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**Pilgrim Holiness Church**  
**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT**



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Annual Conference**  
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### DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Superintendent  
 REV. D. R. CLOSE.....112 S. 7th St., Blackwell, Okla.

District Secretary  
 To Be Appointed

District Treasurer  
 To Be Appointed

#### Advisory Members

REV. JOHN WILSON.....405 N. Maple, Newkirk, Okla.  
 REV. E. W. BURTON.....Dacoma, Okla.

#### RECEPTION:

WAYS AND MEANS:  
 District Council

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE:

DISTRICT TRUSTEES:  
 District Council

#### EDUCATIONAL BOARD:

E. W. Burton.....3 yrs.  
 John F. Wilson.....2 yrs.  
 F. T. Benner.....1 yr.

#### EDITING COMMITTEE:

F. T. Benner  
 E. W. Burton

#### RESOLUTIONS:

E. W. Burton  
 W. W. Ponder

#### EXAMINING BOARD:

District Council

#### STATISTICAL COMMITTEE:

John F. Wilson  
 Mrs. Bobbye Wilson

### CAMP MEETING COMMITTEES

#### REGISTRATION:

E. W. Burton

#### DINING ROOM:

Mrs. D. R. Close

#### DONATIONS:

Mrs. D. R. Close

Mrs. E. W. Burton

Mrs. F. T. Benner

#### BIBLE SCHOOL BOARD:

D. R. Close

Clarence Budy

**CONFERENCE ROLL**

**Ordained**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Benner, F. T. ....     | Hopeton, Oklahoma                            |
| Bleakly, Belle .....   | Newkirk, Oklahoma                            |
| Burge, Eliza .....     | Hopeton, Oklahoma                            |
| Burton, E. W. ....     | Dacoma, Oklahoma                             |
| Close, D. R. ....      | 112 S. 7th St., Blackwell, Oklahoma          |
| Close, Mrs. D. R. .... | 112 S. 7th St., Blackwell, Oklahoma          |
| Coulter, Saydie .....  | 614 S. Harvey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma       |
| Davis, Roy .....       | 900 N. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, California |
| Edgar, J. M. ....      | Hunneweil, Kansas                            |
| Hull, Maggie .....     | Hopeton, Oklahoma                            |
| Nelson, Grace .....    | Colorado Springs, Colorado                   |
| Ponder, W. W. ....     | Fairview, Oklahoma                           |
| Wilson, John F. ....   | Newkirk, Oklahoma                            |
| Wolfe, R. W. ....      | 1609 N. Delaware, Indianapolis, Indiana      |

**ORDAINED DEACONESSES**

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Budy, Edith ..... | Dacoma, Oklahoma |
|-------------------|------------------|

**THIRD YEAR LICENSED MINISTERS**

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Wilson, Bobby ..... | Bethany, Oklahoma |
|---------------------|-------------------|

**SECOND YEAR LICENSED MINISTERS**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Davis, Mrs. Roy ..... | 900 N. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, California |
|-----------------------|--|

**FIRST YEAR LICENSED MINISTERS**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Mohlman, W. E. ....    | Harrah, Oklahoma                            |
| Van Winkle, W. E. .... | 540 W. Monument, Colorado Springs, Colorado |
| Williams, Alta .....   | 614 S. Harvey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma      |
| Klassen, Peter .....   | Medford, Oklahoma                           |

**FIRST YEAR LICENSED DEACONESSES**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Benner, Mrs. F. T. .... | Hopeton, Oklahoma |
|-------------------------|-------------------|

**LAY DELEGATES**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Blackwell, Oklahoma .....     | Arminta, Billbe   |
| Fairview, Oklahoma .....      | Mrs. R. P. Wright |
| Hopeton, Oklahoma .....       | Mrs. Doty         |
| Newkirk, Oklahoma .....       | Mrs. Rouse        |
| Pleasant View, Oklahoma ..... | C. A. Budy        |
| Pond Creek, Oklahoma .....    | E. M. Kelly       |

## MINUTES of the ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

The first sitting of the Annual Conference of the Oklahoma District convened at Hopeton, July 27, at 9 a. m. Our General Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. R. W. Wolfe, presided.

Rev. E. W. Burton led in singing, "He Whispers His Love to Me," and "It Cleanseth Me." We were led in prayer by Brother R. D. Brown from the Oregon District.

Mrs. D. R. Close was appointed as Secretary pro tem by Rev. R. W. Wolfe.

