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OF THE

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OF THE

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In Session With Mt. Pleasant Church
Sidney, Kentucky

September 10, 11 and 12, 1976

Elder Edwin May—Moderator

Elder Wayne Herald—Assistant Moderator

Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.—Clerk

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FRIDAY
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The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Sidney, Ky. on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1976.

The small crowd of Brethren, Sisters and friends soon grew too large for the Church House and we had to move out under the tent for the Introductory Sermon. The chill in the air soon gave way to Spiritual warmth as the meeting began.

As I glance around the tent looking into the faces of these my people, I see the expectation and hope written there by many prayers. They have come as children gathered around mother's table at suppertime with thankful hearts and hopes of eating food prepared by mother's hands. Their hopes and prayers were not in vain today because I see, as it were, a transfiguration in these faces I love so well and a lifting up in spirit from earth to heaven as God showered down that spiritual food from mother Jerusalem's bountiful table throughout the following services.

Elder Johnny Cline opened the services about the hour of 9:30 A.M. and for a short space of time was wonderfully blessed to preach from his Text: Isaiah 26:1: "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; we have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulworks."

Elder Edwin May then led in prayer.

Elder Ross Cline preached the Introductory Sermon from his Text: Revelation 16:12: "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of Kings of the east might be prepared; and I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief, blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

Brother Ross proclaimed that the battle begun when God led his children out of the land of Egypt and continued to increase unto John the Baptist, who was

the last Prophet, and the battle grows more heated as we near that great day of the Lord. Brother Ross admonished the Brethren to everly watch and pray and to keep their garments.

There was much rejoicing as the Brethren concluded these services.

The Sardis Association Delegates and a large delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the church house where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association.

As is our custom, the many Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent where God in His infinite compassion showered down His blessings on the congregation by the mystery of preaching from:

NAME	ASSOCIATION
Elder Eales Cotton	Philadelphia
Prayer by Brother Troy Hall	
Elder Hershell Huff	New Salem
Elder Banner Manns	Indian Bottom
Elder Hiram Adkins	Northern New Salem

Elder Fon Bolling of the Union Association introduced the services at the house and led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, the beloved and stalwart moderator of the Sardis Association, spoke a few words of regret that he missed the last association held at Mt. Pleasant Church, which was one of the best we ever had, and admonished the delegates to strive for that same peace and love this year. If we sow more good toward each other, Brother Ed continued, we will reap more good. Brother Ed's plea in his short opening remarks was to "let" Brotherly love continue and take heed unto ourselves.

(2) The Moderator appointed a committee on finance to receive the contributions sent to the association by the several churches as follows:

- Elder Ernest Cochran
- Elder Ellis Davis
- Brother Edwin Hay

(3) The Moderator then called for the letters from the churches of the Sardis Association to be handed in to the clerk and for the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.

(4) The letter from the Mt. Pleasant Church was read by the clerk and, upon motion by Elder Willie White and second by Bro. Marshall Williamson, all letters were received, the delegation seated and all queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

(5) The committee on Finance reported \$1,345.00 received from the churches as reported in the Statistical table and, after turning this amount over to the treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Sardis Association then completed its organization by selecting the

following officers to serve for the coming year:

- Elder Edwin May, Moderator
- Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
- Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
- Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

(7) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during the setting of the Association.

(8) Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren, to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace be preserved as follows:

- Brother Willie Pinson
- Brother Clayton Scott
- Brother Monrow Smith

(9) The clerk presented the Sardis Association with an old association record book which had been given to him by his Daddy and which they both believe to be the old original hand-written Sardis Association minute book beginning with our organization in 1893. The clerk requested that Brother Edwin Hay, an outstanding scholar and an expert on Regular Baptist History, be appointed to take charge of a committee to review, compare and authenticate that this is in fact our original minutes which have been lost since about the year 1911. The moderator appointed the committee to report back on Saturday as follows:

- Brother Edwin Hay
- Elder Wayne Herald
- Elder Willie White
- Elder Tommy Adair
- Elder Ernest Cochran

(10) By motion and second, the reading of our Constitution and Rules of Decorum was omitted.

(11) The Moderator called for the letters from our corresponding Sister Associations. The following letters were read and by regular move and second were received and the delegates seated with us in council, being given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following Delegates: Jesse L. Williamson, John M. Mullins, John C. Layne, Charlie Johnson, Orban May, Fon Bolling, Fred Rowe, Lonnie Mounts, Perry Layne, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Nick England, Edgar Deel, John C. Mullins, Kit Gibson, M.D. Mullins, Delbert Sanders, Steve Coleman, Earl Belcher, Thelmer Browning, Corbin Spears, Grover Clevinger, Victor Coleman, Amos Bartley, Dallas Ramsey, and Hayes Duty.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following Delegates: Grover Adkins, W.B. Day, E.J. Little, Harler Kiser, Willie Miller, Orville Hamilton, Jessie Jones, Sollic Kiser, Jink Ray, Hobert Hamilton, Lee Adkins, Able Johnson, Ellis Holbrook, Butler Howell, Linnie Boyd, San Justice, Woodrow Pack, James Tackett, Elijah Hamilton, Lewis Marcum, Allen Pitts, Edd Moore, Jethro Hampton, Perry Tackett, Don Little, Millis Roberts, Monroe Jones, Perry Jones and Eddie Tackett.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Roy B. Akers, W.P. Deel, Hillard Newsome, Harrison Runyon, Roy Hamilton, Hiram Adkins, J.B. Hale, Raymond Gilman, Joshua Hicks, Byrd Burke and Lloyd Short.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following Delegates: Burgess Dials, James Miller, Ira Stepp, Walter Morrison, Paul Stapleton, David Ross, Rush Stanley, Paul Morrison, Eales Cotton, Creyton Elkins, George Woods and Dave Gilman.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Hassel Estep, Wayne Bryant, Robert Mullins, Billy Joe May, Plenie Rowe and Howard Slinger.

INDIAN BOTTOM: Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, Charlie Gibson, Ollus Baldridge, John Preece, McKinley McIntosh, Maynard Caudill, Merrell Smith and Banner Manns.

(12) The Moderator called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following:

- Brother James M. Ray
- Brother Edwin Hay
- Brother Stewart Brown
- Elder H. Jimmy Deeley
- Elder James Gannon
- Elder Ernest Cochran
- Elder Lesly Blair
- Brother Julius Cochran
- Elder Ross Cline
- Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr.

(13) The Moderator called for newly organized churches or other churches and associations of our same faith and order desiring to take up fellowship with the Sardis Association and received a letter of petition for admission into the Sardis Association from the Elizabeth Church of United Baptist as follows:

Church Letter of Request for Admission into

Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

We, the Elizabeth Church of Jesus Christ of United Baptist, formerly of Iron Hill Association, now in session on our regular Meeting time and in love and peace with one another, sendeth greetings and salutations to the Messengers and Ministers that may compose Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist when convened with Mt. Pleasant Church, Sidney, Ky.

Dear Brethren:

By voice of the Church, it was unanimously approved that we send a Letter of Request for admission into your Association, under Watchcare and Communication, and have chosen these our Brethren to bear this Letter to you:

- Delegates**
- Elder John Gastle
- Elder Kelly Castle
- Elder George Perry
- Elder Edward Frazier
- Alternate Delegates**
- Brother Don Frazier
- Brother Charlie Maynard
- Brother Darrell Ratcliff

We humbly desire that you come among us, as we have already come among

you, and investigate our Faith, Doctrine and Practice. We have listened to your Ministers declare the Word of God, observed your Practice and felt and enjoyed the Spirit of the one God of the true Israel.

We make this Request because we stand alone due to our keeping the true way of God.

Our state and standing of membership is at present 23. Our Meeting Time is the 4th Saturday and Sunday of each month. Our Communion time is the 4th Sunday in June. We have 4 Ordained Ministers and 3 Deacons.

We feel our Doctrine, our Faith and our Practice corresponds with yours and the Lord's. Once again, we ask your consideration for membership into your Association and may the God of Heaven, who doeth all things well, direct your minds in the right way of the right judgment. We are willing to omit the name United Baptist and to assume your name of Old Regular Baptist.

Done and signed by order of Elizabeth Church of United Baptist, Route 3, Louisa, Ky.

- Elder Kelly Castle, Moderator
- Elder G.O. Perry, Assistant Moderator
- Brother George Sparks, Clerk

After discussion it was determined that this lovely band of Brethren do believe our Articles of Faith, have investigated and do believe our Doctrine and Practice and do agree to abide by our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Association Orders. By move and second, the Request was received, the Delegates seated and the Letter referred to the Committee on Arrangements. There being no objection from Sardis Delegates nor from our Corresponding Association Delegates, these Brethren were given the right hand of fellowship amidst much rejoicing. It was indeed a happy time as we gave God the praise for the electrifying spirit that leaped from breast to breast.

(14) By motion and second, it is ordered that we correspond with the following Sister Associations and that the Clerk prepare the Letters and file of Minutes accordingly: UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA, OLD FRIENDSHIP and INDIAN BOTTOM.

(15) Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one Delegate from each Church and the entire Mt. Pleasant Delegation. They reported as follows:

- FRIDAY NIGHT**
- Elder Nelson Seales
- Elder E. J. Little
- Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders
- SATURDAY**
- Elder R.B. Akers
- Elder Delbert Sanders
- Elder Kirby Ison
- Elder Grover Adkins
- ASSOCIATION**
- Indian Bottom
- New Salem
- ASSOCIATION**
- Northern New Salem
- Union
- Indian Bottom
- New Salem

(16) Committee on Arrangements appointed consisting of one Delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association, Moderators, Clerks and the entire Delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

(17) On motion by Elder John Lowe and second by Brother Delbert Kazee, the Sardis Association was adjourned, by way of prayer, until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

**SATURDAY
September 11, 1976**

Met pursuant to adjournment with joyful singing of many of the old time songs while the Delegates settled in for a day of work.

Elder Perry Jones of the New Salem Association opened this session with preaching and then led in prayer.

Business then proceeded as follows:

- (1) Called the roll of Delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, upon motion and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.
- (3) Appointed the same Committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows and were discharged:

SATURDAY NIGHT	ASSOCIATION
Elder Hobert Hamilton	New Salem
Elder Mills Roberts	New Salem
Elder Lloyd SESCO	Sardis
SUNDAY	ASSOCIATION
Elder Nelson Seales	Indian Bottom
Elder Fon Bolling	Union
Elder Edwin May	Sardis

(4) Called for the Association Treasurer to report and, upon move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand September 14, 1975	\$2,530.56
Overpaid Obituary money donated to Treasury	10.00
Total available for 1975	\$2,540.56
Less paid out for 1975:	
Printing 3930 Minutes	\$1,403.50
Typing Fees	100.00
Total paid out for 1975	1,503.50
Balance	\$1,037.06
Add interest earned, 1st National Bank, Pikeville	53.14
Balance on hand September 10, 1976 (In Savings)	\$1,090.20
Add 1976 receipts:	
Received from the Churches	\$1,345.00

Received for Obituary Pictures 310.00
 Donated for tent trailer license 32.50
 Total receipts for 1976 1,687.50
 Balance on hand September 12, 1976 \$2,777.70

(5) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1976 and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his expenses.

(6) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 4000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his expenses.

(7) The Circular Letter written by Elder John P. Church was read by him and, by regular move and second, was accepted and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(8) Delegates to our Corresponding Sister Associations appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the Little Martha Church, Vansant, Buchanan County, Va. on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1976: Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Clifford Maynard, Claude Brown, Russell Thacker, Marshall Williamson, Randolph Pauley, J.M. Francis, K.H. Williamson, Cody Stanley, James Gannon, Stewart Brown, Chester Belcher, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, David Baisden, John P. Church, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsbury, Bob Justice, Wallace Muncy, Charlie Scott and Joe Warrix. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the Old Beaver Church, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1976: Chester Belcher, Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Clifford Maynard, Jim Bevins, Randolph Pauley, Wallace Muncy, Stewart Brown, Harvey Lowe, J.L. Nichols, Edwin Hay, Merlin SESCO, J.D. Walters, James Scott, Frankie White, James Gannon, Julius Cochran, Frankie Scott, J.M. Francis, Sabor Nichols, Tommy Dials, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Henry Robinson, Dewey Blackburn, John P. Church, Roosevelt Lowe and Joe Warrix. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1977: Julius Cochran, James Gilliam, Elmer Thompson, J.L. Nichols, Delbert Kazee, Johnny Cline, Edwin Hay, Mike Sheppard, Merlin SESCO, John P. Church, Clyde Brown, Wayne Herald, Charley Scott, Wallace Muncy, K.H. Williamson, Uley Perry, Ross Cline, Clifford Maynard, Marshall Williamson, Russell Thacker, Bill Cochran and Leslie Blair. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Friendship Church, Flatwoods, Ky. on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1977: Clifford Maynard, Uley Perry, Ross Cline, Claude Brown, Wallace Muncy, Julius Cochran, Bill Cochran, Edwin Hay, Stewart Brown, Sabor Nichols, Merlin SESCO, Clyde Brown, Charley Scott, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsbury, Delbert Kazee, Ernest Cochran, Cody Stanley, Mike Sheppard, Bobby Scott, and Wayne Herald. Letter in the hands of Brother Edwin Hay.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Mt. Zion Church, Mohawk, W. Va. on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1977: Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Charley Evans, Johnny Cline, Ted Glandens, James Gannon, Faye Scott, Marshall Williamson, Berlin Thornsbery, Jim Bewins, Edwin Hay, Frankie White, Wallace Muncy, John P. Church, Mike Sheppard, Mark Cline and Russell Thacker. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbery.

