

MINUTES

Of The

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

**Senter District
Primitive Baptist
Association**

Held With

THE CHURCH AT RIVERVIEW

Ashe County, North Carolina

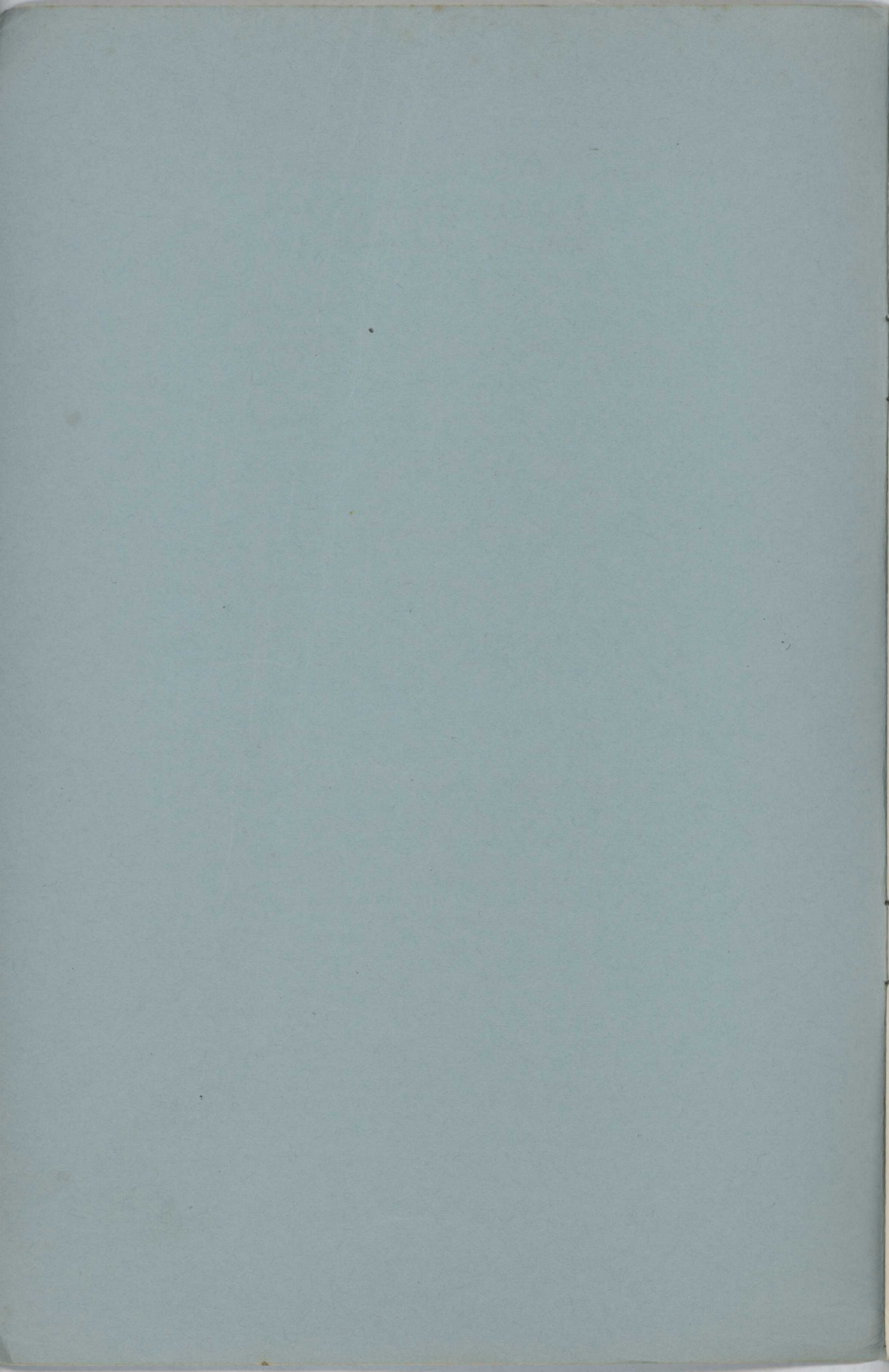
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

September 7, 8, 9, 1945

OFFICERS

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator ----- Tuckerdale, N. C.

G. E. KILBY, Clerk ----- Crumpler, N. C.



PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1945

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder G. L. Walker, a visitor from the Indian Creek Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Dewey Rotten. Text: In the day of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, etc.

After a short intermission, the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder B. H. Blevins, a correspondent from the St. Clair's Bottom Association.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches except South Fork, and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion, organized the association by electing Elder Ed Davis, Moderator and G. E. Kilby, Clerk.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from Sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated and aided in council.

From St. Clair's Bottom: Elders B. H. Blevins, C. R. Dancy and Brother J. G. Perry.