The roll call of the delegates from the Churches was called. It was moved and seconded the first three rows constitute the conference bar.

Rev. and Mrs. John Wilson from the Rocky Mountain District, and Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Ponder from the Texas District were received into the Oklahoma District.

It was moved and seconded that the letter from Brother and Sister Roy Davis, Missionaries in India, be read to the Conference. Carried.

The District Superintendent made the following appointments:

Resolutions—E. W. Burton, W. W. Ponder.

Statistical—Armina Billbe, Bobbye Wilson.

Condolence—E. W. Burton, Mrs. D. R. Close.

Reception—F. T. Benner.

Ways and Means—R. W. Wolfe, F. T. Benner, D. R. Close.

Auditing—Mrs. D. R. Close, Gladys Billbe.

Rev. T. C. Ingram, Supt. of the Texas District, and Rev. R. D. Brown, from the Oregon District, were introduced to the Conference and were granted an honorary seat on the platform.

Ross Doty, Brother Bible, Myra Hofen, Meta Hofen, Sister Veatch, Sister Henry Hofen, Sister Burton, and Sister Haltom were introduced to the Conference and a testimony was given from each.

The District Superintendent's report was read and accepted.

The District Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The District Superintendent gave some information with regard to the tent.

The Statistical Committee reported. It was moved and seconded that it be accepted.

Rev. R. W. Wolfe recommended that each pastor take pictures of the churches, tent meetings, etc.—and that the same be sent to the District Superintendent for the Advocate. It was moved and seconded and carried.

It was moved and seconded that the conference adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

MRS. R. D. CLOSE, Secretary pro tem.

The second sitting convened at 1:30 p. m. Armina Billbe led in singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," and "There's Honey in the Rock." Sister Hull led in prayer.

The Resolutions Committee then reported. It was moved and seconded that the following resolutions in the minutes of 1941 remain the same. No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15. Carried.

The Ways and Means Committee reported and was accepted.

The Condolence Committee reported and was accepted. It was moved and seconded that these obituaries be placed in the minutes.

The District Superintendent appointed the following standing committees:

Reception—To be appointed at Conference time.

Ways and Means—District Council.

District Trustees—District Council.

Educational—E. W. Burton, 3 years; John Wilson, 2 years; F. T. Benner, 1 year.

Editing—E. W. Burton, F. T. Benner.

Resolution—E. W. Burton, W. W. Ponder.

Examining Board—District Council.

Dining Room—Mrs. D. R. Close.

Donations—Mrs. D. R. Close, Mrs. E. W. Burton, Mrs. F. T. Benner.

Statistical—John Wilson, Bobbye Wilson.

It was moved and seconded that the Conference recess until 3:15 p. m.

The Examining Committee recommended Bobbye Wilson for third year minister's license Mrs. F. T. Benner for first year licensed deaconess, Mrs. Roy Davis for second year license, W. E. Mohlman for first year license, W. E. Van Winkle for first year license, Alta Williams for first year license, Peter Klassen for first year license.

The Resolutions Committee brought in the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the District conduct Zone Meetings each quarter, to be presided over by the District Superintendent." The resolution was lost.

John Wilson and E. W. Burton were elected as the additional councilmen.

Clarence Budy was elected as the Bible School Board Member.

The minutes of the District Conference were read.

Rev. J. M. Edgar closed the Conference with prayer.

MRS. D. R. CLOSE, Secretary pro tem.

## REPORT

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We recommend the following resolutions in the minutes of 1941 to remain the same: No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15.

1. We recommend that the fiscal year close July 1st with the pastors changing the following Sunday after Camp.

2. Inasmuch as the District Treasurer has so much work to do at the year ending be it resolved that the Treasurer have two weeks before closing his books.

3. Be it resolved that all delegates exceed the age of eighteen years.

4. Be it resolved that the Council make arrangements for a monthly bulletin of district interest to be sent to each church.

5. Whereas it is so expensive to buy new tents and we must conserve the ones we have, be it resolved that each time the tent is used for established churches the sum of \$5.00 be sent to the district treasurer, and that \$15.00 be paid for the use during district camp; also that each Sunday School with an attendance over 75 pay 20c per week and the school with an attendance under 75 pay 10c per week into the tent fund.

6. In order that we may conserve the Lord's money and give our churches the advantage of evangelistic meetings, be it resolved that we as pastors and churches consult our Superintendent in slating Evangelists and where it is possible and practical they be slated for two or more consecutive meetings which would keep down traveling expense.