INDIAN BOTTFOM: When convened with the Indian Bottom Association Building, Sasafas, Knott County, Ky. on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1977: Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Claude Brown, Marshall Williamson, Monroe Ousley, John P. Church, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, H. Jimmy Deeley, James Scott, Merlin Seseo, Steve Robinson, Jr., Loyd Seseo, Russell Thacker and Clifford Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

(9) The Letter of Petition from the Elizabeth Church of United Baptist was read and, after discussion, Elder Willie White made a motion, second by Brother Mike Sheppard, that we accept the Elizabeth Church under Watchcare for one year and that the Moderator appoint a Committee to go to the Elizabeth Church and examine their Faith, Doctrine and Practice and to work with them during the coming year.

The time for the Committee to meet with the Elizabeth Church was set for the fourth Saturday in November 1976 at 10:00 A.M., since this is their regular Meeting time. The Sardis Brethren and our Corresponding Brethren were advised to visit this little Church as often as possible, preach with them and invite them to our Churches to visit and preach with us.

It was further advised that we advise our Corresponding Sister Associations of this work and ask them to meet with our Committee on the above date.

Committee appointed as follows:

Elder Edwin May	Elder Clifford Maynard
Elder Wayne Herald	Elder James Gannon
Elder John P. Church	

(10) Called for tent committee to report and no activity in past year but Elder Clifford Maynard donated \$32.50 to pay for 1976 tent trailer license. Members of our tent committee were appointed in 1974.

By regular move and second, the tent committee was authorized to work with like committee of New Salem and Union Associations to purchase New Salem's part in the tent.

(11) Brother Edwin Hay reported that the committee appointed Friday to authenticate the old Sardis Association Minutes had reviewed and compared the old record book. Brother Hay verified that his beloved Grandfather, Elder Hi Maynard, had in fact written a few of these minutes in his own handwriting. Brother Hay gave a good review of Sardis history. (Your Clerk would like to state at this point that the highly esteemed Elder Hi Maynard is well remembered by older members of all Old Regular Baptist as a beloved and able leader who served Sardis Association from the early 1900's to his death in the

mid-1940's as Assistant Clerk, Clerk, Assistant Moderator and Moderator. He led us through some very trying times.) The committee report is as follows:

(The following clarification is to be typed and inserted into Page 88 of this old record book.)

"This old record book was examined by a duly appointed committee of the 84th Annual Session of the Sardis Association who reported the following findings."

"The minutes recorded in this record up through the Nineteenth Annual Session (September 1911) of Sardis Association (Book pages 1 through 87) are true and valid records."

"The minutes recorded in this record after 1911 (Book pages 88 through the last page) are those of the "W.B. Estep" or "West Virginia" side of Sardis Association which came into being because of a division in Sardis Association in 1913. The part of this record from page 88 to the end of the book is not to be considered as a part of the Sardis Association Record."

Committee:

Elder Wayne Herald	Brother Edwin Hay
Elder Willie White	Brother Ernest Cochran
Elder Tommy Adair	

By motion and second, it is ordered that we accept the committee report and their findings, that the clerk preserve the old record book to insure its safe keeping and the committee be discharged.

(Note: This old record book, along with our other association minute book up to and including the year 1960, will be placed in the vault of the First National Bank of Pikeville, Ky. for safe keeping by the Clerk.)

(12) To answer a query from Dix Fork Church regarding wearing apparel of the Sisters, the committee on arrangements, by regular move and second, requested the Moderator to appoint a committee of Sardis Brethren to prepare an answer for consideration of the full association at Saturday's session. Committee appointed as follows: Elder Wayne Herald, Brother Ralph W.F. Varney, Jr. and James M. Ray.

On motion by Elder Ernest Cochran and second by Elder James Gannon, both delegates from Dix Fork Church, the Association approved the committee report as its answer to the query and discharged the committee. The committee report is as follows:

Dingess, W. Va.
September 13, 1975

Sardis Association
of Old Regular Baptist
Brethren:

In answer to the Query from the Dix Fork Church asking "Does the Sardis Association believe in Sisters wearing pants, slacks or shorts?" We, as an

Advisory Council and not as a law making body say:

To answer this Query in the affirmative would be interpreted by some Brethren too liberally and they would say we have laid down the gate and opened the doors to anything and everything.

To answer this Query in the negative would be interpreted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like water. We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members - both Brethren and Sisters - to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in such a manner that they can easily be identified from the World. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

We believe, and the Association has so stated in the past, that each Church in the Sardis Association holds the key to its own door and is the sole Judge of the conduct of its members so long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 3 of our Constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on the internal right of the Churches.

Elder Wayne Herald
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
Brother James M. Ray

(13) The Association by regular move and second said that if a Sister has cut her hair, she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so and cuts her hair again, she will be excluded.

(14) By motion and second it is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Association not to marry people into adultery, where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

(15) In answer to the question, "Shall we receive into fellowship men or women having more than one wife or husband?" The Association by regular move and second said, "We advise the Churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication, such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same."

(16) By motion and second it is ordered that request for Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings be published in our Minutes.

(17) By motion and second it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brothers and Sisters that are in good standing with the Church at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$10.00 will be made for a picture printed with the Obituary, except pictures of Elders and their wives will continue to be printed free.

(18) By motion and second the Report of the Brethren attending Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings was omitted.

(19) A request was granted, by motion and second, from the Buck Creek Church to change Article 2 of our Articles of Faith to read: "We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized King James version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice."

(20) A request was received from the Sidney Church asking the Sardis Association to give it a release for their old Church House lot because their deed to the lot calls for Sardis Association to have ownership of the lot if Sidney Church should break relationship with the Sardis Association. Discussion revealed that Sidney Church had benefited by moving their Church to another lot, they have been offered a fair price for the old lot and need to sell the old lot to help pay for the new building.

The proposed deed of sale was read by the Clerk and, by regular move and second, the Moderator was authorized to recommend to the Delegates three Brethren of the Sardis Association, who are in good standing with the Sardis Association, to serve as trustees of the Sardis Association when elected to that office by the Delegates.

The following Brethren were recommended by the Moderator and, by regular move and second, were elected to the office of trustee of the Sardis Association, to serve until replaced or until failing to qualify, and are authorized to sign the above deed and to execute other specific duties expressly authorized by the Sardis Association:

Brother Orville (Bob) Justice
Elder Ernest Cochran
Brother James (Jim) Bevins

(21) A request from Southern Home Church to remove the name of Chalmers Marcum from our list of Ordained Ministers, since he stands excluded for being double married, was granted by regular move and second. Therefore, Chalmers Marcum is not preaching under the patronage of the Sardis Association.

(22) A request from Southern Home Church for financial assistance to help pay for new seats for their church was granted by move and second and all Sardis Association Churches were asked to send them whatever money they could.

(23) Requests from Enon Church, Pilgrim's Home Church and Bent Branch Church, concerning the Ash Camp Church of the Union Association receiving into membership a man and woman who were refused membership in the Sardis Association, were read. Also read was a written answer to Pilgrim's Home Church from the Ash Camp Church about the matter.

After a discussion, and by regular move and second, the work of the above Sardis Association Churches was approved and it was ordered that we send the following request to the Union Association, along with copies of the above requests and answer received from the Ash Camp Church:

Sidney, Kentucky
September 11, 1976

Union Association of Old Regular
Baptist of Jesus Christ

Greetings:

In a spirit of love and consideration of long standing fellowship, we are enclosing copies of Requests from three of our Churches which were made to our association and written answers given our Churches by the Ash Camp Church concerning our refusing membership to Oscar Stanley and his wife, Edith, who were subsequently received into the fellowship of the said Ash Camp Church.

They were refused membership under order of long standing in our association.

We therefore humbly request that you take such disciplinary action as you deem advisable to preserve the good feeling that exists between our lovely band of Brethren.

We sincerely trust and pray you will give this request your prayerful consideration.

May the God of peace and love be with you in all your Godly deliberations.

Done and signed by order of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ.

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

(24) In answer to a request from Bent Branch Church concerning the receiving of members who were rejected or excluded from other Churches in our Association or our corresponding Sister Associations and by regular move and second, we advise our Churches not to receive anyone who has been excluded or rejected by any Regular Baptist Church until they have gone back to the Church from which they were excluded or rejected and made peace or satisfaction with that Church. We also advise our Churches to only give Letters for convenience to members who are in good standing.

(25) Requests for hosting our 1977 Association were received from Pilgrim's Rest Church and Southern Home Church. After discussion, a move by Elder Willie White and second by Elder S.D. Hensley to grant the request from Southern Home met with an objection from Brother Willie Stanley. Vote of the Delegates showed 39 in favor of the motion and 34 against it.

Therefore, it is ordered that our 1977 Association be held with the Southern Home Church beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1977. Southern Home Church is located at Route 4, Citra, Florida which is just outside of Ocala, Florida.

(26) By motion and second it is ordered that we request all of our Churches, who can and want to, to send help to the Church that will host our next Association, the Southern Home Church.

(27) A committee was appointed to take the vote of the Delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon next year, who shall be his alternate and who shall prepare a Circular Letter for the next year. They reported as follows and, on move and second, were discharged:

Elder Wayne Herald, to preach the Introductory Sermon.
Elder John P. Church, to be his alternate.
Elder Isom Hannah, to write the 1977 Circular Letter.

(28) By regular move and second, it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender our sincere and heartfelt "Thank-You" to each and every member of the Mt. Pleasant Church; the several Sister Churches who furnished chairs; the Pike County Board of Education, with Superintendent Tom Dotson, and the Bevins School, with Principal Ronald Young and all the teachers for the use of the school lunchroom, tables and school grounds; the coffee pots of Loretha Hiets and Geraldine Welch and the food and supplies purchased by Ralph Boger and Happy Smith were all deeply appreciated; the funeral homes who furnished chairs; the Pike County Sheriff and his Deputies who controlled the flow of traffic; and all the many others who helped in so many ways to help make this association a success.

Our prayer is that God, in His goodness, will openly bless each of you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

(29) The reading of the minutes was omitted by move and second.

(30) On motion by Robert Clay and second by Brother Marshall Williamson, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the time and place mentioned above. The Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer.

This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptists, the Church of Jesus Christ.

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY
September 12, 1976

Large crowds had attended our Friday and Saturday meetings and another large number of Brethren, Sisters and friends gathered in today for this final day of our Association.

Many songs were sung, in that old time way we enjoy so much before Elder Nelson Seales of the Indian Bottom Association came to the stand to open the Services. Brother Seales was blessed to preach Jesus Christ to the people in a voice that tingled the nerves and opened the heart.

Our close friend and Brother of many years, Elder Fon Boiling of the Union

Association came next in the stand. But before he could begin his remarks, Brother Woodie Pack of the New Salem Association began a song which filled the Sisters hearts to over flowing and there was much rejoicing among the congregation.

Brother Fon then continued to preach the Lord Jesus Christ and His love toward all mankind. Brother Fon, always known as a peacemaker, admonished the Brethren to continue in love and peace.

Our esteemed Moderator, Elder Edwin May came to the stand with a thankful heart that God in His wisdom had seen fit to grant us another loving Association, large crowds and good weather. Brother Ed continued to preach Jesus and Him crucified for the sins of the world. He admonished the Brethren to take heed unto ourselves and the people to pray for guidance.

Elder Roy B. Akers of the Northern New Salem Association called dismissal to end a fruitful Association for which we want to give God all the honor and glory.

