three Church buildings have been repaired and remodeled. One new parsonage has been built. The plans for one new Church have been made and more than half of the money has been collected for the erection of the same. Death has claimed none of our brethren in the ministry this year as far as we know, for which we are truly thankful.

My administrative acts are as follows: Dec. 30 I released J. J. Land from Valley; Dec. 15 I gave G. A. Sutherland a certificate of his standing; Jan. 15 I appointed Henry Crawford pastor of Valley; January 19 — gave Rev. R. Underwood a certificate of standing; Mar. 13 I gave A. E. Gamage a release from Shiloh; Mar. 28 I gave A. D. Worley a release from Cement; April 15 I appointed J. B. Price pastor of Cement; April 15 I appointed Henry Crawford pastor of Beech Grove; June 9 I gave J. A. Moody a release from Ft. Smith.

I have asked each church to have a committee whose duty it shall be to collect the President's salary and Conference claims. The President's salary is to be collected in advance and sent to the conference Treasurer so that the President can receive his money monthly.

(1) I recommend that each pastor be made responsible for the work of the above mentioned committee.

(2) That each pastor make a monthly report to the President on an especially prepared report blank.

(3) That the district be re-grouped and set off in districts convenient for assembling in district conferences or convention embracing 5th Sundays.

(4) That a summer conference or conferences for educational purposes be held in a convenient place or places during the year.

(5) That a fund be raised and a district parsonage be built or bought.

JOHN W. QUAID, President.

(Report H)

We, the Committee on Education, wish to report as follows: 1—That we endeavor to keep before the minds of our people, the need of a prepared ministry. 2—That we recommend our schools in the southwest, the Ozark Academy, and Westminster College, as suitable places for educating our boys and girls. 3—That a message be delivered on Christian Education from each pulpit this year. 4—That our young people be encouraged to attend our denominational schools.

W. C. BANKS, Committee.

(Report I)

We, your Committee on Official Character, recommend that the character of the following brethren be passed, they having made official reports to this Annual Conference:

B. A. Thompson, A. T. Reby, J. W. Copeland, T. L. Dickerson, T. D. Ayers, H. E. Maggart, G. O. McMillan, J. W. Browers, W. C. Banks, C. T. Simmons, Nolan Floyd, H. L. Crawford, L. M. Curtner, L. L. Overby, Ora Sidwell, A. J. Rhoten, R. W. Bounds, J. L. Land, T. Quaid, M. B. Ford, Leroy Simmons, J. B. Price, J. W. Burrows, T. J. Hobbs, M. L. Mathews, J. A. Moody, J. W. Quaid, Ivan Wilson, A. E. Gamage, H. W. Kelly, J. W. Pettigrew, J. J. Land, T. H. Prim, M. D. Parks, Karl Wright, S. B. Parker.

We recommend that the following named brethren's character pass when they have reported to the president:

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## SEVENTH ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

A. D. Worley, J. L. Kendall.

We recommend that the following superannuated ministers' character pass:

W. D. Ballard, F. S. C. Brice, D. J. Doughty, W. A. Foster, R. E. Garrison, J. M. Honea, J. A. Killgore, T. E. Lewis, J. J. Martin, Lee Neal, R. R. Nichols, B. F. Pace, J. A. Pryor, W. H. Smith.

We recommend that the character of J. T. Petty and W. H. Harrison fail to pass, as they have failed to meet their obligations to this conference.

Respectively submitted,

Committee— L. M. Curtner,  
H. E. Maggart,  
H. O. Harris,  
Leroy Simmons.

### (Resolution of Ozark Academy)

We, the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, approve the selection of W. E. Marler, one of the Ministers of the Arkansas Conference, as principal of Ozark Mission School, and agree to collect the amount apportioned by our charges by January 1, 1924, for said School

Anna, \$10.00; Boswell, \$3.00; Brady, \$3.00; Cement, \$5.00; Comanche, \$10.00; Eagletown, \$15.00; Haworth, \$10.00; Hugo, \$10.00; Daylight, \$10.00; Beech Grove, \$10.00; Cedarville, \$10.00; Boldsprings, \$10.00; Valley, \$10.00; Sardis, \$5.00; Mansfield, \$10.00; Idabel, \$25.00; Quinton, \$10.00; Pleasant Hill, \$10.00; Prague, \$10.00; Shiloh, \$10.00; Uncas, \$5.00; Cove Creek, \$10.00; Dill, \$10.00; Hope, \$3.00; Ft. Smith, \$20.00; Denning, \$15.00.