7. Inasmuch as there is such great blessing derived from a ministerial and Christian workers convention, be it resolved that during the year we have a three-day convention in the district. The council shall be the committee to set the time and prepare the program.

8. We recommend that we as a district put on a subscription drive for the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate, during the entire month of December.

9. We recommend that the District Superintendent appoint all committees for the next year during the present assembly sitting.

10. Be it resolved that our Camp begin the third Friday in July.

11. We recommend that the District Superintendent appoint all camp committees for 1943 at this camp.

12. Whereas it is quite a job to get ready for camp and to clean up after the camp, and as camp comes in a busy time, be it resolved that each minister come a day earlier, stay throughout camp and a day after camp unless excused by the District Superintendent.

13. We recommend that we have 125 copies of the minutes of the 1942 Assembly printed.

14. Resolved that each pastor have the privilege of conducting two revival meetings off charge during the year; providing that his charge be supplied satisfactorily with local board.

15. Resolved that the 1943 Camp have children and young people's services, the District Superintendent to secure leaders.

16. Resolved that we hold Conference on the Monday following Camp.

17. Resolved that each active minister be released for two Sundays during the Camp and Conference and that they receive regular salary provided they attend Camp and Conference.

18. Resolved that the first prayer meeting night of each month shall be the donations night for the pastors of the district. The announcement shall be made the Sunday previous by Sunday School Superintendent.

19. Resolved that we as a Conference express our appreciation to our District Superintendent by a rising vote of thanks for his labors of love among us during the past year.

20. Resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. W. W. Starr of Alva expressing the appreciation of the district for kindness shown by his representative, Mr. Earl Eastman.

21. Be it resolved that appreciation be expressed by the Secretary to the business firms who have donated to the Camp.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

1. We recommend that District Superintendent be paid 2½ cents per mile for travel expense.

2. We recommend that the local churches be budgeted as follows:

|                     | Dist. Budget | Gen. Budget | Foreign Miss. | Bible S. |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| Blackwell .....     | \$66.00      | \$12.00     | \$25.00       | \$35.00  |
| Fairview .....      | 15.00        | 1.50        | 1.50          | 2.00     |
| Hopeton .....       | 76.00        | 35.00       | 55.00         | 70.00    |
| Newkirk .....       | 21.00        | 5.00        | 5.00          | 5.00     |
| Pleasant View ..... | 81.00        | 45.00       | 95.00         | 80.00    |
| Pond Creek .....    | 16.00        | 1.50        | 2.00          | 2.50     |
| Tulsa .....         | 15.00        | 1.50        | 5.00          | 5.00     |

Note: The District Budget includes the General Conference expense money. It is distributed as follows: Blackwell, \$6.00; Hopeton, \$6.00; Fairview, \$1.00; Newkirk, \$1.00; Pleasant View, \$6.00; Pond Creek, \$1.00; Tulsa, \$1.00.

3. We recommend No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 15 of the 1941 minutes remain as they are.

4. We recommend that an offering be taken for the District Superintendent on his official visits. This offering is to apply on the churches' District Budget.

5. We recommend that all ministerial tithe be paid to the district treasurer monthly. This tithe to be placed in the district fund.

6. We recommend that the birthday offering of the Sunday School be given in the interest of the Bible School.

7. We recommend that the registration fee at camp be set at \$2.00 for those who stay the full time, and 10 cents a meal for those who stay a short time, active ministers and families exempted.

8. We recommend that the District Treasurer be paid \$10.00 for his services this year.

9. We recommend that the District postage, stationery, telegrams and telephone calls be paid out of the District Budget.

10. We recommend that district budget and district home missions be kept in separate funds.

11. We recommend that in case there is not enough money comes in through district budget and ministerial tithe to take care of the district superintendent support that the rest be taken from the district home missionary fund.

12. We recommend that all district and general funds be forwarded to the District Treasurer on the first of each month.

13. We recommend that all district checks from the bank be kept on file and turned over with the treasurer's books.

14. We recommend the minutes be sold at 10 cents per copy.

15. We recommend the District Home Missionary offering which is taken the last Sunday of Camp be applied to the interest of home missions and that an Evangelistic Home Missionary offering be taken by the District Superintendent some time during the year. The distribution of all home missionary monies shall be left to the District Council.



