

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Fifteenth
Annual Session
OF THE
ORIGINAL
Mates Creek
REGULAR
Primitive Baptist Association
ORGANIZED IN 1849
HELD WITH
Calvary Church
KIMPER, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2, and 3,

❧[1967]❧

Next session convenes with the John's Creek Church, Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1968 at 10 a. m. Elder Teddy R. Ball is to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Frank Wheeler is to be his alternate.

OFFICERS

ELDER TEDDY R. BALL - Moderator, McCarr, Ky.
ELDER J. H. BLACKBURN - Ass't Moderator Philis, Ky.
STEARL HATFIELD - Clerk, McCarr, Kentucky
J. E. HATFIELD - Ass't Clerk, McCarr, Kentucky

Proceedings

OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH CALVARY CHURCH,

FRIDAY MORNING, September 1, 1967.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. Teddy R. Ball. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Guy Campbell, text John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, etc.

Called for the letters from all the churches. Moved and seconded that we receive all the letters and have the letter from the Calvary Church read, and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the Minutes.

Election of officers: The Association then elected Elder T. R. Ball, Moderator, Elder J. H. Blackburn, Assistant Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk, Brother J. E. Hatfield, Assistant Clerk.

Newly constituted churches called for: Columbus Primitive Baptist Church of Columbus Ohio came and asked for membership in the Association. Moved and seconded that we receive them, and have the names of their messengers enrolled in the Minutes.

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution printed in the Minutes.

Messengers appointed last year to visit sister Associations reported and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Union: By letter and Minutes and messenger Brother Booten Hamilton.

Burning Springs: By letter and the following messengers: Elders James Wheeler, J. J. Wheeler, Glen Leedy, H. W. Kennard, Robie Furgeson, Paul Keaton, Will Carter and Proctor Lyon.

Rock Spring: Elder W. M. Littleton and Brother Albert Littleton, with Minutes.

Mt. Zion: Elder J. H. Sutphin, and Minutes.

New Liberty: Elder Walter Pennington, and Minutes.

Received Minutes from the following Associations: Mt. Zion, United Primitive Baptist of Virginia, New Liberty, Senter, Union, Rock Spring, and Burning Spring.

Visitors from sister Associations received and seated as follows:

Mt. Zion: Sister Eva Lue Sutphin and Sis. Dorothy Marshall.

Burning Spring: Brother Millard Wheeler and Sister Stella Lacy.

Rock Spring: Elder Gail McGuire and wife, Eld. Fred Akers and wife, Brother Ralph Casey and wife, and Sister Myrtle Grossnickle.

New Liberty: Brother Emory Meadows.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary arrangements.

A messenger from each church, together with all the messengers from the Calvary Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand. They reported the following:

For Friday at the stand: Elder W. M. Moore, Elder Eula Lowery, Elder Don Hatfield, Elder Paul Keaton.

For Saturday—To open, Elder Glen Lilly; 1. Elder Elva Lowery; 2. Elder W. M. Littleton; 3. Elder Will Carter.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Brethren Kit Ratliff, Bradley Warrix, and George Lester.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows:

Brethren Abner L. Justice, Robert Dotson, Walter Daniels.

Messengers who agreed to visit sister Associations are as follows:

Mt. Zion Association: Elders Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, and Walter Runyon.

Rock Spring Association: Elds. Lundy Coleman, Kit Ratliff, Teddy R. Ball and Brethren M. B. Blackburn, Ira Smith, and Wheeler Thacker.

Senter Association: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, and Frank Wheeler, Brethren Lee Stiltner, Robie Lewis.

Union Association: Elders Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, and Brethren Andy Blackburn and Ransom Scott.

New Liberty Association: Elders Frank Wheeler, and J. H. Blackburn and Brother M. B. Blackburn.

Burning Spring Association: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Teddy R. Ball, Lonzie Blair and Elmer Brown and Brother Ira Smith.

Moved and seconded that the Association be adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING:

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder James Moore.

Roll called and absentees maked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following: Committee met in the Calvary Church house and was called to order by the Moderator. Committee studied the work of the Association and agreed that the Association should carry on its work for Saturday in the usual manner, and to take up the following items:

1. That the Association appoint a Committee to check the records of the New Friendship Church in regards to alien baptism.

2. That the Association advise the churches to commune as the Bible teaches.

Moved and seconded that item two of the work of the Committee in last year's Minutes be printed in this year's Minute:

***That the Association through its Moderator admonish all the churches against trying to run or meddling in their sister church's affairs.

Moved and seconded that the Committees work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported the following: To open, Elder James Moore; 1. Elder Jack Wheeler; 2. Elder J. H. Sutphin; 3. Elder Robie Furgeson.

Finance Committee reported \$306.35, and was discharged.

Called on Union Meeting appointees to report. They reported, those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

Union Meetings and their appointees as follows:

Louisa Church meets the second Saturday in August, 1968. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Dan Adkins, and Frank Wheeler.

Pond Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1968. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Dan Adkins, J. H. Blackburn, Oda Hall, Avery Lowe.