May God bless the Sardis Association with a double portion of His love until we meet again.

SARDIS ASSOCIATION 1976

Your Clerks

Did you go to Sardis Association this year?

If you didn't you missed a treat

For seldom have I seen such a gathering

At an association meet.

The days were nice and sunny

There was such a nice cool breeze

Everyone seemed in such good spirit

I felt so much at ease

I knew there was a difference

When I went on the grounds

Everyone smiling and handshaking

I didn't see a frown

The big tent was overflowing

I felt the spirit of love

Descending on the congregation

From that sweet home above

And then the preaching ended

And the praises, how they did roll

I felt the love of heaven

Overflowing my soul

Then we went to the business

And the brothers seemed to work in love

They were guided with the spirit of peace

That's from the land above

And on the last day, that blessed Sunday
It was so sunny and fair
I'll never forget it, I know
I'm so glad that I was there

Then I stood there watching

As they took the old tent down

I felt a kind of sadness

To see it leave that ground

God must have reserved a special blessing

I'm sure we couldn't value its worth

When He poured out his blessed spirit that day

At the old Mount Pleasant Church

Now I think of another time

When we'll meet at Southern Home

And I hope the same Spirit that blessed us there

Will move you all to come

And meet with us here, in this little church

So we can share in God's Love

It's as close to heaven as we can get

Till we all meet above.

Written by:
Elder Tommy Adair

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association and fellow travellers on Canaan's road. I will now try to comply with your request of last year and address you in the form of a circular letter. I wish to call your attention to the third verse of the 87th chapter of the Psalms of David: "Glorious things are spoken of thee O city of God." Years ago I heard of a city called Heaven, and I have started to make it my home. The city has foundations twelve and golden gates the same. I hope by the help of the Lord, I may be able to persuade others to seek this home also. It was given to John... The beloved John, to know more and see further than any other mortal man had ever seen or known. He stood on the Mount of Transfiguration with Peter and James when Moses and Elijah appeared talking with Jesus and they together had fallen upon their faces with fear. But when in latter days he was in the Spirit, listening to the trumpet tone of a mighty voice saying, I am alpha and omega, the first and last, I am alive forevermore what thou seest write in a book. Then he uttered joyful words and saw unutterable sights and heard sounds that were never to be communicated to other mortal ears than his.

In his vision he saw the inexpressible brightness that came from the great white throne, the angel throne the Redeemed Saints that no man could number. The Crystal Sea. The Street of Gold and the gates of pearl. Loud alleluias

continually ascending from the countless host as they sang the songs of redemption.

The united company cast their crowns at the feet of him who had redeemed them and ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands joined in the songs of praise to the Lamb that was slain. The Bible revealed heaven is a blessed object of hope to all Christian pilgrims, and is rich in everything that can gladden and bless the soul. Over in the city of God there exists the freshness of immortality and happiness is a perpetual stream.

Who can tell what it is like to stand in the shade of the tree of life, and look out over the borders of Paradise?

The fair heritage will never be blighted with sin. It is a guarded place, a holy place, and nothing that defileth shall ever enter in. All the blessed region there shall be nothing but beauty and harmony, nothing but peace and perfect love.

This is the Christian's home. The Holy City, the city of the living God, and it is indeed a continuing city, a house not made with hands, a prepared place for a prepared people. Our Father's house on high, the Mansions of God.

This city has no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God does lighten it, and the lamb is the light thereof.

There is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign,
Eternal day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

There is no growing old in the vale of immortality. We will always be active, and never grow weary. It is indeed a land of perpetual youth. Weary pilgrims in life's journey, you have a title to this happy land, and someday, sometime by and by, so you can bid farewell to every fear and come into your inheritance, which is incorruptible, and receive a crown of righteousness, that fadeth not away reserved in heaven for you.

The real glory of the Eternal Home is unrevealed; and will never be fully comprehended until the gates unclose to let the travellers in, and the full splendor of the Eternal throne bursts upon their wondering sight.

Sweet glories rush upon my sight
And charm my wondering eyes
The regions of immortal light
The beauties of the skies.

A little while longer on this side in the land of the dying, and we shall go to the land of the living, and Christ has promised us that you shall go no more out. We shall go no more out from the presence of the patriarchs, prophets and Cherubims; nor out of the presence of the Lamb, for we shall everly be with the Lord.

When Jesus tells us that the life to come is everlasting, the glory that is to come is Eternal, and that the inheritance is never to be taken away; we know that it is an abiding city, and truly blissful forever.

Agas upon agas may pass away, and the jeweled walls will glisten as brightly as in the day when the first fruits of Redemption entered in. Cycles may run their lengthened rounds again and again, and the pearly gates will be as clear and transparent as ever; saints may pass and repass the pathway leading through the triumphal arches, and the Golden Street will neither be dusty nor dim.

The anthems of love may be sung for millions of years, and they will never grow old nor wearisome. So it will be with all things; time will bring no evidence of decay into the heavenly world. The leaves of the forest, the drops of the ocean, and the sands of the globe have all been used to give an idea of the duration of our future home; but they fail, and the utmost powers of the earth are exhausted in the attempt to grasp it.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first began.

There shall be no sorrow there, the voice of crying shall be no more heard, sorrow and sighing shall flee away, and the days of mourning shall be ended.

Never in all the intercourts of heaven with all the ransomed host, that people the land of evermore shall we find a moistened eye that tells of sorrow and suffering, for the voice of weeping shall no more be heard there.

This world is not our Home, we're only pilgrims and strangers travelling through this dark and thorny desert, but beloved Heaven is our home.

Death will never knock at the door of those mansions, and in all that country there is not a single grave. How happy it will be to meet our loved ones in that pure and Holy City, where there will be no more wearisome days. No more sorrowful nights, no hunger nor thirst nor sad separations. No more bitter regrets. No more tears and no more heartaches, and there shall be no more death. Neither sorrow or crying; neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.

Let cares like a wild deluge come
And storms of sorrow fall
May I but safely reach my home
My God, my Heaven, my all.

Farewell Brethren. Farewell Sisters and Friends. If I never meet you on earth again, there I hope to see your face, and join to praise the Lord in that Radiant land beyond the skies, where Glorious things are spoken of thee, O City of God.

Humbly Submitted
Your Unworthy Servant,
John P. Church

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

AND
MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday with services to begin Friday evening. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Kirby Ison, Nelson Seales, Willie Varney, David Baisden, Joe Evans, Clifford Maynard, John Fouch, Edwin May, Billy Brumfield, Wayne Herald, Roy B. Akers and Charley Evans.

OKECHOBBE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 PM. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, David Baisden, Carlos Gibson, Kirby Ison, Edwin May, Nelson Seales, Wayne Herald, H. Jimmy Deeley, Ellis Davis, S.D. Hensley, John Fouch and Edwin Hay.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Alison Thornsbury, Steve Robinson, Jr., Hobert Hamilton, Woody Pack and Moderator attending.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Charley Johnson, Kirby Ison, Milford Lowe and Moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Edward Runyon, Charley Johnson and Moderator attending.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, John P. C hurch, Wallace Muney and Moderator attending.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: David Baisden, Steve Robinson, Jr., Johnny Cline and Hershell Huff.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, David Baisden, Joe Evans, and Ellis Davis.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Lloyd Sesco, Bobby Scott, Hershell Huff, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Moderators attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Roy B. Akers, Clifford Colley, Wallace Muney, John P. Church and Moderator attending.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald and Moderator attending.

ELIZABETH: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. (This Church is under our Watchcare and all Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. CLERK.)

JULY

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: N.A. England, Eddie Tackett, Plennie Rowe and James Tackett.

SAMARRA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Holbert Hamilton, Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Wayne Herald.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Roosevelt Lowe, Edwin May and John P. Church.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Wayne Herald, Monroe Jones and Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Faye Scott, Lloyd Sesco and Clifford Maynard.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Clinton Howard, Willis Lowe, Hobert Hamilton, Monroe Jones and Moderator attending.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. This is our Union Meeting. Our Communion is in August. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Hassel Estep, Hurshell Hurley, Eales Cotton and George Woods.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon, Johnny Cline, Mont Ellis, and Moderator attending.

AUGUST

TIBTHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Ellis Davis, Joe Evans, and Tommy Ellis.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Hillard Newsome, Eales Cotton, Ross Cline and Paul Adkins.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Johnny Cline, Edwin May, John P. Church, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Berlin Thornsbury.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, Jimmy Dale Sanders and Moderator attending.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. This is our Communion Meeting. Our Union Meeting is in July. Same Ministers called.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Charley Evans, Fales Cotton, George Woods, Wallace Muncy and Edward Runyon.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbury, Tommy Adair, George Woods, Edward Runyon and John Fouch.

PIGRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Robert Haney, Wallace Muncy, Hiram Adkins and Moderators attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

MARCH

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jay Mitchell, John Lowe, Tommy Adair, and Moderators attending.

APRIL

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, John P. Church and Hershell Huff.

MAY

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Matilda M. Robinson, Esta M. Reed and others on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Faye Scott, John P. Church and Moderator attending.

MUNCY VALLEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Muncy Valley Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis and Bobby Scott.

EIK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Willie Stitner, Alson Thornsbury and Chester Belcher.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Ratliff Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran and David C trigger.

MEMORIAL MEETING of the deceased members of the Mont Lowe family will be held at the family Cemetery on lower Brushy Creek on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Milford Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Ernest Cochran.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Frankie Scott, Bobby Scott and Edwin May.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Grover Adkins, Hershell Huff, Alson Thornsbury, Edwin May and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Jobe Blackburn on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: John P. Church, Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon and Milford Lowe. Starting time 10:30 am.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Billy Brunfield, H. Jimmy Deeley and Andrew Maynard.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

JUNE

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Thornsbury Cemetery at Dix Fork on the first Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all members of Southern Home Church. Ministers called: Lassie Edwards, Monroe Ousley, Julius Lester, Earl Belcher, Lloyd SESCO and Mills Roberts.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Morris Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Woody Pack, Ernest Cochran and Berlin Thornsbury. Church will be moved to the Cemetery on Sunday.

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: David Baisden, Isom Hannah and Johnny Cline.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John Fouch, Chester Belcher, Edward Runyon, Isom Hannah, Charley Evans, Willie Varney, Ellis Davis and Willie Stitner.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John M. Justice, Johnny Cline, Hershell Huff and Moderator attending.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Ransom Chafins on the third Saturday night and Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie White, Willard Blair, Ellis Davis and Willie Varney.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Jim and Betty Gillman and the rest of the family on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Johnny Newsome, James Curry and David Baisden.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held in the head of Sycamore Creek on the Lowe Cemetery for Johnny Nichols, Sr. and wife and all others on the Lowe Cemetery on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J.L. Nichols, Roosevelt Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Dave Williams.

JULY

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Robert L. Robinson, Bobby Scott, Wayne Herald, H. Jimmy Deeley and all Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner near by.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Watts Cemetery for J.T. Warts family on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, David Baisden, Willie Varney and Steve Robinson, Jr.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald, Alson Thornsbury, Louie Muncy and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING of the deceased of the Mont Lowe family will be held on the family Cemetery on Lower Brushy Creek on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Milford Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Clifford Maynard.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Ky. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willie Stanley, John P. Church, Edwin May, Bobby Scott and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, John P. Church and Kirby Ison.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Taylor family and the Maynard family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Same as in Union Meeting.

TIBBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting about 3 miles from Rt. 10, on Sand Creek Road on the Maynard Cemetery on the third Sunday to start at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: John Fouch, Lindsay Vance, S.D. Hensley and Mont Ellis. Dinner on the ground.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Isom Hannah, Willie Varney and David Baisden.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Joe Taylor Cemetery on lower Brushy Creek on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Edwin May, and James Gannon.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Rachel Stacey will be held at the home of her husband, Johnny Stacey, on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Clinton Howard, Milford Lowe, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Ben Robinson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the family Cemetery of Dewey Elkins on July 31. Ministers called: Edwin May, Louie Muncy, Robert Harney, Clifford Maynard, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Grover Adkins.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted Blackburn will be held at the home of his son, Dewey Blackburn, on Wynn Branch on July 31. Ministers called: John M. Justice, Edwin May and Luther Conn. Dinner will be served.