### REPORT OF EXAMINING BOARD

We recommend that the following be granted First Year License: W. E. Mohlman, W. E. Van Winkle, Alta Williams, P. Klassen.

We recommend that Mrs. Roy Davis be granted Second Year License.

We recommend that Mrs. Bobbye Wilson be granted Third Year License.

We recommend that Mrs. F. T. Benner be granted First Year Deaconess License.

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

We respectfully submit the following report of our labors for the past year:

The Conference Year of 1941-42 has been a year of blessed fellowship among the Pilgrims of the Oklahoma District. Our problems have been of such a nature that our burden has been lightened by the prayers of our Christian people.

The spiritual interest and vision of our people is good. Our spiritual progress must ever receive first consideration in our church. To do otherwise shifts our emphasis to a materialistic concept of church values. All our churches have enjoyed good revivals the past year. Some of these revivals have been the best for a long time.

Our people have raised approximately \$1,300 on church property indebtedness this past year. Newkirk lifted a \$200.00 note by painting the property of the man who held the note. Fairview paid \$100.00 on their church indebtedness. Pond Creek finished paying \$120.00 and dedicated their church free of debt. Blackwell purchased a good corner location with 2 good properties on it. One of which will be the parsonage. Eight hundred and ninety dollars has been paid on this property since December 4. Pleasant View and Hopeton did a nice job of decorating and painting.

The war is affecting our work but not our spiritual tide. Some of our members have moved to defense centers which hurts our attendance at these points. We appreciate the loyalty of these Pilgrims who, even though they have been forced to leave their communities, retain their interest in their respective churches.

Home Missions has held a place in our hearts even though we have not been able to definitely accomplish much this year. We held 7 street meetings in Lamont last fall for the purpose of introducing ourselves and church to the town. Seldom have we witnessed better street meetings. We were unable to secure a building in which to hold a revival. General Conference in June ruled out plans for spring campaigns. However, at this present time plans are under way to place two good men at work in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Oklahoma has a fine group of cities where good Pilgrim Holiness Churches could be established. We recommend our present plans of financing our work.

We have preached 129 times the past year, preached 5 funerals, baptized 2, held 7 street meetings, dedicated 1 church, made 43 visits to the churches, held 25 business meetings, traveled 4,666 miles on district and 5,900 miles for General Board Meetings, and Bible School. I have received \$135.61 mileage stationery \$20.09, received from District in salary \$420.00, and from the General church \$510.00. My ministerial title was paid in full to the District Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. CLOSE, District Superintendent.

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T. J. ...  
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**DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Of the Oklahoma District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church**  
**For July 3rd, 1941, to July 3rd, 1942**

**DISTRICT BUDGET—**

|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| Credit—                                       |          |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                         | \$ 2.54  |          |
| District Budget .....                         | 231.83   |          |
| District Minutes .....                        | 5.02     |          |
| Transfer from Home Missions.....              | 33.60    |          |
| Love Offering for Brother Wolfe.....          | 3.60     |          |
| Transfer from Pastoral Tithe.....             | 368.24   |          |
| Total credit .....                            |          | \$644.83 |
| Debit—  |          |          |
| District Superintendent's Salary.....         | \$420.00 |          |
| District Superintendent's Travel Expense..... | 113.81   |          |
| District Superintendent's Stationery.....     | 20.09    |          |
| Minutes .....                                 | 32.00    |          |
| F. T. Benner, Treasurer.....                  | 10.00    |          |
| Love Offering to Brother Wolfe.....           | 3.60     |          |
| Sunday School Banner.....                     | 4.35     |          |
| Miscellaneous .....                           | 8.22     |          |
| Postage .....                                 | 3.02     |          |
| Total debit .....                             |          | \$615 09 |
| Balance on Hand .....                         |          | \$ 29.74 |

**HOME MISSIONS—**

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Credit—                           |          |          |
| Balance on Hand .....             | \$ 46.53 |          |
| Received .....                    | 214.77   |          |
| Total credit .....                |          | \$261.30 |
| Debit—                            |          |          |
| Newkirk .....                     | 29.75    |          |
| Fairview .....                    | 121.98   |          |
| Song Books .....                  | 12.76    |          |
| Transfer to District Budget ..... | 33.60    |          |
| Total debit .....                 |          | \$198.09 |
| Balance on Hand .....             |          | \$ 63.21 |