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 1968. Elders to attend: Oda Hall, Guy Campbell, W. H. Thacker, Kit Ratliff, Frank Wheeler, and Everett Brizendine.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1968. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Oda Hall, Joe Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Dan Adkins, Avery Lowe, Guy Campbell, Frank Wheeler, and W. H. Thacker.

Sulphur Spring Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1968. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Homer Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Teddy R. Ball, John Looney and Lonzie Blair.

Peter Creek Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1968. Elders to attend: Frank Wheeler, Teddy R. Ball, Oda Hall, Avery Lowe, Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, and Everett Brizendine.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1968. Elders to attend: Willard Dotson, Kit Ratliff, W. H. Thacker, Joe Thacker, Frank Wheeler, John I. Smith, and Teddy R. Ball.

Joppa Church meets the first Saturday in June, 1968. Elders to attend: Avery Lowe, Oda Hall, Frank Wheeler, Don Hatfield, and Walter Runyon.

Grapevine Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1968. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Homer Blackburn, Frank Wheeler, Guy Campbell, J. H. Blackburn, and Kit Ratliff.

Samaria Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1968. Elders to attend: W. H. Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Oda Hall, Frank Wheeler, Avery Lowe, Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Everett Brizendine, Ransom Prince, Don Hatfield, and Dan Adkins.

Little Union Church meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1968. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, Frank Wheeler, Lonzie Blair, Verdine Justice, Homer Blackburn, Dan Adkins, and Everett Brizendine.

John's Creek Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1968. Elders to attend: John I Smith, Teddy R. Ball, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, J. H. Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Homer Blackburn and Joe Thacker.

Calvary Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1968. Elders to attend: Dan Adkins, Kit Ratliff, J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Frank Wheeler, Eli Estep, Troy Casey, Joe Thacker, and Avery Lowe.

Dry Fork Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1968. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Verdie Justice, Lonzie Blair, J. H. Blackburn, Avery Lowe, and John Looney.

New Friendship Church meets the fourth Saturday in June, 1968. Elders to attend: No Union Meeting.

Columbus Primitive Church meets the fourth Saturday in April, 1968. Elders to attend: J. H. Blackburn, Teddy R. Ball, Avery Lowe, Frank Wheeler, John I. Smith, and Everett Brizendine.

Circular Letter called for, read, received, and to be printed in the Minutes, and that Elder Joe Thacker prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 1500 copies of the Minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following: Sisters Angeline Pennington, Ressie Ramey, Viola Dotson, Pollie Vandyke, Lula Violet Smith, Maggie Runyon, Orpha Justice, Stella May Scott, Vada Smith Justice, Virginia May Thacker, and Lois Ann Bogar Compton. Brethren James Meade, Amos Dotson, Ballard Ball, J. S. (Sid) Scott, Lonnie Warrix, David W. Coleman, Andy J. Marcum, Stewart Justice, Floyd Justice, James Varney, and Brethren and Sisters Oliver and Octavia Blackburn, John and Ida Varney, and Dare and Dealie May.

Agreed that the brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that all funds left after paying for the printing of the Minutes and other expenses of the Association be left in his care until the next Association.

The finances were disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$305.90	
Amount received from the churches	306.35	\$612.25

Cash paid out: Paid for Minutes (1966)	\$224.00	
Paid for moving the seats	25.00	
Gave the Moderator	15.00	
Gave the Clerk	10.00	
Bought lumber for stand	20.00	\$294.00
Balance cash left on hand	318.25	\$612.25

Agreed that our next Association be held with the John's Creek Church, Pike County, Kentucky, and to begin at 10 a. m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1968, and that Elder Teddy R. Ball be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder Frank Wheeler be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Frank Wheeler, then adjourned until the time of our next Association. Signed by:

TEDDYR. BALL, Moderator, McCarr, Ky. Ph. 427-9886
 J. H. BLACKBURN, Ass't Mod., Philis, Ky. Ph. 835-2183
 STEARL HATFIELD, Clerk, McCarr, Ky. Ph. 427-8171
 J. E. HATFIELD, Ass't Clerk, McCarr, Ky. Ph. 427-8658

SUNDAY MORNING, September 3, 1967.

1. Singing and prayer by Elder J. J. Wheeler of the Burning Spring Association.

2. Elder J. H. Sutphin of the Mt. Zion Association, text, Solomon's Song 4:12: A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

3. Elder Homer W. Kinnard of the Burning Spring Association, text John 18:37: To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world.

4. Elder Robie Furgeson of the Burning Spring Association, no special text.

We feel to be thankful to our Lord and Master for so wonderful Association. We hope we are thankful to Him for the corresponding brethren, sisters and friends that came our way. May we all strive and beg to Him that peace and love may abide with us.

—The Clerk

EVENING MEETINGS

Saturday evening at Elder Kit Ratliff's home: Elder J. H. Blackburn, Elder Will Carter, and Elder Robie Furgeson.

At Long Fork Church house: Elder Fred W. Akers and Elder Gail McGuire.