AUGUST

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon and Wallace Muncy.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Tommy Ellis, Edward Runyon and Clifford Maynard.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jethro Hampton, Millis Roberts, Milford Lowe and Jimmy Dale Sanders.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Moderator attending.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton and Joseph Staton on Pigeon Roost Fork on Wolf Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Roosevelt Lowe, Dave Williams and Clinton Howard.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W.C. Hay, M.J. Mounds and all the deceased of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called in Union Meeting will be used.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery in the head of Big Branch on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, David Crigger and Alson Thornsbury.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Little Rosa Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Faye Scott, Charley Evans, Isom Hannah and Wayne Herald.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, James Tackett, Alson Thornsbury and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J.W. Smith and all deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, George Woods, Hobert Hamilton and Moderator attending.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, H. Jimmy Deeley and David Baisden.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family and the Maynard family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J.L. Nichols, Ernest Cochran, Clifford Maynard and Harvey Lowe.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of the Sidney Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, James Gannon, Ross Cline and Johnny Cline.

MEMORIAL MEETING on the Henry Taylor Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Harvey Lowe, J.L. Nichols and Clifford Maynard.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the fourth Saturday, the same time of its Communion Meeting and the same Ministers will be used.

MEMORIAL MEETING for Mike Justice will be held at the home of his parents, Philip and Joyce Justice, on Miller Creek on Sunday after the third Saturday. After the Bent Branch Church regular meeting, dinner will be served at the home and then preaching will begin. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Luther Conn, Clifford Maynard and Hiram Adkins.

SEPTEMBER

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting near the Leannah Church of Tom McCoy and others buried in the Buck Branch Cemetery and of Money McCoy and others buried in the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meat House Fork of Wolf Creek, on the first Sunday. Ministers called: John P. Church, Faye Scott, Willis Lowe, Robert L. Robinson and Steve Robinson, Jr.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the First Saturday. Ministers called: David Baisden, Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon and Steve Robinson, Jr.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for their deceased members and for the deceased buried in the Maynard Cemetery at

Warfield, Ky. on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Kirby Ison, Hiram Adkins, Harold Edmonds, James Gannon and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Charley Johnson, Hobert Hamilton and Wallace Muncy.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Roscoe McCoy and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J.L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Johnny Jude and son, Ambrose Jude, will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Milford Lowe and Clinton Howard.

OCTOBER

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Frank Newsome and Moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Turkey Creek Church. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Ernest Cochran, Ted Glanden and Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Mt. Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Woody Pack, Jesse Thacker and Moderator attending.

LE ANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Scott Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Steve Robinson, Jr., J.L. Nichols, Edwin May and Moderator attending.

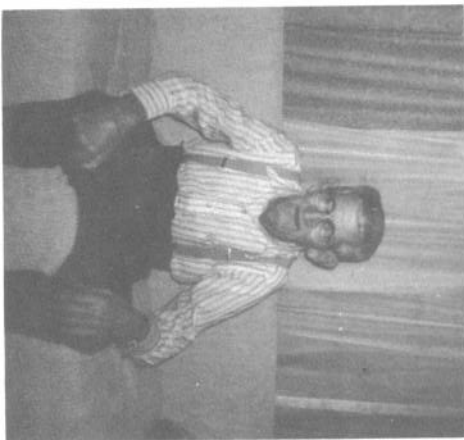
ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Charley Evans, Tommy Ellis, Loyd SESCO and David Baisden.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Ross Cline, Ulan Childers and Moderators attending.

OBITUARIES

(Memo: I am deeply and sincerely sorry that Brother Storrige's picture was misprinted in the 1975 Minutes and shown with the Obituary of Brother George W. Smith on Page 24. I pray that both of these lovely families will forgive me for this error. Your Clerk.)

JAMES STORTRIDGE



It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try and write the Obituary of my loving Brother, James Storrige. He was born October 6, 1895 and departed this life March 29, 1975, making his stay on earth 79 years, 5 months and 23 days.

He was the son of the late John and Annie (Cochran) Storrige and was born in Pike County, Ky. He was married to Dora McCoy who preceded him in death. He leaves a son, Clyde Storrige, and a daughter, Irene (Storrige) Feller. He also leaves three sisters, two brothers and a host of nieces and nephews to mourn his loss but I believe his loss is Heaven's gain. He loved to go to Church when he was able and he loved his Brothers and Sisters in the Church.

I want to say to his son and daughter, if you haven't made peace with God and you want to meet Daddy again, you will have to lay down the worldly things of this life and live for Jesus Christ, the one that died for the sins of the world. He loved you both very much. He is gone from our home but he still is with us in our heart. We will never forget him. He was so good to all who knew him.

He joined the Church the fourth Saturday in September 1968 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Easter Williamson and Brother Leonard SESCO. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church.

I hope and pray by God's great mercy that we will meet again someday where there will be no more sickness nor sorrow, nothing but happiness and love in that great mansion in the sky. Uncle Jim, our home is lonely without you, we miss you and we hope you know we loved you very much, but God loved you more. He took you from our home but not from our hearts.

Written by his Sister in hope,
Gladys (Storrige) Francis and
Nephew and Niece, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Francis

SAM MAYNARD



It is with much sadness for me to try and write this Obituary of my beloved Father, and Brother in Christ. Brother Sam was born January 9, 1875 and departed this life August 3, 1975, making his stay here on earth one hundred years, six months and 25 days.

Brother Sam was united in marriage to Elizabeth (Morris) Maynard, who preceded him in death on February 9, 1923 and to this union was born 6 children: Trimble and Corbet who preceded him in death; Leonard Maynard of Goody, Ky.; Albert Wade Maynard of Williamson, W.Va.; Alka Conte of West Haven, Conn.; and Roy E. Maynard of South Williamson, W. Va.

Brother Sam was married to Matilda (Young) Maynard in the fall of 1924 and to this union was born 5 children: Bertha Sanborn and Marie Lamporski of Wilmington, Del.; Ethel McNeely of Urbana, Ohio; and Tom and Burnis who preceded him in death.

Brother Sam joined the Salem Regular Baptist Church and was baptized July 3, 1948 by the hands of Elder B.H. Bevins. He attended Church regularly, walking on crutches or sometimes a walker. He wanted to be with the Brothers and Sisters to worship God in truth and spirit. You could see the tears run down his face as he praised God.

Now, children, if you want to see Daddy again, make your peace with God, be born again by His divine spirit and we all can be together again, with no more parting.

Written by his son and Brother in Christ,
Roy E. Maynard

MATILDA (YOUNG) MAYNARD

(Shown in photo with Sam Maynard)

With the help of God, I will try to write the Obituary of my dear beloved Step-mother, and Sister in Christ. Sister Matilda was the daughter of Julius Young and Pauly (Williamson) Young and deceased June 11, 1976.

She was united in marriage to Sam Maynard in the fall of 1924 and to this union was born five children: Bertha Sanborn and Marie Lamporski of Wilmington, Del.; Ethel of Urbana, Ohio; and two sons who preceded her in death, Tom and Burnis.

Sister Matilda joined the Salem Regular Baptist Church November 17, 1973 and was baptized by the hands of Elders Edwin May and Lloyd SESCO. She did

not get to attend Church as she wanted to, she took bed-fast after her baptism but the Brothers came in and had Services for her at home. You could see the tears run from her eyes as she praised God and she prayed most all the time. I believe Sister Matilda is taking her rest around the great throne of God where Brother Sam is.

All I can say to the children, brothers, sisters and grandchildren is, if you want to see Sister Matilda again, make your peace with God and prepare yourselves to meet her on that Great Day of the coming of the Lord.

Written by her step-son and Brother
in Christ,
Roy E. Maynard

BOYD CLARK

He was born February 8, 1909 and departed this life April 21, 1976, making his stay on earth 67 years, 2 months and 12 days. He was the son of the late John and Mauda Williamson Clark.

He was united in marriage to Louise Runyons in 1931 and to them were born five children, three sons and two daughters; Chester Clark, Zebulon, Ky.; Lester Clark, Borderland, W. Va.; Edward Clark, Amherst, Ohio; Mable Gilliam, North Ridgeville, Ohio; and Joyce Atkinson, Sheffield Lake, Ohio. Surviving are, one brother, Ezra Clark, Borderland, W. Va. and one half-sister, Sister Mable Burchette, Virgie, Ky. He also leaves 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



He confessed a Hope in Christ and was baptized the fourth Saturday in March 1976 by the hands of Elders Lloyd SESCO, Alson Thornsbury and others. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist. I believe he just made a happy exchange from this world to a home not made with hands. He was so happy I can just see the love and happiness in his eyes now. Left to mourn his loss are his family, friends and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain. Children, put your trust in the one that Daddy did and make peace with our Saviour before it is too late.

Dad, we hated to see you go. We know you fought a hard fight to stay with us as long as you did but when you accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, you knew you had won the battle. We hope someday we can all meet you in that home that God has prepared for you and all of God's children. Farewell Dad and

God bless the best father a family ever had.

Sadly missed by his wife,
Louise Clark, all the children
and grandchildren
Written by his daughter-in-law,
Bobbie Clark

RAMIE (RUNYON) SMITH

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write an Obituary of a dear Sister. When asked by her daughter to write this Obituary, I felt too weak and unworthy. I pray God will direct my mind and give me words to say.

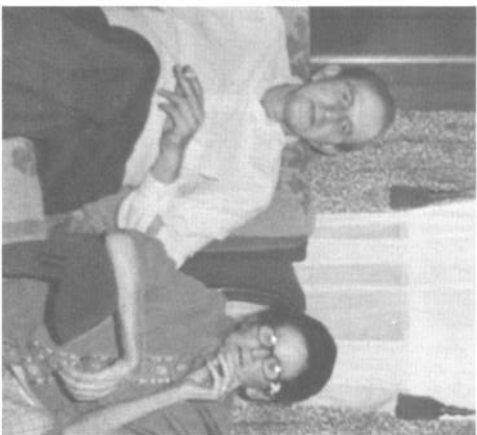
Sister Ramie was born July 17, 1916 and deceased this life November 2, 1975, being 59 years old. She was the daughter of the late John Henry Runyons and Ferba (Hensley) Runyons.

She was married to Robert L. Smith on December 13, 1938 and he preceded her in death. To this union two children were born, Robert L. Smith, Jr. and Judy Gail Stumbo, both of Route 2, Delbarton, W. Va. She leaves one brother, Rush Runyon, of Cleveland, Ohio. Two sisters and four brothers preceded her in death.

Sister Ramie was a member of Sardis Church for many years. She lived a good life and raised her children the best she knew how. She was sick for many years. The last time she was in Church was Communion Meeting and she was so weak she could hardly walk. I have seen her rejoice so many times in Church. I was with her a lot before she died and she liked to talk of the "Goodness of the Lord". She bore her sickness with patience and had a hard struggle in this life but I feel she has left a world of trouble and sorrow for a land of peace and love and happiness forevermore. Sister Judy, I know you get lonely and miss her but it won't be long until you can meet her where parting will be no more.

I could say many things about Sister Ramie but space won't permit. I believe her suffering is over. I would like to say to the family that don't know the Lord, if you ever expect to see Mother again you will have to repent of your sins and accept the Lord as your Saviour. Then you can meet where the family circle won't be broken anymore. God bless each and everyone of you is my prayers.

Written by a Sister in Christ,
Dolly Baisden



MYRTLE TAYLOR SCOTT



She was the daughter of J.M. (Bud) and Bell Taylor, born July 29, 1876 and deceased January 2, 1976, making her 82 years and 6 months old. She had four sisters, Ona Lowe, Nora Ward, Esta Scott and Tilda Vest; and three brothers, Beige, Baily and Landon Taylor.

She was married to the late Ben Scott on August 7, 1915 and they had one daughter, Iva Jean Blackburn of McCombs, Ky. There are seven grandchildren (one preceded her in death).

She became a member of the Big Branch Church November 3, 1936 where she remained a faithful member until death. I could write a book about Aunt Myrt and it would all be good. How she and Uncle Ben gave the community in which we live the strength that all communities need. How they set an example, which was good for any and all to follow, being honest, hard working and always ready to extend a helping hand to the needy. How they were always active in local affairs. And most of all the example they both set as Christians, being diligent in attending and living such wonderful Christian lives seven days a week. Their patience in the sufferings of their lives showing their hope of entering into that rest which remaineth for the children of God.

I expect to see Aunt Myrt and Uncle Ben again where all is peace and joy. If you wish to be with them, just follow the example which was set by Jesus Christ and followed by them.

Written by Elder Clifford Maynard and Iva Jean

ZADER FRALEY

It is with much sadness that I write the Obituary of our dear father, Zader Fraley. He was born November 8, 1904 to the late J.M. and Nancy Lowe Fraley in Pike County, Ky. He departed this life June 14, 1976, making his stay on earth 71 years, 9 months and 6 days.