Mountain: Eld. S. P. Roberts and Bro. C. S. McBride.

Abbott's Creek: Eld. D. P. Broadway and Bro. C. B. Owen.

Roaring River: Eld. E. A. Long and Bro. Fasco Pruitt.

Upper Mayo: Eld. J. R. Worrell.

Fishers River: None.

Indian Creek: None.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren from Sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated.

From St. Clair's Bottom: None; Mountain: Elder C. L. Roberts and Bro. R. L. Gambill; Indian Creek, Elder G. L. Walker and Bro. Wint McNeill; Abbotts Creek: None; Roaring River: None; Upper Mayo: None; Fishers River: None.

6th. On motion, that we seat the corresponding and visiting brethren from Sister Associations.

7th. On motion, that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during this session.

8th. On motion, appointed a committee on the ministry as follows: Bros. B. O. Dolinger, Rex P. Jones and P. T. McNeill, together with the messengers of this church. Their report is as follows: For Sat. 1st. Eld. B. H. Blevins; 2nd, Eld. E. A. Long; 3rd. Eld. C. R. Dancy. For Saturday afternoon, 1st. Eld. Leo V. Bagley; 2nd. Eld. G. L. Walker.

9th. On motion, appointed a committee on finance as follows: Bros. W. W. Miller, F. T. Miller, and T. E. Hartzog.

10th., On motion, appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Bros. C. G. Severt, Burl Dillard and F. O. Thompson, together with the Moderator and Clerk. Transient and visiting brethren to be seated with them.

11th. On motion, appointed a committee to appoint corres-

pondents to Sister Associations as follows: Eld. G. D. Roten and Bros. J. C. McNeil and Tom Severt.

12th. On motion, that the committee on arrangements sit at Bro. T. E. Hartzog's.

13th. On motion, that we adjourn until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 8, 1945

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Eld. S. P. Roberts, a correspondent from the Mountain Association.

1st. On motion, called on the committee on arrangements to report. Report received and the committee discharged.

2nd. On motion, called the roll and erased absentees.

3rd. On motion, that we omit reading the constitution and rules of decorum.

4th. On motion, that the correspondents that were appointed to sister associations report. Received the report and excused those that failed to go.

5th. On motion, that the committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister associations report. The report is as follows: Mountain: Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. J. C. McNeil and G. E. Kilby.

Roaring River: Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. B. R. Dillard, Tom Severt and Callie Severt.

Abbotts Creek: Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. J. F. Hartzog and G. A. Miller.

St. Clair's Bottom: Eld. G. D. Roten and Bro. B. R. Dillard.

Indian Creek: Eld. G. D. Roten and Bros. J. C. McNeil, T. E. Hartzog and F. T. Miller.

Upper Mayo: Elds. Ed Davis, G. D. Roten and Bros. J. C. McNeil and Tom Severt.

Fishers River: Elds. G. D. Roten and Ed Davis and Bros. F. T. Miller and J. C. McNeil.

6th. On motion, that we continue to correspond with New River, Fishers River, Washington, Ebenezer, Ketocton and Powells Valley Associations by minutes.

7th. On motion, that we refrain from corresponding with the Kehukee Association by minutes.

8th. On motion, that we have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

9th. On motion, that we appoint the Clerk, Treasurer, to superintend the printing of these minutes, to have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

10th. On motion, that the next session of this association be held with the church at North Fork, three miles northwest of Warrensville, and that Eld. Ed Davis preach the introductory sermon.

11th. On motion, that the finance committee report. The report is as follows:

Received from all our churches -----	\$143.58
Allowed the Moderator -----	\$ 10.00

Allowed the Clerk -----	10.00
Allowed for printing minutes and postage -----	50.00
Allowed for correspondents -----	73.58
	\$143.58

Given at stand on Sunday for corresponding and visiting Elders, by brethren, sisters and friends, \$132.00.

12th. On motion, that we have the obituary of Bro. Robert M. Kilby printed in these minutes.

13th. On motion, that we seat Eld. Leo V. Bagley, a visitor from the Union Association of Georgia.

14th. On motion, that the minutes be received.

15th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for His mercy and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session, and that we adjourn with prayer by the Moderator, Eld. Ed Davis.

Elder Ed Davis, Moderator
G. E. Kilby, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

For Friday—The introductory, by Elder G. D. Roten. Text: "In the day of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, etc."

For Saturday morning—1st., Eld. B. H. Blevins. Text: Isaiah 42nd Chapter and 1st and 2nd verses; 2nd, Eld. E. A. Long. Failed to get text; 3rd, Eld. C. R. Dancy. Text: Luke, 2nd Chapter and 32nd verse.

Saturday Afternoon—1st. Eld. Leo V. Bagley. No special text; 2nd, Eld. G. L. Walker. Text: Psalms 133 chapter and 1st verse.