At Samaria Church house: Elder Lundy Coleman, Elder Paul Keaton, Elder James Wheeler, and Elder James Moore.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren, the children of the Most High God:

It has fallen to my poor, unworthy lot to address you in the form of a Circular Letter. I hope that the Lord will direct my poor mind to write something that will be a comfort to God's people, and may He bless me to say those things which become sound doctrine, and that those things may be said in the meekness of spirit. My mind is on the duties of the children of God, so I will call your attention to a portion of scripture recorded in Ezekiel 18:2: "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge."

My dear brethren, it seems to me that these children were talking about the fathers in Israel; that if they take sour grapes that the children's teeth are set on edge. I understand that means that if the fathers do wrong, it leads the children to do wrong also. It becomes us to lay aside every weight of sin that so easily besets us, ever looking unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

Dear brethren, it is our duty, if the Lord will bless us, to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify God who is in heaven. It is our duty to refrain from every appearance of evil. If ye live after the flesh ye shall die, but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

In Matthew 21:13 Jesus said, "Unto them it is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." I understand He was talking to His children, telling them they had made His house a den of thieves by the sins they had committed. So we have been doing many things that the Lord has told us not to do all the way along the line. We should live soberly, righteously and godly in the presence of the world, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us and has redeemed us from all sin and purified unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee. Stand firm and in all things give thanks to our great Redeemer. We should be slow to wrath, swift to hear. We find in the scriptures every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord pondereth the heart. We are waiting in hope of the resurrection when Christ shall come and say to them that are on His right hand: "Come ye that are blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Written by Elder W. H. Thacker.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Loisa—Elders W. H. Thacker, and Guy Campbell; Brethren Flem Justice, Abner L. Justice, Bradley Warrix, Riley Coleman.

Pond Creek—Elders Frank Wheeler, and Oda Hall, Brethren Ransom Scott, Andy Blackburn, C. C. Dotson, F. C. Runyon, Bob Dotson, Walter Daniels, Walter Runyon, and George Bevins.

Big Creek—Elders Joe Thacker and Opa Thacker, brethren Daniel Roberts, Ireland Coleman, Landon Thacker, Joe Stanley, and M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon—Elder Dan Adkins, Brethren George McCoy, Johnnie Coleman and Alvis Pat Keen.

Peter Creek—Elders Eli Estep, Troy Casey and Willard Dotson; Brethren Harrison Smith, Paul Smith, Virgil Smith, Roland Dotson.

Sulphur Spring—Elders J. H. Blackburn and Homer Blackburn, Brethren George Edd Lester, Junior Blackburn, George Lester, Claud Stiltner and Bill Blackburn.

Little Hope—Elder John I. Smith, Brethren A. H. Blackburn, Roy Ball, Dewey Dotson, and George Ball.

Joppa—None attended.

Grapevine—Brethren Arville Justice, Sam Lowe, Landon Webb. Miles Thacker and Willam K. Bevins.

Samaria—Elders Don Hatfield, Avery Lowe and Teddy R. Ball; Brethren Willie Hatfield, Stearl Hatfield, J. E. Hatfield, Earnest Dotson, Bill Varney, Bob Scott, Luther Scott and Richard Hatfield.

Little Union—Eld. Lonzie Blair, Brethren Ford Stiltner, Finis Slone.

John's Creek—Brethren William I. Smith, Johnny Stiltner, Lee Stiltner, and Noah Smith.

Calvary—Elders Glen Vipperman and Kit Ratliff, Brethren Sid Varney, Roscoe Varney.

New Friendship—Elders L. M. Sammons and S. B. Justice, Brethren I. D. Preston and Roby Lewis.

Dry Fork—Brethren Shorty Vandyke, Elmer Brown, Ben Chapman, Harrison Street, and Aut Brown.

Columbus—Elders Lundy Coleman, Brethren Wheeler Thacker, Dave Dotson and Joe Dotson.

NAMES AND ADDRESSSES OF MINISTERS

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Teddy R. Ball, McCarr, Ky.; Ph. 427-9886

Joe Thacker, Canada, Ky.; Ph. 353-7669

John Fuller, Canada, Ky.

W. H. Prater, Hardy, Ky.

J. H. Blackburn, Kimper, Ky.; Ph. 835-2183

Kit Ratliff, Kimper, Ky.; Ph. 437-4815

Dan Adkins, Huddy, Ky.; Ph. 353-4963

Frank Wheeler, Stone, Ky.; Ph. 353-4910

James E. McIntosh, Hardy, Ky.

Green Coleman, Millard, Ky.

Guy Campbell, Rt. 2, Pikeville, Ky.

Eli Estep, Phelps, Ky.; Ph. 456-3688

Eldon Thacker, Phyllis, Ky.; Ph. 835-4896

Opa Thacker, Cincinnati, Ohio

S. B. Justice, Paintsville, Ky.

Lonzie Blair, Steele, Ky.

John Looney, Grundy, Va.

Glen Vipperman, Kimper, Ky.