He was united in marriage to Elva Opal Deskins on September 27, 1946 and to this union was born 7 children. Five girls, Mrs. Judy Smith of Sidney, Ky.; Mrs. Sarah Coleman of Shelbiana, Ky.; and Martha, Barbara and Ellen all of Hatfield, Ky. Two sons, Russell and Neal, both of Hatfield, Ky. One sister, Mrs. Lushie Step of Detroit, Mich.; one brother, John Fraley of Washington, Penn.; and one grandchild.

Daddy was baptized in March on 1974 by Elders Robert L. Robinson and Grover Adkins. He placed his membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church and

Daddy was a faithful member as much as his health permitted. He is now at peace and resting with God. Even though he is gone, he will never be forgotten.

Written by his daughter,
Martha C. Fraley

TED BLACKBURN



If we could choose a Dad all over again, we would choose him. His life before his children, the community and the world was a beacon of light in a dark and unfriendly world. He was firm but fair with his children and the Church.

Dad was born July 21, 1903 the son of John L. and Esta Gross Blackburn. He was married to Ressie Taylor Blackburn in October 1926 and to this union was born eight children: George, Fred and James B. all of Detroit, Mich.; John L. and Dewey both of Zebulon, Ky.; Mrs. Janice Collins, Rt. 1 Pikeville, Ky.; and Roy and Joel who preceded him

in death. He is also survived by a brother, Burnice, of Meta, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. Gladys Brown, Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Beatrice Billiter, Big Rock, Va.; Mrs. Audrey Cochran, Canada, Ky.; 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Easter Brown, and several half-brothers and half-sisters preceded him in death.

Dad was baptized into the Bent Branch Church by Elder Ester Hopkins in July 1944, became a Deacon in May 1947, was a Trustee and served the Bent Branch Church as a faithful member until his death on October 22, 1975 after a long illness.

Even on his death-bed he told us many good things which we promised to do and these last conversations will remain in our minds as long as we live. About three days before he died he called Mom to his bedside and tried to show her Jesus coming down the road and just outside the window. These and many other things let us believe that Dad has gone home to be with Jesus throughout the eternal ages. We have more to go to Heaven for than we had yesterday.

Written by his Children

HAZEL LOWE

Sister Hazel Lowe, daughter of the late William F. and Nancy (Howard) Lowe, was born November 16, 1895 and deceased October 8, 1976.

She leaves to mourn her passing one brother, Irvin Lowe, with whom she made her home; one sister, Jane (Lowe) Meade; the entire membership of the Bent Branch Church; other relatives and a great host of friends.

Sister Hazel became a member of the Bent Branch Church in May 1959 and remained a faithful member until death. My vocabulary is not sufficient to express the many good things that should be said about Sister Hazel. So I will just say that her life has made our neighborhood a better place to live. Sister Hazel had a special place in the hearts of those who knew her that will not fade away, especially in my heart. While she will be sadly missed, I am glad for her that she has now entered into that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Written by her unworthy Brother
in the Lord,
Elder Clifford Maynard.

MYRTIE ROBINETTE WARD

It was with much sadness and by the help of the Lord that I will try to write an Obituary of my dear Sister, Myrtie Ward. She was born in Pike County, Ky. on August 13, 1894 and deceased this life July 28, 1976, making her stay on earth 81 years, 11 months and 16 days. She was the daughter of the late John B. and Elizabeth Canada Smith.

She was united in marriage to Elder Bazil Robinette on February 29, 1912 and to this union no children were born. Elder Bazil preceded her in death. She later married Lake Era Ward who also preceded her in death.



Four brothers preceding her in death were Wayne Smith, Elder Jonah Smith, Ben Smith and Willie Smith. One foster daughter, Mattie Gilliam, preceded her in death. She leaves two foster-grand-daughters Kathlene and Carol of Florida and one sister Mrs. Mauda Maynard of Racoon, Ky. to mourn her loss.

Sister Myrtie confessed a Hope in Christ several years ago and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist where she lived a faithful member until death. She always filled her seat in Church when she was able. The Pilgrim's Home Church has lost a wonderful member, her family a good Mother and her friends a good neighbor. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain and we feel she has just made a happy exchange from this world of trouble to a home over yonder.

To her Nieces and Nephews and many friends, prepare to meet Sister Myrtie in this life because after death there is no repentance.

Written by ones in Hope
of eternal life,
Sister Mauda Maynard and
Sister Sophia Williamson

ALLIE MAYNARD

I will try, by the help of God, to write an Obituary of my dear Mother-in-law, Allie Maynard. She was the daughter of the late Comfort and Angeline White. She was born March 6, 1898 and departed this life October 9, 1975.

She was married to Charles Samuel Maynard April 13, 1913 and to this union were born eleven children: Wayne, Quinnie, Frelin, Reba Lee, Audie Mae, Magna Violet, Dorothy, Bradley, Phillip, Patry and Larry. She leaves to mourn her passing her broken hearted children and husband.



She professed a Hope in Christ and joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1935 and placed her membership in the Elk Fork Church.

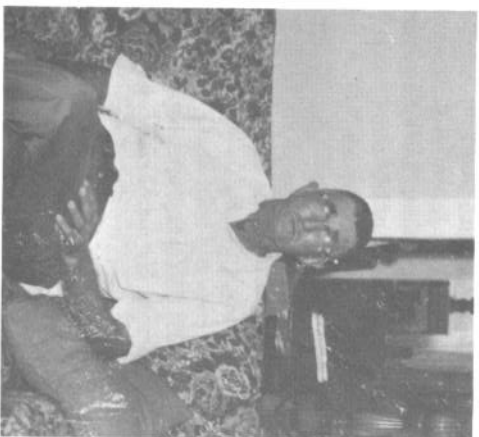
My mother-in-law was a good Mother, the best that any children ever had. She was loved so much by her children, husband and grand-children. We know that Mother can't come back to us but, by the grace of God, we can go to her. Children, you will have to change if you want to meet your Mother again in Heaven. I know she's there waiting for us to follow her home.

Written by Mary Maynard, Daughter-in-law
Sadly missed by all the family
JOBE BLACKBURN

With sad and broken heart I will attempt to write the Obituary of our dear Daddy, Jobe Blackburn. Daddy was born June 7, 1902 and departed this life January 2, 1976, making his life span on this earth 73 years, 6 months and 26 days.

Daddy made peace with God and was baptized in May 1967 by Elders Tracy Hatfield and Ernest Cochran. He took fellowship with the old Sidney Church but moved to the Buck Creek Church in October before he died.

Daddy chose as his loving wife and helpmate in life, Trixie (Gains) Blackburn, and to this union was born seven children. One son, John preceded him in death and there are left to



mourn his passing, Mae Hickman of Lovely, Ky.; Margie Jude, Bertha Duncan and Thelma Moore, all of Pilgrim, Ky.; Cletis Blackburn and Eunice Robinson of Inez, Ky. He also leaves two brothers, Wade of Kernitt, W. Va. and Jasper of Beauty, Ky.; two sisters, Pearl Jude of Threeforks, Ky. and Susie Fletcher of Pilgrim, Ky.; and thirteen grandchildren.

Space will not permit me to write of the many wonderful memories we have left of Daddy. He is greatly missed by the Church, relatives and his many friends. Those who were close to Daddy knew him to be a very kind and generous man. He always gave us children good council and I am sure that if we all follow his teachings we will all surely meet him someday.

Written by his daughter,
Thelma Moore, with help from his family.

JESSIE WILLARD ROBINETTE

With a loving memory but an aching heart, I will attempt to write an Obituary of my loving husband, Jessie Willard Robinette. He was born in Pike County, Ky. on January 7, 1917 and died August 19, 1976, making his stay here 59 years, 7 months and 13 days. He was the son of Mary Stanley Robinette and the late Jeff Robinette.

He was united in marriage December 25, 1936 to Mae Taylor Robinette and to them were born seven children, three sons and four daughters: Eugene Robinette of West Bloomfield, Mich.; George Robinette of Varney, Ky.; Jeffrey Robinette of



the U.S. Army, stationed in Oklahoma; Mrs. Phyllis Lowe, Mrs. Janice Lowe and Mrs. Sharon Korbel, all of Michigan; and Mrs. Bernice Craft of Indiana.

His father and three brothers preceded him in death. Besides his Mother, he leaves 5 brother and 2 sisters: Toney Robinette of Johns Creek, Ky.; George Calvin Robinette of Pikeville, Ky.; John Robinette of Meta, Ky.; Leonard Calvin Robinette and Earl Robinette both of Varney, Ky.; Marie S. Ledbetter of Robinette and Earl Robinette both of Varney, Ky. He also leaves 16 Zebulon, Ky.; and Mrs. Ruby Walters of Varney, Ky. He also leaves 16 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and a host of friends and neighbors.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church July 23, 1976 and was baptized by Elders Grover Adkins and Roy Hudson and placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church. He loved so much for his Brothers and Sisters to visit with him. Although he was too weak to talk with them but very little at a time, he still loved them. I feel deeply in my heart that he is resting in the arms of Jesus where troubles never come.

He was a dear and faithful husband, a kind and loving father and always counceled his children to love and help one another and to be kind, gentle and

honest with everyone. So children, take his advice. I need the prayers of everyone.

We wish to thank everyone for being so kind in the time of need.

Written by his wife

FANNIE ELLIS

Sister Fannie Ellis departed this earth October 3, 1975 at 1:30 pm at the home of her only living son, Elder Mont Ellis of Route 2, Delbarton, W. Va. No one can know the actual grief and sorrow that we felt at this time. She had been with us for such a long time on this earth, for 94 years, and her presence meant so much to all those who knew her. She was so good and kind to all of us. We now must face each new day alone but we know she is in a better place now and know that she does not want or need anything.



She was born June 12, 1881 at Tazewell, Va. She had a long, hard

childhood and was raised as an orphan child because her parents both died when she was about 4 years old. She had to work and make her own way through the world until she met and married Robert Ellis. They then became life-long residents of the Logan County area, lived a good life and raised 9 children.

Sister Fannie joined the Church very early in life without actual records of the date but she brought her membership to the Tabitha Old Regular Baptist Church at Omar, W. Va. in August of 1924 and kept it there until her death.

Her husband, Robert, died January 9, 1949 and she continued to live at her home, raise her children and helped raise some of her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 6 children, unnamed twins were dead at birth, Wayne Ellis, Fred Ellis, Edna (Ellis) Bartoe and Nina Ellis. She is survived by three children, Elder Mont Ellis, Sr. of Route 2, Delbarton, W. Va., Nellie (Ellis) Evans of Holden, W. Va. and Victoria (Ellis) Adkins of Kenova, W. Va. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, numerous great-great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

To all of her relatives and friends who loved her and miss her as we do, please remember we can and will see her again if we live like she did - a good Christian life, dedicated to doing God's will on this earth.

Written by her faithful
and loving granddaughter,
Ms. Mary Ellis

ELLIOT CLINE

With a sad and broken heart, and with God's help, I will try and write the Obituary of my dear and loving father, Elliot Cline who departed this life January 31, 1976. Dad was born May 18, 1919 at Baisden, W. Va. to Floyd Cline and Virgie Davis Cline, making his stay on earth 56 years, 8 months and 13 days.

He was married to Elzada Cline on September 21, 1938 and to this union was born 7 children, 4 sons: Johnny, Ralph, Randy and Rutherford Cline, all of Baisden, W.Va.; and 3 daughters, Sylvia Darlene Lazenby and Fonda Adams of Richmond, Va. and Alma Louise



Cline of Baisden, W.Va. He also leaves 17 grandchildren living and one who preceded him in death May 15, 1971, Terry James Cline. Dad had six brothers: Johnnie, Edward, Lawrence, Elmer and Jason Cline, all of Baisden, W.Va.; and seven sisters: Lenora Solona of Detroit, Mich.; Mary Cline, Naomi Cline and Bonnie Dotson, all of Mohawk, W.Va.; Stella Trent and Opal Sammons of Baisden, W.Va.; and Nealie Cline of North Springs. Dad had one brother, Dewey Cline, and one sister, Liddle Justice, who preceded him in death.

Dad joined the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist and was baptized September 16, 1950. He lived a faithful life until death. Dad was very sick his last few years here on earth but he never stopped going to Church. He always enjoyed visiting other Churches of his own faith. I believe he lived his life as close to God as anyone I ever saw. He really did enjoy having people come to his home and eat with him.