**FOREIGN MISSIONS—**

|                       |          |         |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|
| Balance on Hand ..... | \$ 26.22 |         |
| Credit .....          | 327.22   |         |
| Debit .....           | 347.94   |         |
| Balance on Hand ..... |          | \$ 5.50 |

**WAR EMERGENCY FUND—**

|                       |          |      |
|-----------------------|----------|------|
| Credit .....          | \$ 48.20 |      |
| Debit .....           | 48.20    |      |
| Balance on Hand ..... |          | None |

**GENERAL BUDGET—**

|                       |          |         |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|
| Balance on Hand ..... | \$ 31.98 |         |
| Credit .....          | 83.10    |         |
| Debit .....           | 111.58   |         |
| Balance on Hand ..... |          | \$ 3.50 |

**TENT FUND—**

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance on Hand .....             | \$118.18 |          |
| Received from General Church..... | 75.00    |          |
| Credit .....                      | 128.31   |          |
| Debit .....                       | 310.65   |          |
| Balance on Hand .....             |          | \$ 10.84 |

|                                      |            |          |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Tent Offering—                       |            |          |
| Credit .....                         | 41.95      |          |
| Debit .....                          | 41.95      |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | None     |
| BIBLE SCHOOL—                        |            |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                | \$ 29.35   |          |
| Credit .....                         | 336.05     |          |
| Debit .....                          | 314.49     |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | \$ 50.91 |
| Bible School Calves—                 |            |          |
| Credit .....                         | 21.00      |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | 21.00    |
| Bible School Mortgage—               |            |          |
| Credit .....                         | 14.00      |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | 14.00    |
| Minute Men—                          |            |          |
| Credit .....                         | 24.00      |          |
| Debit .....                          | 23.00      |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | 1 00     |
| GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE—          |            |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                | \$ 21.27   |          |
| Credit .....                         | 82.02      |          |
| Debit .....                          | 100.00     |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | \$ 3.29  |
| EVANGELISTIC HOME MISSIONS—          |            |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                | \$ 23 58   |          |
| Debit .....                          | 8.00       |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | \$ 15.58 |
| REDEMPTION HOME—                     |            |          |
| Credit .....                         | \$105.91   |          |
| Debit .....                          | 85.91      |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | \$ 20.00 |
| MINISTERIAL TITHE—                   |            |          |
| Credit .....                         | \$368.24   |          |
| Debit .....                          | 338.24     |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | None     |
| CAMP GROUND—                         |            |          |
| Credit .....                         | \$149 31   |          |
| Debit .....                          | 15.74      |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | \$133.57 |
| Camp Expense—                        |            |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                | 43.35      |          |
| Credit .....                         | 354.36     |          |
| Debit .....                          | 312.61     |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | 85.11    |
| Camp Calf—                           |            |          |
| Credit .....                         | 22 25      |          |
| Balance on Hand .....                |            | 22.25    |
| Total Credits .....                  | \$3 380.99 |          |
| Total Debits .....                   | 2,901.50   |          |
| Balance on Hand All Departments..... | \$ 479.49  |          |

F. T. BENNER, Treasurer.

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**CHURCHES AND PASTORS**

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Blackwell, Oklahoma.....     | D. R. Close    |
| Fairview, Oklahoma.....      | W. W. Ponder   |
| Hopeton, Oklahoma.....       | F. T. Benner   |
| Newkirk, Oklahoma.....       | John F. Wilson |
| Pleasant View, Oklahoma..... | E. W. Burton   |
| Pond Creek, Oklahoma.....    | Verle League   |
| Tulsa, Oklahoma.....         | C. J. Meyers   |

## IN MEMORIAM

Indiana Williams was born in Doddridge County, W. Va., July 18, 1862, and departed this life May 29, 1942, at Newkirk, Okla. Early in life she became a Christian and remained an ardent church worker all her life. For the last several years she has been a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church at Newkirk, Okla. Sister Williams was a licensed minister. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

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Mrs. Rosa Beecher was born in Hamilton County, Indiana, March 5, 1871, and departed this life at her home in Hopeton, Oklahoma, August 30, 1941. She was converted when she was 36 and lived a devoted Christian life. Sister Beecher carried a burden for souls and loved the church. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

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Henry S. Hofen was born in Clark County, Missouri, April 23, 1881. He departed this life April 18, 1942, at his home four miles southeast of Hopeton, Oklahoma. Mr. Hofen often testified of the goodness of God and of his faith in God and in Prayer. We bless his fond memory and sorrow not as those who have no hope.