Don Hatfield, Hardy, Ky.; Ph. 353-7912
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 Newton Daniels, Thelma, Ky.
 Homer Blackburn, Kelsa, Va.
 Everett Brisendine, McCarr, Ky.
 Avery Lowe, Williamson, W. Va.
 Oda Hall, Hardy, Ky.; Ph. 353-7921
 Lundy Coleman, Columbus, Ohio
 V. V. Justice, Grundy, Va.
 Ransom Prince, Williamson, W. Va.
 Willard Dotson, Pie, W. Va.
 Troy Casey, Phelps, Ky.
 John I. Smith, Belfry, Ky.

Licentiates:

Shorty Vandyke, Vansant, Va.
 Paris Ramey, McCarr, Ky.
 Jeff Chapman, Kimper, Ky.
 Elmer Brown, Vansant, Va.
 George Dewey Woods, Williamson, W. Va.
 Kedna Charles, Phillis, Ky.

CHURCH	NAME OF MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa—Elder W. H. Thacker and Guy Campbell		July 2nd Sat.
Pond Creek—Eld. Teddy R. Ball and Frank Wheeler		June 2nd Sat.
Big Creek—Elder Joe Thacker		June 3rd Sat.
Raccoon—Elder Dan Adkins		June 4th Sat.
Sulphur Spring—Elder J. H. Blackburn,		August first Sat.
Peter Creek—Elder Teddy R. Ball		June 4th Sat.
Little Hope—Elder W. H. Thacker		July 1st Sat.
Joppa—Elder Dan Adkins		June 1st Sat.
Grapevine—Elder J. H. Blackburn		July 3rd Sat.
Samaria—Elder Teddy R. Ball and Frank Wheeler		June 3rd Sat.
Johns Creek—Elder J. H. Blackburn		July 2nd Sat.
Calvary—Elder Kit Rathff		June 1st Sat.
Little Union—Elder Teddy R. Ball		May 1st Sat.
New Friendship—Elder S. B. Justice		July 4th Sat.
Dry Fork—Elder Teddy R. Ball		May 2nd Sat.
Columbus—Elder Teddy R. Ball		April 4th Sat.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Louisa—Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky.	125
Pond Creek—Robert Dotson, Hardy, Ky.	150
Big Creek—M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	100
Raccoon—George McCoy, Raccoon, Ky.	90
Peter Creek—Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky.	100
Sulphur Spring—J. B. May, Star Rt., Box 197, Hurley, Va.	75
Little Hope—Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky.	75
Joppa—Mrs. Ermia Varney—Nolan, W. Va.	20
Grapevine—William K. Bevins, Phillis, Ky.	100
Samaria—J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	140
Johns Creek—Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky.	70
Little Union—Earnest Blair, Fed Creek, Ky.	60
Calvary—Rosco Varney, Meta, Ky.	60
Dry Fork—Garland Childress, Vansant, Va.	100
New Friendship—Roby Lewis, Boons Camp, Ky.	10
Columbus—Lundy Coleman, 2456 Dunbright Ave., Columbus, O. ..	50
Total	1225

MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS

Mt. Zion—J. R. Lilly, Box 345, Hinton, W. Va.	20
Senter—Earl W. Severt, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winton-Salem, N. C.	20
Rock Spring—Eld. Charles Caudell, 520 Anderson, Franklin, Ohio	20
Mountain—Lon M. Reeves, Sparta, N. C.	20
Union—Elder Alvin N. Proffitt, Ealia, Ky.	20
Burning Spring—Goable Ratliff, West Liberty, Ky.	20
Total	120
To the Clerk—Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	30
Grand Total	1500

OBITUARIES

ANGELINE PENNINGTON

Sister Pennington was born November 30, 1884 in Pike County, Ky. She was a daughter of Lorenza and Nancy Smith May.

Her first husband Ance Smith and her second husband C. S. Pennington both preceded her in death.

She joined the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized in April 1947. She died in February, 1967, leaving the following children: Mrs. Alice Atkins of Matewan, W. Va., Mrs. Hattie Smith, and Mrs. Sarah Stiltner, both of Cicero, Illinois, two sons, Sidney Smith of Conway, Ky., and Lon Smith of Freeburn, Ky. She had many friends along with her family who will mourn their loss.

Written by members of John's Creek Church where she was a member.

RESSIE RAMEY

Ressie Ramey, the daughter of the late Rebecca and Isaac Justice. She deceased this life June 19, 1967 at the age of 66 years. She was the wife of Paris Ramey and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She leaves to mourn their loss three sisters, two brothers, three sons, two daughters, and several grandchildren. Her father was one of the older Elders in Mates Creek.

We feel our loss is heaven's gain because she was one of the most humble, patient and loving persons.

Her sister, Easter Lowe.

VIOLA DOTSON



Viola Dotson, known by her friends and the church as Sue Dotson, the wife of Andy Dotson, born April 16, 1895; deceased January 18, 1967. She was the mother of seven children. One girl Ocie Coleman and six boys; one boy preceded her in death, Don. Living are Bill, Dennis, Claud, Bud, Marvin, all of Ransom, Ky.