Dad always told us that the only time he was really happy was when he got a blessing from our good Lord. Dad was gifted to lead prayer and so many of his friends would send for him to pray for them. He was a very faithful man. No one will ever take his place in Church. It is so hard to go to Church and look across the room and not see Dad sitting there anymore.

Dad was blessed to see two of his children come into the Church and I know that was the sweetest rose we could give him while he was here on earth. I have no doubt about Dad's destination but we miss him here around the old home place, only God knows how hard it is to bear. God is the only one who can comfort us at a time like this. So I want to say to the rest of Dad's children, if you want to see Dad again, start on your way now and don't wait too late. You will surely see Dad again. I really believe I will meet Dad again some day, not as he was here on earth but I believe with all of my heart that he will be wearing his

long white robe and his shining Crown that our good Lord has promised everyone that would serve Him.

Dad is missed very much by all of us but I believe he was called away because God needed him more than we did down here. I believe he is very happy up there with God. Sometimes I get homesick for Heaven and want to go on and be there where there will be no more trouble and be with all of my friends and loved ones that have gone on.

Written by his daughter, Alma Cline
and wife, Elzada Cline

ELDER GROVER C. CARY

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the Obituary of my beloved father, Grover C. Cary, age 91. He was born December 3, 1884 on Elk Creek, which was a part of Logan County, at that time, and departed this life January 7, 1976. He was the son of Anderson Cary and Nancy Chafins Cary.

He was married to Bertha Curry on October 19, 1905 and to this union was born 12 children, 7 sons and 5 daughters. One son, Tom, preceded him in death. His surviving sons are Garland Cary, Wallace Cary and Frank Cary, all of Elk Creek, Ernest Cary of Lake Placid, Fla.,



Ross Cary of Newport News, Va. and Ballard Cary of Providence, Utah. Surviving daughters are Garnette Rush and Mabel Bleivins of Elk Creek, Hazel Hall of Lebanon, Ohio, Roxie Taylor of Buchannon Dam, Texas and Janice Combs of Miami, Fla.

Papa was baptized at the Elk Fork Regular Baptist Church in 1919. The exact month and day I do not know but I was 9 years old when he found peace with God. I feel that the neighbors, Brothers and Sisters in Christ lost a dear Brother in Christ. Before retiring Papa had served as a Minister of the Regular Baptist Church for approximately 50 years. He was Moderator of the Elk Fork Church for many years and took an active role in the Work of the Sardis Association.

I want to say to my brothers and sisters and those who knew him, if you want to see Papa again you will have to fall out with sin and turn to God. I feel and believe our loss is Heaven's gain and his soul is at rest under the altar of God.

My Dad's advice is, Children be good to each other and turn to the Lord before it is finally and everlastingly too late.

Written by his daughter,
Garnette Rush

PRILL LOWE



It is with much sadness and happiness of precious memories in my heart that I will try to write the Obituary of my grandfather, Prill Lowe. He was born April 24, 1879 at Thomas, Ky. and the Lord called him home on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1975, making his stay on this earth 96 years, 8 months and 7 days. He was the son of Fountain B. and Judy Staton Lowe who preceded him in death.

Papaw was married to Kansas Blackburn Lowe, who preceded him in death in 1936, and to this union were born 2 sons and 4 daughters, of which an infant son and daughter preceded him in death. Later he was married to Sally Thompson Lowe on April 2, 1945. She was a good companion to him and cared for him with love and kindness until the Lord called him home.

Papaw Lowe became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church being baptized at the hands of Elders Harvey Lowe and Bill Jude at the June Meeting of the Apple Orchard Church in 1949. He placed his membership at the Pilgrim's Home Church and there he remained a faithful member until death.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Thompson Lowe, of Varney, Ky.; a son, Arnold Lowe of Eastern, Ky.; a step-son, Gordie Robinson of Gilbert, W. Va.; three daughters, Ortha Sheaver of Bakerfield, Calif., Olga Blackburn of Meta, Ky., and Dorothy Maynard of Pikeville, Ky.; two step-daughters, Gracie Lowe of Sidney, Ky. and Nell Ruth Blackburn of Varney, Ky.; 31 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

During Papaw's illness he had great patience and I'm sure we all can look back and remember him singing "Amazing Grace" and "A Poor Wayfaring Stranger" and telling us that the Lord's will be done. I'm sure the Lord's will was done when He took Papaw home to rest. I know Papaw is missed by everyone who knew him. He attended Church as long as he was able to go and I have heard him praise the Lord all my life. He leaves us all with memories of praising the Lord and singing the old Church songs which makes us comfortable in our belief that our loss is a Heavenly gain.

Written by a devoted granddaughter,
Marketta Blackburn

VILLOA DUTY

It is with loving memories that I write the Obituary of my Great-aunt, Vie. She was born January 20, 1896, deceased this life December 23, 1975, making her stay here on earth 79 years, 11 months and 3 days.

Aunt Vie joined the Regular Baptist Church many years ago, I am just not sure of the date, and remained a true and faithful member. She was past going to Church for several years but she looked forward to her Meeting at her home every month. She sat in her chair and shouted and praised the Lord. She loved her Brothers and Sisters in the Church and always gave good advice to the children who visited her.

Aunt Vie leaves one sister, Lettie Satron, and a host of Nephews and Nieces to mourn her passing but I believe our loss is Heaven's gain. I believe she is at rest in the arms of Jesus. I believe she would say, don't weep for me but fall out with sin and prepare yourselves to meet God in peace. With all of my heart I believe she is at rest.

Written by her Niece,
Iva Meadows Wongler

CHARITY JOSEPHINE LEE



It is with much sadness, a heavy heart, and I trust God's help, that I attempt to write an Obituary of a very dear Sister in Christ, Sister Charity Lee.

Sister Charity was the daughter of the late Elder Mont Williamson and Sister Tempia (Francis) Williamson. She was born October 18, 1903 at Varney, Kentucky, and departed this life on August 9, 1976, making her stay here on earth, God's footstool, 72 years, 9 months and 22 days.

Sister Charity was united in marriage to W.H. (Dank) Lee on March 11, 1922, at Varney, Kentucky. God didn't see fit to bless this husband and wife with any children of their own, however they took one of her nieces, Marie (Coburn) Charles of Florida and reared her up as their own. To several boys and girls of this community she gave freely of her motherly love, tender care, and gracious treatment.

Sister Charity spent over one-half of a century in the service of God. Sister Charity was a faithful church member. For as long as I can remember, she was working diligently for the building and upkeep of the Pilgrim's Home Church.

Sister Charity was the last one in her family to depart this life, but she leaves a great number of nieces and nephews, and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church to mourn her passing.

W.H. (Dank), you have lost a wonderful wife and companion. You have been so good to her and made so many journeys through the heat and cold to visit her and cheer her up during her long stay in the nursing home. Oh! So many times I have heard you say, "I have been to see my Darling."

Dank, I feel that Sister Charity's soul would rejoice if it could hear you say "I am going to see my darling today." If ever a person was given the right name, Charity was. She certainly showed forth her love for God and mankind. Please, look up into heaven tonight, for there is her bright star giving forth its light.

Written as requested,
James M. Ray

EXIE PEARL (HESS) (PRUITT) BEVINS



Sister Exie Pearl (Hess) (Pruitt) Bevins was born at Raven, Va. on December 16, 1908 and departed this life on June 13, 1976. She became a member of the Salem Church, being baptized at the hands of Elders B.H. Bevins and Wayne Herald. She was a faithful member until illness prevented her from filling her seat. Her spirit is now in the presence of our Saviour, whom she trusted for Eternal Life, and her body is awaiting its resurrection from the grave with all the Saints of God, to whom He will show mercy and have compassion for, in that day when He will judge the world in righteousness.

Sister Exie was first married to Charles Pruitt of Matewan, W. Va., who preceded her in death, and to this union was born seven children, three sons: Cecil, James and Ted Pruitt; and four daughters, Bonnie Evans, Juanita Newberry, Thelma Elswick and Gladys Hedge. Other survivors include a brother, Carl Hess, and a sister, Myrtle Hess; six step-daughters, Ola Sloane, Aritha Hamlet, Gladys Priddy, Mae Stepp, Helen Thompson and Betty Wilson; two step-sons, York Bevins and Benjamin H. Bevins, Jr.

Sister Exie was married to the late Elder B.H. Bevins on June 13, 1966. She was a good mother to her children, a faithful wife to Brother Harrison and a friend to all that knew her. She nursed Brother Harrison through many days of illness and, when he was able to travel, she would go with him to the Sister Churches where he could meet the Brethren and Sisters and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

She is now awaiting a life abundant and beyond our imagination, a place so wonderful, so beautiful, so glorious that no words or pictures could ever tell.

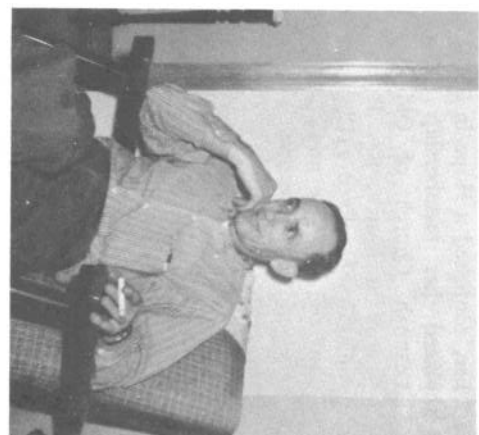
Written by request of the family,
Brother Calvin C. Bevins

ROY L. PHILLIPS, SR.

It is with much sadness and a very lonely heart that I will, with the help of our Lord and Saviour, write the Obituary of my beloved husband and companion, Roy Phillips. Roy was the son of the late Lewis and Sadie (Burgert) Phillips. He was born on July 25, 1912 at Emily Creek, Martin County, Ky., and departed this life on September 15, 1975, making his stay on earth, the Lord's footstool, 63 years, 1 month and 21 days.

He was united in marriage to Hazel (Varney) Phillips on April 17, 1937 and to this union was born three children, Naomi Sue Muncy of Gallipolis Ferry, W.

Va.; Wilma Lou Scalf of Turkey Creek, Ky.; and Roy Phillips, Jr. of Hamtramck, Mich. He also leaves 8 grandchildren and one grandson, Alan Muncy, preceded him in death on July 20, 1973. He also leaves one brother, Marion Phillips of Narrows, Va.; two sisters, Mae Rutherford of Pensacola, Fla. and Martha Brummett of Erwin, Tenn.; a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.



Roy became a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church on August 10, 1975 by being baptized by Elders Willis Lowe and Bobby Scott. Roy was unable to attend Church after he joined because of illness but it pleased him for the Brothers and Sisters to visit him in the hospital and hold prayer. He bore his illness with patience and even in his pain he would have a smile and a good word for everyone around him.

To his children that he loved so dear I want to say, if you ever want to see him again you will have to lay down your sins, repent and be baptized before it is too late. His chair is empty in our home but someday we can meet him and be at home with Jesus and the loved ones that have gone on. May God bless and save everyone he loved.

Sadly missed by wife and children,
Hazel V. Phillips

FRANCES HARDIN

It is with much sadness I attempt to write an Obituary of a loving Aunt and a Sister in Christ. Sister Frances (Muncy) Hardin. She was born in Martin County, Ky. on June 29, 1880 and deceased this life April 27, 1976, making her stay on earth 95 years, 9 months and 28 days. She was the daughter of William A. and Amy (Fields) Muncy, both deceased.

She was united in marriage to the late T.J. Hardin and to this union was born six children: William Harvey (deceased); Dr. John Hardin, Bedford, Iowa; Mary

Belle Webb, Ashland, Ky.; and Amy Stepp, T.J. Hardin and Sheldon Hardin, all of Inez, Ky. She also leaves grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She had five brothers, Elijah Muncy, Tom Muncy, Harve Muncy, John B. Muncy and William Muncy; one sister, Mary Preece, all of whom are deceased.

Aunt Frankie, as we always called her, confessed a Hope in Christ and placed her membership with the Leannah Church of Old Regular Baptist at Moree, Ky. I feel that Aunt Frankie lived a Christian life until the end. We miss her smiling face and her presence but she is resting in the paradise of God where



there will be no more suffering.

Written by her Niece,
Rebecca Moore, a Sister
in Hope of eternal life.

VIRGIE CLINE MOORE

It is with tear filled eyes and a broken heart that I now try, by the help of the Lord, to write an Obituary of my dear Mother. She was born June 1, 1891 and departed this life November 28, 1975, making her stay on earth 84 years, 5 months and 27 days. She was the daughter of Robert and Liddie Howell.