### (Report J)

#### Report of Stationing Committee

Anna	Mrs. Ora Sidwell
Boswell	Rev. V. L. McDonald
Boldsprings	Rev. Nolen Floyd
Beech Grove	W. E. Marler (supply)
Blackburn Mission	W. H. Smith
Brady	C. T. Simmons
Cement	J. B. Price
Cedarville	J. A. Moody
Cove Creek	Henry L. Crawford
Comanche	W. C. Banks
Daylight	Mrs. M. B. Ford
Denning	T. L. Dickerson
Dill	Leroy Simmons
Eagletown	Supplied by M. L. Mathews and J. G. Whitten
Ft. Smith	H. H. Harlan
Haworth	A. J. Rhoten
Hope	H. E. Maggart
Hugo	G. O. McMillan

Label	Supplied by M. L. Mathews and J. G. Whitten
Manassah	T. D. Ayers
Madden Grove	Oscar Howard
Prague	J. L. Land
Quinton	J. W. Browers
Pleasant Hill	J. L. Overby
Sardis	L. M. Curtner
Shiloh	J. A. Moody
Uncas	John Pace
Valley	J. J. Land
Conference Evangelist	J. W. Copeland
Local Missionary	J. T. Hobbs

Left without work at their own request: W. R. McElvany, B. A. Thompson, J. W. Burrows, Thomas Quaid, J. L. Kendall, T. H. Prim, A. T. Reby, J. W. Martin, H. W. Kelly, R. W. Bounds, J. W. Pettigrew, A. E. Gamage, Ivan R. Wilson. Students in Westminster College: S. B. Parker, M. D. Park.

J. W. QUAID, V. L. McDONALD, W. P. HARRELL, Committee.

### Treasurer's Report

For Year Ending October 31st, 1923

General Conference Budget	\$3,000.00
Amount Received	455.39
Amount Paid Out	455.39
Balance on Hand	000.00
Annual Conference Budget	\$ 595.00
Amount Received	116.10
Amount Paid Out, [our last year's minutes (1922)]	39.00
Balance on Hand	77.10
Minutes Fund	\$ 115.25
Amount Received	76.25
Amount Paid Out	76.25
Balance on Hand	000.00
Superannuated Ministers Fund	\$ 348.60
Amount Received	10.93
Amount Paid Out	00.00
Balance on Hand	10.93
President's Salary	\$1,800.00
Amount Received	1,289.99
Amount Paid Out	1,289.99
Balance on Hand	000.00

A. J. RHOTEN, Treasurer.

Churches	No. of organized Churches	Members at beginning	Members at Close of Year	No. of Conversions	No. S. S.	No. S. S. Members	No. C. E. Societies	No. C. E. Members	N. Church Buildings	N. of Parsonages	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Annual Conference Claims	General Conference Claims	Miscellaneous
Anna	3	222	235	56	2	100	1	20	15	\$	1,000.00	\$	22.00	\$	
Beech Grove	2	45	86	8	2	46	...	...	10		300.00	10.00	12.00		
Boswell	4	70	52	30	2	88	...	...	10			138.00	48.25		
Brady	3	140	90	40	3	124	2	50	0			302.00	83.00	11.00	304.00
Comanche	1	40	55	5	1	77	1	12	11		7,500.00	529.00	63.00	30.00	
Cement	4	59	62	12	1	46	...	...	0		300.00	134.00	32.00		
Cauthron	3	128	128	100	2	100	...	...	1		1,000.00	200.00	31.00		
Cedarville	3	78	175	80	2	210	5	135	10			341.00	28.00		35.00
Danning	4	141	127	25	4	144	1	25	4		4,000.00	498.00	84.00	30.00	105.00
Dill	3	141	145	8	3	273	5	200	0		180.00	376.00	39.00	8.00	30.00
Daylight	1	26	30	11	1	68	2	65	0			100.00	50.00	10.00	45.00
Eagletown	1	60	64	19	1	62	1	15	0		150.00	57.00	45.00	21.00	24.00
Ft. Smith	4	160	264	63	5	249	4	149	3		4,200.00	120.00	44.50		
Haworth	3	141	168	80	3	224	2	70	2		2,100.00	223.45	113.57	26.00	
Hope	1	41	41	16	1	115	1	24	0		300.00	188.00	41.00	9.00	
Hugo	1	257	293	60	1	330	4	95	1		9,000.00	1,400.00	204.00	182.00	
Idabel	1	60	64	16	1	100	3	75	11		2,500.00	261.00	60.00	86.50	788.00
Mansfield	2	81	74	...	1	60	...	...	2		4,000.00	100.00	70.00		
Madden Grove	1	25	25	...	1	62	...	...	0			76.00	12.00	13.50	12.00
Ozark	3	124	129	30	2	92	...	...	1		500.00	18.20	28.75		40.00
Pleasant Hill	3	110	108	19	3	120	1	20	1		800.00	160.00	30.00		270.00
Prague	2	160	220	99	2	150	1	25	2		2,000.00	498.00	80.00	16.49	190.00
Quinton	3	79	105	54	3	200	2	31	2		6,000.00	526.76	50.75	20.80	
Rock Hill	1	30	36	2	1	61	1	20	1		500.00	36.00	13.75	2.57	30.00
Simpson	3	76	71	17	2	144	1	100	0			117.75	33.00		
Strickler	3	150	150	...	2	130	1	28	1		1,000.00	66.00	80.00	2.78	
Shilo	1	104	104	...	1	95	...	...	1		1,000.00		22.50		400.00
Uncas	1	36	15	1	1	53	...	...	1		1,200.00	165.00	35.00	6.04	30.00
Unas	1	36	15	1	1	53	...	...	1		1,200.00	165.00	35.00	6.04	30.00