She professed a hope in Christ and united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church in which she lived faithfully until death.

She leaves her husband, Brother Andy Dotson, six children and three sisters to mourn her passing. But may we all bow our heads with humble submission to the will of our heavenly King in calling our beloved sister from our midst and

we are sure that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by request of her family.

—Teddy R. Ball

POLLIE VANDYKE



Pollie Vandyke, known among her friends and neighbors as Mama Vandyke. She was born in this troublesome world in the year 1891. She was the daughter of Greenburry Sisk and Marrar Keen Sisk. She was married to Arthur Vandyke in the year of 1907 and to this union were born 11 children. One girl preceded her in death, Ruthy Viers. She leaves to mourn her passing 5 boys and 5 girls. Names: Mary Cox, Martha Street, Bell Anderson, Cindy Vandyke, Pauline Copenhader; boys Linkous, Clarence, Estil and Junior Vandyke. She also leaves 3 sisters: Mrs. Ella Webb, Mrs. Lettie Wade, Mrs. Lula Keen and 40 grandchildren and 51 great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her death.

She professed faith in Christ the last Sunday in August, 1966; was baptized by Elder Teddy Ball, in which she lived faithfully until death and we are sure our loss is heaven's gain.

We the members of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church, together with her mourning family, bow to the will of our heavenly King in calling her from our midst.

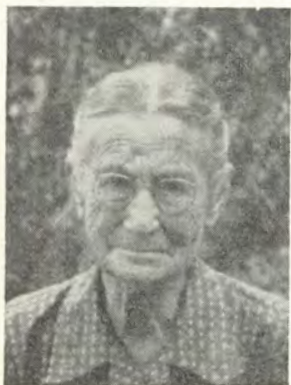
LULA VIOLET SMITH



Sister Lula Violet Smith was born April 11, 1887; died November 19, 1965, making her stay on this earth 78 years, 7 months and 8 days. She was married to Brother Scott Smith. To this union were born nine children, three preceded her in death: two sons and one daughter. She leaves her husband and two sons, Frelian R. Smith, Earl Smith, four daughters, Goldie Sculf, Virginia Dotson, Orpha Bowling and Lula Huddle.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Peter Creek for many years.

MAGGIE RUNYON



"Arise my love, my fair one, and come away." Thus did our kind and ever merciful Father call home our much loved and highly esteemed Mother, Grandmother, and member of the church, Sister Maggie Pauline Blackburn Runyon. We the members of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church share with this lovely family and the host of friends everywhere the loss we sustained in her passing.

Sister Runyon passed away March 14, 1966, making her stay on earth 88 years, 7 months, and 7 days. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Plymal Blackburn. She is survived by the following five girls and two boys: Mrs. Lizzie Justice, Mrs. Manda Thack-

er, Mrs. Nancy Wunder, Mrs. Orpha Thacker, Mrs. Myrtie Coleman, Mr. Bradley Chaney, and Mr. Calvary Runyon; 41 grandchildren, and 72 great grandchildren.

Her husband, William J. Runyon, a son, and a daughter preceded her in death.

It was such a delight to her children, when in November 1955, she came, giving evidence of believing that salvation was a gift of God and not by any merits of man. She was ever mindful that the Primitive Baptist was "the living way."

All of her life she was faithful to visit the sick and do what she could for them. Truly it can be said of Sister Maggie:

"She stretched out her hand to the poor: 'Yea, she reached her hands to the needy.' (Proverbs 31:20)

By her children and Sister Creetie Coleman.

ORPHA JUSTICE



Orpha Justice was born in Pike County, Aug. 31, 1893, and deceased March 30, 1966, after a long and painful illness, which she patiently endured. She was the daughter of James J. Kendrick and Sarah Blackburn Kendrick and the widow of James C. Justice who preceded her in death January 29, 1931. She was united with the Primitive Baptist Church July 11, 1965. Survivors include a son, James C. Justice, of Millard, Ky.; two daughters, Mrs. Albert C. Justice of Route one, Pikeville, Ky., and Mrs. Jesse F. Justice, Meta, Ky.; four brothers: George W. Kendrick, John Kendrick, Thomas Kendrick and James J. Kendrick; two sisters, Mrs. Myrtie Kinder and Mrs. Troy Bevins; also twelve

grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

—The Children

STELLA MAY SCOTT



Stella May Scott was born June 22, 1900; deceased July 23, 1967. She was the daughter of the late John and Parlee Varney May. She was married to Bert Scott who survives. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for several years. She was a faithful member.

She leaves her husband, two step-daughters and a host of friends. We fill our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by Bert and Mrs. Jarvey Ward.

VADA (SMITH) JUSTICE



It is with sad and aching hearts that we try to write the obituary of our dear beloved wife and mother, Vada Smith Justice. She was born January 20, 1890, and was deceased April 26, 1967, making her stay on earth 77 years, 3 months, and 6 days.

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Louisa more than 16 years ago. She was a faithful member until death. Her seat, which is vacant, cannot be filled.