Mother was united in marriage to Lee Cline, who preceded her in death in 1933, and to this union were born 5 sons and 3 daughters. Two sons also preceded her in death in 1975. She was later married to Wess Moore, who preceded her in death in 1948, and to this union was born 2



daughters.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the fourth Saturday in April 1948 and lived a true and faithful life until death. She suffered so much from asthma that she was unable to attend Church regular for the last year.

To mourn the loss of Mother were 8 children, 26 grandchildren, 28

great-grandchildren, 2 brothers and a host of friends. I feel sure that in the great Judgment Morning when Mother has to face her record the good Savior will say, "Well done." She will live in a land where all will be joy and peace. No more heartaches, pain, nor grief. We all missed sweet Mother so very much but now I know she is at rest.

I could never tell all the good things about her. Someday I hope she will have all her family with her where we will never have to part and that will surely be Heaven to us all.

Written by her broken-hearted daughter,
Mary Ellen Jude

LUCIE MCCOY

With much sadness and by the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my Uncle's wife and Sister in the Church, Sister Lucie McCoy. She was born in Pike County, Ky. on June 16, 1911 and deceased this life on September 19, 1975, making her stay on earth 64 years, 3 months and 3 days. She was the daughter of Van Blackburn and Roberta Ratliff Blackburn.



She was married to Shirley McCoy and to this union was born 15 children. Her oldest son, Money McCoy, preceded her in death in March 1974 and four infant children also preceded her in death. She leaves

her husband, 10 children, 24 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and a host of friends to mourn her death. She was a member of the Leannah Church.

I would like to say to all of her children, to her grandchildren and to Uncle Sherman, if you have not made peace with God, take Christ now as your personal Saviour for without Christ we have no promise of tomorrow. Mother is gone and no more will she return to this land. I believe if she could talk to you she would tell you all she wouldn't want to come back but for you to get ready while you have life and opportunity so you can live in a country where there will be no sickness or death.

Written by request,
Bill Robinson

GLADYS ROBINSON

By request of the family, I will try by the help of the good Lord to write the Obituary of Sister Gladys Robinson, age 71 at death. She deceased this life September 10, 1975 at the Monroe Memorial Hospital, Ocala, Fla. after a long illness. She was very patient in her sickness.

She was the daughter of Sam and Pyre Lowe Canada. She was united in

marriage to W.B. Robinson and to this union were born two sons, Willie Robinson and Sammie Robinson both of Varney, Ky.; two daughters, Mrs. Alice Maynard of Summerfield, Fla. and Mary Ruth Maynard of Ocala, Fla. She is also



survived by two brothers, Tom Canada and John Canada, both of Varney, Ky.; seven sisters, Mrs. Eunice Young of Citra, Fla., Ora McCoy of Jacksonville, Fla., Stella Dempsey of Painsville, Ky., Hattie Parson of Pikeville, Ky., Mrs. Ollie Booth of Ocala, Fla., Sally James of Beckley, W. Va., and Mrs. Emma Muncy of Pisco, Ky.; and 14 grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death in 1966.

She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church at Apple Orchard for many years until they moved to Florida and then she went to Southern Home Church by Letter.

I want to say to her children that have not made peace with God, you will have to fall out with sin and be born again if you want to see Father and Mother again. I believe Sister Gladys is resting in peace today awaiting the great day of the Lord. So children, be good to one another and don't forget the good council of Father and Mother.

Written by one that surely loves you all,
Elder J. L. Nichols

VERDIE WILLIAMSON

With a sad and aching heart I will try, by the help of the Lord, to write the Obituary of my dear Aunt and Sister in Christ, Sister Verdie Williamson. She was born February 2, 1905 and departed this life December 1, 1975, making her stay here 70 years, 9 months and 29 days. She was the daughter of the late Don and Lena Williamson.

She leaves three children, Mrs. Ara Runyon and Ernest Smith, both of Ypsilanti, Mich. and Clifford Mullins of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. She is also survived by 5 brothers, Lee, Omer, Glenn and Clinton Williamson, all of Sidney, Ky. and Clayton Williamson of Ypsilanti, Mich. Also left to mourn her loss are a host of friends and relatives.



She gave her hand to be a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church the first Sunday of February 1968 and was baptized by the hands of Elders Charlie Johnson and Ernest Cochran. She was a loyal and faithful member in the Dix Fork Church until death. She was a devoted mother and everyone loved her kind and gentle ways. Her seat is vacant now but that light which glowed from her sweet face is still with us.

The family has lost a good mother, the church a faithful Sister and the community a wonderful neighbor, but God has gained an Angel. I believe someday I'll see my Aunt Verdie around the throne of God. I would like to say to the ones that want to see that happy smile again, make your peace with God in this world and join her over in a land where dying comes no more, just a home of peace and happiness forever.

Sadly written by her Neice
and Sister in Hope,
Mrs. Jerry Stacey

ROBERT STACY

The Obituary of Brother Robert Stacy of Warfield, Ky. Brother Stacy was dead on arrival at the Louisa Kentucky Community Hospital October 9, 1975. He had been in poor health for a space of time. He was a life-long resident of Martin County, Ky.

Brother Robert was born into this world August 8, 1901, making his stay here on earth 74 years, 2 months and 1 day. He was the son of the late Joe Bond and Matilda Maynard Stacy. He was a member of the Sidney Old Regular Baptist Church.

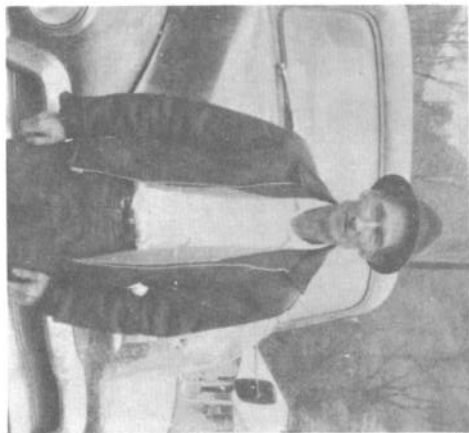
Survivors are as follows: his wife and companion, Rebecca Davis Stacy of Warfield, Ky.; four sons, Cecil and Lawrence of Warfield, Ky., Freeman of Beauty, Ky., and Keith of Pilgrim, Ky.; six daughters, Mrs. Roxie Fletcher, Mrs. Lillie Jude and Mrs. Briza Jude, all of Pilgrim, Ky.; Mrs. Ruth Adams of Beauty, Ky.; Mrs. Betty Jo Jude of Inez, Ky.; and Mrs. Emma Lee Howard of Warfield, Ky.; two brothers, Carmel Freeman Stacy of Inez, Ky. and George Stacy of Kermit, W. Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Betty Booth of Sanford, Fla. and Mrs. Susie Jude of Inez, Ky.; and 33 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

I would like to say that I believe Brother Robert has just left this world of trouble and pain for that home of ease, joy and happiness forevermore.

Written by an unworthy servant,
Brother Louie Muncy



GRAYSON ROBINETTE



It is with much sadness and grief that we will try to write the Obituary of our loving and kind father-in-law, Grayson Robinette. He was born May 27, 1900 and deceased this life April 3, 1976 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, making his stay here on earth 75 years, 11 months and 7 days. He was the son of the late Hiram (Hi) Robinette and Florence (Pinson) Robinette.

He was united in marriage to Jane (Smith) Robinette on September 6, 1928 and to this union was born four sons and one daughter, Paul Robinette and Reeford Robinette of Varney, Ky.; Raymond Robinette of Pikeville, Ky.; Sylvia Robinette of Varney, Ky.; and Ishmel Robinette who preceded him in death in 1937. He also leaves three brothers, Okey and Bill Robinette of Varney, Ky. and Joe Robinette of Switzer, W. Va.; and one sister, Mrs. Minnie (Jude) Thacker of Burnwell, Ky. One sister and six brothers preceded him in death, Mrs. Wilda Munny, Tom, Basil, Daze, Roscoe, Steve and Elbert. He also leaves two grandchildren, Rickie Robinette and Kayetta Lynn Robinette.

He confessed a Hope in Christ the fourth Saturday in July 1938 and was baptized by the hands of Elders Basil Robinette and James (Jim) Jude. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist where he remained a faithful member until God called him home. He leaves his wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church to mourn his loss. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. Children prepare to meet Dad in this life because after death it is too late. Rest on Dad, we hope to meet you again some day.

Written by his Daughters-in-law,
Catherine and Carol Robinette

OPAL MUNCY

It is with much sorrow and sadness I write the Obituary of my dear wife, Opal Munny of Lovely, Ky. She was born June 18, 1918 and deceased November 9, 1974, making her stay here 56 years. She was the daughter of George Oney and Becky Stanley Oney, both deceased.

She was a member of the Mary Elizabeth Church of Old Regular Baptist at Hatfield, Ky. She was a member of the Church for about 27 years and left a great hope with her family to meet them all in Heaven. She was always patient

and humble during her sickness. She attended the Church as often as she could and as long as she was able.

She was married to Fred Munny and to this union was born fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls, all living as follows: Carl B., Ruth, Margaret Helen, Metlin, Eugene, Gracen, Paul, Anna Lois, Lorene, Christine, Pauline, Chester, Allene and David. Three brothers preceded her in death and three sisters are still living, Truly Burke and Myrtle Curry, both of Turkey Creek, Ky. and Ruby Burchett of Galopopolis, Ohio. She also left 21 grandchildren and a host of friends.

She left good hopes and we feel our loss here on earth is a home in

Written by her husband,
Fred Munny



Heaven with Christ.

HARMON CRIGGER

Papa, as we all knew him, was born March 9, 1889 and died August 2, 1976, making his stay here 87 years, 4 months and 24 days. He was the son of the later Harmon and Susan May Crigger.

He was married to the late Mary Brown Crigger on July 4, 1914 and to this union were born four children, a son, Grayson Crigger of Sidney, Ky. and three daughters, Mrs. Marie Johnson and Mrs. Ruth Smith both of Sidney, Ky. and a daughter, Jeanette Smith, who preceded him in death. He is survived by a brother, Harvey Crigger of Sidney, Ky. and five brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. He also leaves to mourn his loss eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

He joined the Church and was baptized the first Saturday in June 1947 by the hands of Elders Miltie Thacker and Jim Thornsbury, placing his membership with the Dix Fork Church. We would like to say that every member of this Church will miss his loving and kind face. He was a faithful soldier to the end



and his life proved to all that he was serving a true and living God. He was like the Apostle Paul, he was ready to be offered up, he had fought a good fight, he has finished his course and he had kept the faith. Henceforth, there is a crown of righteousness laid up for him which the Lord will give him at that day.

We know the children and loved ones will surely miss him but try to remember that his soul has ceased from trouble and is bathing in seas of Heavenly rest. So, its farewell Papa for only a short time until we meet again.

Written by two who loved him,
David and Geraldine Crigger

KELLY SMITH

With the help of God, I will try to write the Obituary of our beloved Dad. He was born in Pike County, Ky. April 30, 1885 and God called him home March 30, 1976, making his stay here on earth 91 years.

Dad was united in marriage to Minnie C. Stanley Smith on March 22, 1906 and to this union was born eleven children, 6 sons and 5 daughters. One son, one daughter and our sweet Mother preceded him in death. Dad was a good and kind Father. We all loved him so very much and only God knows how much we miss him.

Dad was born to the late Bud and Armenda Smith. He had six brothers and five sisters and all but one brother and one sister have gone to meet God.

He was a member of the Regular Church for a great number of years. I believe Dad's suffering is over and he is now resting in peace with God. We saw Daddy suffer so much and I held his hand as death took him away. But thank God there is another meeting place. I'll not see you anymore here Dad but I'll meet you in the rapture.

Sadly missed by all the family he loved,
Written by Ballard Smith as requested
by the family.

JOHN PEARL FIFF

By request I will try to write the Obituary of John Pearl Fiff. Brother Pearl was born July 5, 1882 in Pike County, Ky. and departed this life October 29, 1974. He was the son of the late Edward Anderson Fiff and Angeline Ball Fiff. He was married to Martha Bailey Fiff on July 5, 1904 in McDowell County and to this union was born one child that died at birth. His wife preceded him in death on July 19, 1961.

Brother Pearl joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1965 and was baptized



by the hands of Elders Lewis Marcum and Avery Lowe. He placed his

membership with the Turkey Creek Church and was a faithful member, filling his seat when able. He lived at South Williamson, Ky. for many years where he operated a Taxi service.