Saturday night at Beaver Creek Church—1st. Eld. J. R. Worrell. No special text. 2nd. Eld. Leo V. Bagley. No special text.

At Bro. J. C. McNeil's—1st. Eld. Coy Roberts. Text: "Study to show thyself a workman, etc." 2nd. Eld. Stevie Roberts. No special text; 3rd. Eld. C. R. Dancy. No special text.

Sunday Morning—1st. Eld. Coy Roberts. Text: St. John, 10th Chapter and 27th verse; 2nd, Eld. J. R. Worrell. Text: Songs of Solomon, 5th Chapter and 3rd verse; 3rd. Eld. Stevie Roberts. Text: Songs of Solomon, 2nd Chapter and 8th verse.

For Sunday Afternoon—1st. Eld. Leo Bagley. No special text. 2nd, Eld. D. P. Broadway. Text, St. John 12th Chapter and 32nd verse.

Moderator to close.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis -----	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten -----	Sly, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby -----	Rugby, Va.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Church & No. Min.	Clerks and Post Offices
Senter—70 -----	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—50 -----	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.

Bear Creek—25	-----	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—25	-----	P. T. McNeill, West Jefferson, N. C.
Riverview—25	-----	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—50	-----	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mountain—75	-----	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	-----	Carl Ball, Lansing, N. C.
Big Helton—80	-----	W. L. Perry, Whitetop, Va.
South Fork—20	-----	Kemper Douglas, Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

St. Clair's Bottom—30	-----	Eld. C. R. Dancy, Marion, Va., Rt. 1
Mountain—50	-----	J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.
Indian Creek—60	-----	J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—50	-----	J. M. Dickson, Floyd, Va.
Fishes River—50	-----	G. J. Keye, Arat, Va.
Washington—40	-----	J. J. Count, Cleveland, Va.
Ketocton—30	-----	Eld. C. W. Miller, Roselyn, Va., Box 86
Ebenezer—20	-----	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powells Valley—30	-----	Dewey Burnett, Knoxville, Tenn.
Abbotts Creek—25	-----	Eld. D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.
Upper Mayo—25	-----	J. W. Moorfield, Walnut Cove, N. C.
Roaring River—20	-----	W. I. Brown, N. Wilkesboro, N. C., Rt. 1

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but the title of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall

be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853. to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter church, 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

ARTICLE 1, This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to thier seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the Union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented in the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the Discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to de-

fray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and the monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of Churches; to endeavor to preserve a change of communion among the churches; to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ROBERT MILTON KILBY

Robert Milton Kilby was born June 7, 1874 and departed this life on January 24, 1945, making his stay on earth, 70 years, 7 months and 17 days.

He was married to Leazy Evaline Farmer on June 18, 1892. To this union were born nine children, one girl and eight boys. One son, Noah B. Kilby died in infancy. Lee, Clay, Ottis, Emory and Woodrow Kilby and Mrs. Fannie Duvall, all of Rugby, Va.; Orie Kilby, of Holtwood, Pa.; and Private Smith Kilby, of Camp Blanding, Florida, survive; also 26 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and 3 sisters survive. Mrs. Leona Farmer and Mrs. Sophronia Weaver, of Rugby, Va., and Mrs. Venia Spencer, of Elkton, Maryland; and one sister, Dora, preceded him in death a number of years ago.

He is also survived by a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. But we feel our loss is his eternal gain.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Big Helton about 49 years ago and remained a faithful member until death.

Written by G. E. Kilby.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES—Names of Messengers and Pastors

Church Name	Sat. of Meetings	Ordained Elds.	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. Bap.	Restored	Rec. by Letters	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
SESTER—Rex P. Jones, Norman Brown, Harley Blevins; Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	672	20.00	
ROANS CR.—F. T. Miller, Tom Severt, F. O. Thompson; Pastor, Eld Ed Davis	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	055	12.50	
BEAR CREEK—Callie Severt, Earl Severt; Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	033	4.50	
RIVERVIEW—J. C. McNeill, T. E. Hartzog, J. F. Hartzog; Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	10.00	
NORTH FORK—Eld G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller, Ben Miller; Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	248	30.00	
BIG HELTON—G. E. Kirby, B. O. Dolinger, C. W. Spencer; Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis and Blair Kilby	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	278	31.00	
HORSE CREEK—Millard Davis, Lee Landreth; Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	227	6.00	
POND MOUNTAIN—Eld. Ed Davis; Pastor, Eld. Ed Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	088	18.50	
SOUTH FORK—Not Represented											
BEAVER CREEK—P. T. McNeill, B. R. Dillard; Pastors, Eld. Ed Davis, G. D. Roten, C. R. Dancy, C. D. Hall	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	128	11.00	

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