She was married to Flem Justice, Sr., October 11, 1906. To this union were born 15 children: 6 boys and 9 girls. Four sons preceded her in death.

She leaves a dear husband, Flem Justice, Sr., and 11 children: 2 sons,

William E. Justice and Taylor "Doc" Justice; 9 daughters: Myrtle Justice, Sarah Jane Bilter, Fannie Justice, Cleo Chaney, Mercie Hunt, Clara Lee Ramey, Delphia Branham, Velma Childers and Clotene Prater.

She also leaves 39 grandchildren and 29 greatgrandchildren, and 2 brothers, Talbert and Whetsil Smith; one sister, Martha Oliver.

She was a kind and loving wife and mother. She was good and kind and was loved by all who knew her.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

—The Flem Justice Family. Written by her daughter, Myrtle Justice.

VIRGINIA MAY THACKER



It is of much sadness and aching hearts that we try to write the obituary of our beloved wife and mother. This one dear Virginia May Thacker was born March 10, 1898 and left this troublesome life July 5, 1967, making her stay here on earth 69 years. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for the past 27 years, which as she would say were the happiest years of her life while serving her Lord. She was the mother of ten children. A husband and four children preceded her in death. She was married to Elder W. H. Thacker Aug. 29, 1944. Although her husband and children were left to mourn for her, they know that their loss is her greatest gain, for we feel that she is now happy in the kingdom of God.

Written by husband, Hibbard Thacker and daughter-in-law, Sue May.

LOIS ANN BOGAR COMPTON



Whereas it pleased our heavenly father Father to call from our midst Sister Compton, born Feb. 12, 1931, deceased Feb. 27, 1967, age 36 years, 15 days. She was the daughter of Clarence and Dixie Bogar. She was married to Fines Compton who survives Feb. 12, 1965.

She united with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church August, 1962. She leaves to mourn our loss her father Clarence and Dixie Bogar, one sister Helen Rose Moore; two brothers Ralph and Fonso Bogar. All who knew her were made to love her. We feel sure our loss is heaven's gain for her.

In loving memory.

Written by Elder Dan Adkins.

JAMES MEADE

James Meade was born Oct. 7, 1890, the son of the late David and Polly Meade. He deceased this life April 19, 1967. He was married to Zella Lowe who survives. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and was a faithful member until death.

He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. We feel sure our loss is his gain.

His wife, Zella Lowe.

AMOS DOTSON



My heart is filled with sadness as I try to write the obituary of my dear husband Amos Dotson who was the son of the late Mose Dotson and Vada Smith Dotson.

Amos was born Feb. 14, 1909 and deceased on Nov. 9, 1966. He made his stay in this world 57 years, 8 months and 26 days. He is survived by his wife Ennis Vipperman Dotson. To this union were born one son and four daughter: Darrell Dotson, Mrs. Doris Jean Varney, Mrs. Della Mae Rowe, Mrs. Darlene Gail Newsome, and Diana Dotson. He had one daughter and one son by his previous marriage: the late Andrew Dotson and Mrs. Mildred VanDyke. He also had seven grandchildren, four brothers and

two sisters: Eligh and Joe who are now deceased, Ransom and Wayne Dotson; Esta Bevins and Irene Childress.

He has been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Dry Fork since May 10, 1964., and has lived a good Christian life until his death. He was baptized by Teddy Ball and Eli Estep.

He was a faithful husband and a devoted father to his children. We all shall miss him very much. He will live forever in the hearts of those who loved him.

"But for the touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still."

Written by his loving wife Ennis Dotson and children.

IN MEMORY OF BALLARD BALL

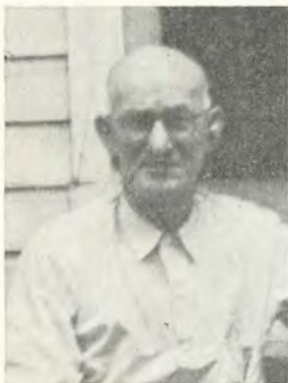
Who passed away July 25, 1927.
He was a flower sent from heaven,
Bloomed on earth a little while,
Now he's to sleep and slumber,
And we miss his loving smile.

No one knows the lonesome heartaches,
Unless they have the trial,
We'll try to hide our tears and sorrow,
Someday reclaim that long lost smile.

Sleep on, Darling, we know we'll met you,
And be parted never more,
God has promised in that morning,
When this toilsome life is o'er.

Sadly missed by his wife Didema, and three children, Mary Ellen, Josephine and Lee Ball.

Written by request by Mary Wheeler.



J. S. SCOTT

In loving memory of our beloved Brother J. S. Scott, born Feb. 14, 1886; departed this life Dec. 21, 1966, making his stay on earth 77 years and 10 months and 7 days. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church March 10, 1953. He lived a faithful God-fearing life until death. His doors were always open to the Lord's people and his many friends.

He was united in marriage to Fanny Farley Scott. To this union were born three boys and one girl. Two children preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife, two children, and relatives and many friends.