Brother Pearl leaves to mourn his loss a sister, Florence Calahan of Louisa, Va.; a foster daughter, Norma Cameron of Marion, Ohio; and 4 foster grandchildren. A brother preceded him in death.

His seat now at Church is vacant but I feel our loss is Heaven's gain and that we will meet him again if we do the Lord's will.

Written by Sister Thelma Lowe and Mrs. Ada Mae Browning

VICTORIA MAYNARD MULLINS

It is with a sad and aching heart that we will try to write the Obituary of our beloved Mother and sister who left this life on November 20, 1975. Victoria Maynard Mullins was the daughter of J.C. Maynard and Lizzie Brown Maynard. Both parents preceded her in death.

She was married to Med Mullins on November 25, 1939 and to this union was born six children. Left to mourn her loss are her husband and five children. Three sons, Doug Mullins of Bordertland, W.Va.; Glen Mullins of Huntington, W. Va.; and Steve Mullins at home. Two daughters, Annette Mullins of



Turkey Creek, Ky. and Shelia Anderson of Belfry, Ky. One daughter, Eva Nae, preceded her in death.

Mother was baptized by Elders Clyde Brown and Ernest Cochran the first Sunday of September 1962 and was a member of Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church. Mother loved the Brothers and Sisters of the Church and loved to attend the Church services with them. She filled her seat each and every Church time that she was not ill. Our Sister was one of the sweetest persons we knew.

If Victoria's children wish to see their dear Mother again, they must follow

her footsteps in the Lord. We believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. We believe with all our heart our Mother and Sister is surely one of God's angels.

Written by Brother and Sister Stewart and Ethel Brown and daughter, Sheila Anderson

RELL PINSON

It is with much sadness that I try to write the Obituary of my dear Daddy, Rell Pinson. He was born April 26, 1894 and deceased this life October 31, 1975, making his stay on earth 82 years, 7 months, and 5 days. He was born the son of John and Martelia Pinson, both preceded him in death.

He was united in marriage to Ersie Keese Pinson, who survives. To this union was born eleven children, three of whom preceded him in death, and those left to mourn his death besides Mother are 7 sons, John Pinson, Pikeville, Ky.; James Lonzo Pinson and Willie Fonso Pinson both of Ecorse, Mich.; Jeff Pinson, Flat



Rock, Mich.; Claude Pinson, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Earl David Pinson, Louisa, Ky.; and Roy Lee Pinson, Bellevue, Fla.; and one daughter Lodine Adkins, Sidney, Ky. He is also survived by 4 brothers, Melvin Pinson, Belfry, Ky., Wilson Pinson, Stone, Ky., Thomas Pinson, Sidney, Ky. and Van Pinson, Meta, Ky.; one sister, Sally Moon, Huddy, Ky.; 24 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dad surrendered his life to Christ on the 3rd Saturday in November 1961 and was baptized by the hand of Elder Harrison Bevins, placing his membership with the Bent Branch Church. He later moved his membership to the Mt. Pleasant Church where he remained a faithful member until death...

I believe Dad is resting now with Jesus in Heaven. We miss him so very much but I believe we will be with him again on that great Resurrection day.

Written by his daughter,
Lodine P. Adkins

SAM PINSON

It is with much sadness but many good memories that I will try to write an Obituary of my uncle, Sam Pinson. He was born March 10, 1887 at Sidney, Ky., the son of Aaron H. and Margaret (Davis) Pinson. He departed this life August 23, 1975 making his many long years of stay here on earth 88 years, 5 months and 13 days.

Uncle Sam was married to Myrtie (Blackburn) Pinson for 66 years, who yet

survives, and to this union was born 5 sons and one daughter. One infant son, Charles, and Clyde Pinson of Zebulon, Ky. preceded him in death. Still living

are: Ernest, Albert and Luther, all of Sidney Ky. and one daughter, Alice Harper of Riverside, Calif. He also leaves 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a brother, Willie H. Pinson of Sidney, Ky., to mourn his loss.

Uncle Sam became a member of the Pilgrim's Home Church where he was a faithful member and went as long as he was able. He was a timberman for many years and then was employed for Columbia Gas Co. for several years.

Uncle Sam is sadly missed by all of his family, as well as, all of his beloved friends. His chair is empty now and we miss him so but we hope to meet him some sweet day.

Written by his niece,
Patty Blevins

JOSIE GILLMAN

With much sadness I will attempt to write an Obituary of my Mother, Josie Gillman, sadly missed by all of her family and friends. Mother was born November 28, 1895 in Martin County, Ky. and deceased this life on July 18, 1975. She was the daughter of Lilly Maynard and Freddy Stepp who preceded her in death.

She was married to Walter Hillman who still survives. To this union were born nine children and three preceded her in death. The remaining six are, two sons, Wallace Gillman of Chicago, Ill. and Grover Gillman of Martin County, Ky.; and four daughters, Mrs. Major (Lunia)



Deskins of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Mac (Nellie) Murphy of Okeechobee, Fla.; Mrs. Zack (Bessie) Justice of South Williamson, Ky.; and Mrs. Bobby (Lizzie) Curry of Sidney, Ky. There are seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She has one surviving brother, Andy Stepp. Two brothers and one sister have preceded her in death.

She was a faithful member of the Mary Elizabeth Church for many years. She

is now awaiting the coming of her Lord and Master. Many of us are now waiting to meet her in her Heavenly home.

ELDER JAMES JENKINS

Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Bobby (Lizzie) Curry

It is with a heavy heart and much sadness that I will, with the help of the Lord, write the Obituary of my loving Daddy. He was born February 22, 1923 and left us for a better home June 23, 1976. He was the son of Rosa Maynard of Omar, W. Va. and the late Millard Jenkins. He was married to Ruby Adkins Jenkins and to this union they were granted three children, two sons, Larry and Billy, who have preceded him in death, and one daughter, Sheila Mullins and one granddaughter, Lisa. He also has one brother and five sisters and many friends and relatives to mourn his death.

He was a member of the Elk Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist and was an ordained Minister who had been a faithful member to the Church he truly loved and believed in. His illness would not allow him to come and go as he had in years past. He had great love for the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Daddy was a very strong person in the Lord. His faith was unending. He faced death with courage that only a person at peace with the Lord could do. He had trust in the Lord and was a true believer in prayer. Thru all of his deeds and his love for the Lord he has helped lead me to the same merciful and loving Saviour that I have to help me to continue my life without my loving Daddy. My Daddy's life was an inspiration to me and his memory will always live in my heart and my mind. Pray that my family and I will serve and live for the Lord so He will grant to us the Eternal Life in Heaven like I believe my Daddy has been rewarded.

Dear Daddy, I love you and miss you. The times have been lonely and sad since you have left me. Thank God for your precious memories you have left me.

With love to my Daddy,
Sheila

CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences we, the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and, upon their producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

ARTICLE 2. In the Letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the union.

ARTICLE 4. The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

ARTICLE 7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

ARTICLE 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Church with Minutes of the Association.

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

ARTICLE 11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

ARTICLE 12. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises, unless the same is dispensed with.

ARTICLE 13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the union, if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing, to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost; and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.

ARTICLE 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the Saviour is needed for our redemption.

ARTICLE 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with Holy Spirit of promise, and none shall fall away and be lost.

ARTICLE 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE 7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's Church on earth and the mode of IMMERSION, back foremost, so as to cover all over.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the use of bread and the fruit of the vine; and feet washing should be kept up until His second coming by His believers.

ARTICLE 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the Church.

ARTICLE 11. We believe it to be the duty of all Church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the Church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.

ARTICLE 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and one another, and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

ARTICLE 14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

ARTICLE 15. None of the above Articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these Articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 3. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ARTICLE 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

ARTICLE 6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association; and only five minutes at a time.

ARTICLE 8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

ARTICLE 9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term of appellation than that of "Brother".

ARTICLE 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.

ARTICLE 11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

ARTICLE 12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

ARTICLE 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the Decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

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 White, Willie Lenore, W. Va.
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MT. PLEASANT: Randolph Pauley, Frankie Scott, James Scott.
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 ENON: Willis Staton, Chester Fields, James Spencer.
 REBECCA: Hi Preece, Mike Sheppard, Howard Gillman.
 BENT BRANCH: Merlin SESCO, Lloyd SESCO, Clifford Maynard.
 SARDIS: Joe Evans, Jessie Farley, Willie Varney.
 BIG BRANCH: J.L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Harrison Thompson.
 MARY ELIZABETH: Tom Fraley, J.D. Walters, Wallace Muncy.
 BETHANY: Willie White, Isom Hannah, Ellis Davis.
 ELK FORK: Harrison Baisden, David L. Baisden, Andrew Maynard.
 PILGRIM'S HOME: Jim Bevins, Marshall Williamson, Jim Francis.
 SALEM: John P. Church, Roosevelt Lowe, Carl Bevins.
 SIDNEY: Tan Howell, Walker Scott, Ben Maynard.
 DIX FORK: Claude Brown, Ernest Cochran, Berlin Thornsbery.
 NARROWS BRANCH: Charley Scott, Roscoe Williamson, Clyde Brown.
 LEANNAH: Steve Robinson, Jr., Sabor Nichols, Hershell Jude.
 BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazee, Tom Dials, Carlos Kazee.
 TIBITHA: Charley Evans, Joe Robinette, John Fouch.
 LITTLE ROSA: Faye Scott, Lacy Marcum, Frankie White.
 TURKEY CREEK: Johnny Smith, Jr., Stanford Maynard, Clayton Burris.
 SAMARIA: Ersel Prince, Eugene May, Carnellious Lackey.
 ROSA: Johnny Cline, Mark Cline, Ted Glanden.
 MUNCY VALLEY: Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis, Avery Hensley.
 LITTLE VIRGIE: Willie Stiltner, Bob Justice, Alson Thornsbery.
 SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, Ersel Young, Robert Clay.
 PILGRIM'S REST: Wayne Ray, Willie Stanley, Van Pinson.
 OKEECHOBEE: Monroe Ousley, Mosco Gillman, Charley Stewart.

CHURCH	MODERATOR	MINUTES REQUESTED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS	CHURCH TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Seseo	100	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	\$50	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	75	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40	\$25	1	June
ENON	Lloyd Seseo	50	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	\$25	1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	\$50	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	100	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	71	\$75	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Willie Varney	150	1	0	3	0	2	2	3	87	\$50	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	80	3	0	1	0	2	1	0	33	\$40	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	R. L. Robinson	100	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	49	\$50	3	July
BETHANY	Willie White	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	\$40	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	Willie Varney	50	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	36	\$50	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Wayne Herald	250	4	0	0	0	1	9	4	126	\$100	4	Aug.
SALEM	John P. Church	125	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	80	\$100	1	May
SIDNEY	Milford Lowe	50	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	25	\$30	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	225	0	4	0	0	2	3	1	77	\$50	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	John P. Church	100	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	53	\$65	4	July
LEANNAH	Roosevelt Lowe	75	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	53	\$40	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	125	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	40	\$60	3	June
TIBITHA	Willie Varney	75	2	0	1	0	0	3	2	44	\$50	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSA	Wayne Herald	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	20	\$20	2	April
TURKEY CREEK	Willis Lowe	125	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	80	\$80	2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	100	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	48	\$60	1	July
ROSA	Johnny Cline	100	2	0	2	0	5	3	2	75	\$55	3	Aug.
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	\$20	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd Seseo	40	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	17	\$35	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair	150	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	28	\$35	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Edwin May	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$40	2	June
OKEECHOBEE	Montre Ousley	75	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	14	\$50	2	April
TOTALS		2670	38	13	11	1	0	15	38	261	\$1318	13	April

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LITTLE ROSA	Chateroy, W. Va.	Robert L. Robinson, Box 139, Chattaroy, W. Va.
TURKEY CREEK	Turkey Creek, Va.	Landon Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 30, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570
SAMARIA	Dingess, W. Va.	Ersel Prince, Dingess, W. Va.
ROSA	Baisden, W. Va.	Mark Cline, Box 75, Baisden, W. Va.
MUNCY VALLEY	Pie, W. Va.	Mont Ellis, Rt. 2, Box 143, Delbarton, W. Va. 25670
LITTLE VIRGIE	Kimper, Ky.	John J. Scott, Box 16, Kimper, Ky. 41539
SOUTHERN HOME	Rt. 4, Citra, Fla.	Robert R. Clay, Rt. 1, Box 36, Dunnellon, Fla. 32630
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