She has lost a loving husband, and the Church a faithful member. He is missed by all who knew him. He was always ready to lend a helping hand.

He was a true and faithful husband
With a kind and smiling face,
And a tender hand so willing,
None on earth can take his place.

He is missed by all his loved ones,
He leaves a sad and broken home,
Though his presence there is absent,
With his memory not alone.

And the thought is sweet to meet in heaven,
Only parted for a while,
When death's bars are torn asunder,
Meet again that welcome smile.

Written by request of those who love him. By Elder Frank and Mary Wheeler.

ELDER LONNIE WARRIX



Elder Lonnie Warrix was born April 8, 1904; deceased May 11, 1967, making his stay on earth 63 years, 1 month and 3 days. He was the son of the late Wm. C. and Elizabeth Adkins Warrix. To this union were born four children, two deceased and two living. Lonzo Warrix of Columbus, Ohio and Cesterin Blackburn of Greasy Creek, Ky.

Lonnie joined the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church in October of 1937. He was ordained a minister and served the church for many years. Lonnie will be missed by the church and many friends, but may we bow in humble submission to the will of God, looking to the coming of Christ to be gathered together with Him in glory where sorrow and parting can never come.

Written by his brother, Bradley Warrix.

DAVID W. COLEMAN



It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write an obituary of our dear beloved husband, David Coleman. Born August 30, 1892, being 74 years, 3 months, 7 days. He departed this life Dec. 7, 1966. He joined and was baptized at the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church, May of 1963. He was the son of Nathaniel and Dorcus Thacker Coleman.

His first marriage was to Sarah Coleman in 1910, and to this union were born three now living: Clyde and Carl Coleman and Corcus Coleman Thacker.

His second marriage was to Cora Madden Coleman. To this union were born 12 children, 7 now living: Granville, Lundy, Paul, Perry, and Danville Cole-

man, Avonelle Coleman Waldrup and Lucy Pearl Coleman Justice.

In 1945 he was married to Dorcus Thacker Coleman. To this union were born 3 children: David, Lois Ann, and Steve. Also 8 step-children: Emolene, William Austin, Utha, John, Ova, Rexall, Russell and Ledna Mae. He had 39 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 34 step-grandchildren.

We are left here in this world to mourn the loss of a good husband and father whom we all loved dearly. We've missed him at home and church so much we cannot express the deep loss each of us feel. Our greatest hope is to meet him in heaven.

Written by his wife, Dorcus T. Coleman.

ANDY J. MARCUM



It is with a sad and aching heart that I try to write the obituary of our dear beloved father Andy J. Marcum, son of James and Oma (Marcum) Marcum.

He was born in Wayne County, W. Va. Aug. 4, 1889 and died June 16, 1967, making his stay on earth 77 years, 2 months, 4 days. He was married to Matilda Scott in the year of 1916 and to this union were born 5 children, 3 daughters and 2 sons. The children's names are: Mrs. Fred Bogar, Mrs. Hassel Brown, Tolar, Ky., Mrs. Ross Scott, Amherstdale, W. Va., Clyde Marcum, Columbus, Ohio. Oscar Marcum, Detroit, Mich. He also leaves 21 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. He also leaves 3 sisters and 3 brothers to

mourn his passing. He also leaves lots of friends to mourn his passing. He joined the church April 11, 1967. He was faithful to the Church.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Written by his daughter, Mrs. Fred Bogar, Hardy, Ky.

FLOYD JUSTICE



Whereas it has pleased our heavenly Father to call from shores of time our beloved father and brother, Floyd Justice. He was the son of John W. and Darcus Thacker Justice. He was born December 10, 1875 and departed this life November 9, 1966. He married Minnie Williamson and to this union thirteen children were born. Minnie and ten of their children preceded him in death. He is survived by one daughter, Bessie Justice of Stanville, Ky., and two sons, Roy Justice, Pikeville, Ky. and Troy Justice of Fish Trap, Ky.

Floyd later married Rhoda Kendrick and she preceded him in death. He professed a sweet hope in the Lord but was unable to be baptized. He loved the songs

of Zion and had services in his home. He rejoiced and praised God in his affliction.

By Elder Dan Adkins.

OLIVER AND OCTAVIA BLACKBURN



Oliver Blackburn was born December, 1890 and deceased February 8, 1966. Octavia Blackburn was born March 21, 1892 and deceased January 7, 1967.

Oliver was the son of T. I. and America Runyon Blackburn of Fishtrap, Ky. Octavia was the daughter of Nathaniel and Missouri Daniels Blackburn also of Fishtrap, Ky.

Oliver and Octavia were united in 1912 and to this union were born five children, one deceased and four living: Otis and Curtis Blackburn of Stanville, Ky.; Oliver Jr. of Pikeville, Ky. and Stella Blackburn Colman of Pikeville, Ky.



Oliver had two children from his marriage to Minnie Pickle: Nellie Marie Williams and Thomas Douglas Blackburn, both of whom live near Dayton, Ohio. Oliver and Octavia were divorced in their younger days, but were reunited in marriage a few weeks before his death.

Both were baptized in the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. Oliver was baptized Dec. 11, 1965 and Octavia was baptized July 10, 1966.

While we are left to mourn the passing of Mother and Dad we feel our loss is their eternal gain.

Written by Stella Coleman.

JAMES VARNEY



Uncle Jim, as was known to his friends, was born April 29, 1881 in Pike County, Ky. He was a son of the late Lewis and Lucinda May Varney.

He deceased in February 1967. He joined the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Teddy R. Ball and Elder Paris Coleman December 15th, 1940 and was ordained a Deacon soon thereafter.

Uncle Jim leaves his brothers and sisters in the Church and many friends and the following sons and daughters to mourn their loss. His surviving children are—Lewis Varney, Belfry, Ky., William Varney of Belfry, Ky., Nicholas Varney of Stone, Ky., Fred Varney of Canada, Ky. and Fritz Varney of Canada, Ky.

and Mrs. Dora Church of Pikeville, Ky. and Mrs. Peggy Williamson of Belfry, Ky.

Also surviving is his wife Jinnie Blackburn Varney at home.

He attended Church as long as he was able to go and for many years he was a great supporter of the Church.

Written by a brother in the Lord we hope, Elder Teddy R. Ball.

DEALIE MAY AND DARE MAY



Whereas it pleased our heavenly Father to call from the shores of this time our beloved sister and brother, Sister Dealie May, 65 years. Joined the Primitive Baptists April 26, 1964. Brother Dare May, 70 years, joined the Primitive Baptists Feb. 28, 1965 and lived faithful until death members of the Raccoon Church. Survivors include four sons Glen, Cletus, Clayton, Buford May; seven daughters: Geneva, Jeanette, Estaline, Miss Loretta, Patsy, Barbara, and Gaynelle.

The Church bows our head in the passing of our beloved sister and brother; also the brothers and sisters and many loved ones. May the good Lord ever bless us till we meet again.

Written by Elder Dan Adkins.

JOHN VARNEY



John Varney lived 88 years, 1 month and 22 days. Passed away April 22, 1967 at 4:10 a.m. in the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born Feb. 27, 1879 at Stowe, Ky. in Pike, County.

He was the son of Lewis and Cindy (May) Varney. He left two sons and two daughters and 18 grandchildren.

By members of Church, April 13, 1965.

IDA VARNEY

Ida Varney, 88 years, 5 mos., 18 days, passed away June 3, 1967 at 10:20 a.m. on Saturday at home. Born Dec. 16, 1878 at Hardy, Ky. in Pike County. She was the daughter of Elliot and Vicie (Stafford) McCoy.

STEWART JUSTICE



It is with a sad and aching heart I try to write the obituary of my dear loving brother Stewart Justice. He was born October 3, 1882; deceased Jan. 23, 1967, making his stay on earth 84 years and 3 months. He was married to Polly Adkins in 1906 and to this union were born 9 children, 5 boys and 3 girls living and his wife and one son preceded him in death.

Later he married Anna T. Hatlen. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church in the year of 1935 and lived a faithful member until death.

We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his sister, Ora Justice.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, and (if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly), shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

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

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

13. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.

14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches nec-

essary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

4. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature

1. We believe in one true and living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that he is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church from everlasting.

3. We believe the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fulness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and the unjust, and the happiness of the righteous shall be eternal and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing an example.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

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 member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect of the person who spoke before so as to mak remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can to convey his ideas.
6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother."
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.
11. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the casting vote.
13. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Sat. of Meeting	Contribution
Louisa	Bradley Warrix, Zebulon, Ky.	6	.....	.....	6	.....	6	58	2	\$36.00	
Pond Creek	Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky.	8	2	.....	.....	.....	3	164	2	25.00	
Big Creek	W. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	6	.....	1	2	.....	2	66	3	20.00	
Raccoon	George McCoy, Raccoon, Ky.	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	38	4	23.00	
Peter Creek	Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky.	1	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	96	4	25.00	
Sulphur Spring ..	J. B. May, Star Rt., Box 197, Hurley, Va.	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	64	1	12.00	
Little Hope	Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky. ....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	31	1	14.35	
Joppa	Ermia Varney, Nolan, W. Va. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	1	5.00	
Grape Vine	W. K. Bevins, Phyllis, Ky.	2	.....	1	.....	.....	3	33	3	12.00	
Samaria	J. E. Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.	7	1	.....	1	.....	4	3	162	3	25.00
Little Union	Ernest Blair, Fed Creek, Ky.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	36	4	25.00	
John Creek	Noah Smith, Box 74, Kimper, Ky. ....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	40	2	20.00	
Calvary	Roscoe Varney, Kimper, Ky.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	1	13.00	
New Friendship ..	Robie Lewis, Boones Camp, Ky. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	22	4	5.00	
Dry Fork	Garland Childress, Vansant, Va.	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	40	2	25.00	
Columbus	David Jr. Coleman, Columbus, Ohio	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	4	12.00	
Totals		44	4	3	1	16	5	27	822		

