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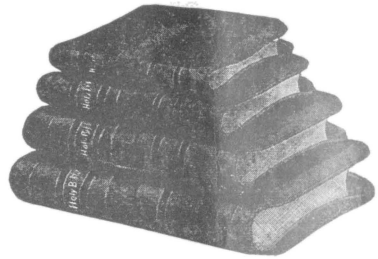
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

At Corunna, Michigan, June 5-6-7.

Sunday School Session.

Monday Evening, June 5.

The sixty-sixth annual meeting of the Shiawassee Baptist Association was convened at 8.00 p. m., in the First Baptist church, Corunna.

Rev. E. M. Lake, the Moderator, opened the Association and called on Rev. F. L. Curry, of Clinton, to offer prayer.

Hon. H. R. Pattengill, of Lansing, gave an excellent address on the work of the Sunday school, a leading feature being character building, beginning with the Cradle Roll and continuing through the various grades into the Home Department.

Jay Pruden, of St. Johns, presented in his usual interesting manner, the work of the Publication Society, especially as related to our State Sunday School work.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. Wm. W. Allenbaugh, of Bath.

Tuesday Morning, June 6.

Singing by the Association.

A paper was read by Rolla Lord, of Owosso, on the "Essential Elements of a Superintendent."

"The Qualifications of a Teacher" was the theme of a paper prepared by Martha Spaulding, of Laingsburg and read by O. M. Thrasher, of Corunna.

These papers were followed by a discussion in which J. P. Baker, of Ovid, led, followed by E. M. La'Ve, F. L. Curry, R. Weaver, Jas. Fisher, J. E. Platt, J. A. Clyde and O. M. Thrasher.

F. L. Curry presented the subject of the Home Department, in a very interesting and practical manner and answered several questions concerning this work.

C. Van Dorn, of Fenton, was present and spoke of the needs of the Ministers' Aid Society.

"Missions in the Sunday School" was presented by Thos. Howland, of Vernon.

Singing by the Association and closing prayer by J. A. Clyde. •

Associational Session,

Tuesday Afternoon.

Theme—Evangelism.

The service of song was led by M. A. Thomas, of Durand.

The Moderator announced the following Nominating Committee: I. W. Lamb, A. W. Green, Wm. W. Allenbaugh and J. P. Baker.

Brethren T. J. Howland and R. Weaver led in prayer.

M. A. Thomas sang a solo.

S. W. Phelps, of Ovid, delivered the annual sermon. Text. Acts 11:24. A good man—a saved man—born again—a new creature. A conscience renewed—made alive—revival of the Christian conscience—a higher moral plane. Full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. The successful soul winner is the one whose soul is on fire with the Holy Spirit.

The committee on nominations rendered the following report: Moderator, E. M. Lake, Lansing; Clerk-Treasurer, O. M. Thrasher, Corunna; Associational Sunday School Superintendent, M. A. Thomas, Durand; Chairman Missionary Committee, I. W. Lamb, Perry.

Report was accepted and adopted.

Following the reading of the Corunna church letter, the printed program was accepted with the privilege of making such changes as were necessary.

M. A. Thomas again favored us with a solo.

“Lessons from the revival in Wales” was given by T. J. Howland.

“Evangelism in the Church” was discussed by J. Ward Stone.

“Evangelism in the great world movements” was presented by John McLean.

Woman's Hour.

Report of Home Secretary, Mrs. Gale, of Corunna.

Report of Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Fisher, Corunna.

Address on Home Missions, Miss Karnell, Field Worker for Michigan.

Address on Foreign Missions, W. E. Hopkins, Secunderabad, India.

Address on Foreign Missions, Mrs. Phelps, Ovid.

An offering amounting to \$5.12 was received at this time.

Rev. A. G. Slocum, LL. D., President of Kalamazoo College, gave a short address and Thos. Howland followed with prayer.

The pastors held a short conference then adjourned until 8:30 the next morning.

Tuesday Evening Session.

Devotional service conducted by T. J. Howland.

Announcement of the committees by the moderator, as follows:

Program—Pastor of entertaining church and clerk of association.

Obituaries:—R. Weaver, Mrs. I. W. Lamb and Mrs. Jas. Fisher.

Resolutions:—Thos. Howland, J. Ward Stone and Wm. Allenbaugh.

Place and Preacher:—G. S. Northrup, M. A. Thomas and Mrs. J. Dunlap.

Ordination:—A. L. Beal, J. J. Cooper and J. A. Clyde.

Beneficence:—T. J. Howland.

Missionary Committee:—I. W. Lamb, G. S. Northrup and O. M. Thrasher.

Offering received amounting to \$3.18.

Music by Corunna Farther Lights Quartette.

An address on State Missions was given by our State Superintendent of Missions, Rev. C. H. Irving, of Detroit.

Our Baptist Guild Work was presented by P. W. Behan, Ph. D., of Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Thrasher sang a solo.

A Foreign Mission address was given by our Missionary, W. E. Hopkins. This was followed by another song by the Corunna Farther Lights Quartette.

Adjourned with prayer by Moderator.

Wednesday Morning, June 7.

The adjourned meeting of the Pastors' Conference was called to order by A. L. Bell.

The following officers were elected :

A. L. Bell, President, and G. S. Northrup, Secretary.

A resolution was offered recommending that the Missionary Committee cooperate with the Committee of the Flint River Association with a view of securing a missionary for the two Associations.

The President and Secretary were directed to prepare the program for the next meeting, and the Conference adjourned subject to the call of the President.

A fifteen-minute Song Service was conducted by Frank Coe.

Letters from the churches were now read. None were received from Antrim, Dewitt, Gaines nor Okemos, during the meeting.

The church at Gaines was reported disorganized by removals.

Rev. W. L. Munger was present and spoke very interestingly of the work of the Anti-Saloon League.

Committee on Place and Preacher reported as follows : Place for next Association, Bath ; Preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. O. M. Thrasher ; Alternate, Rev. M. A. Thomas ; Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. T. J. Howland ; Alternate, Rev. J. J. Cooper.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Missionary Committee made a verbal report.

Singing by the Association.

Scripture reading by Rev. John McLean, and prayer by Rev. E. M. Lake.

Doctrinal sermon delivered by Rev. A. L. Bell.

Text : John 11:39, "Take ye away the stone."

Stones in the way of Christian Progress ; Indolence, Indifference, Inconsistency, Intemperance, Dancing, Unforgiveness, Unbelief.

Session closed with prayer by G. S. Northrup.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Service of Song led by S. T. Waugh.

Committee on Obituaries rendered the following report :

OBITUARIES.

During the past associational year, death has been very busy among the churches. Twenty-seven of our esteemed brethren and sisters have been called up higher. Their service and work on earth is done, and the higher service is now theirs ; our loss is their gain. Your committee extends to the bereaved churches and the members of the bereaved families their heartiest sympathy, and commends the sorrowing ones to the care and comfort of our Heavenly Father.

(Signed)

RICHARD WEAVER.
MRS. LAMB.
MRS. FISHER.

CHURCHES.	NAMES.	DATE.	AGE.
Bath.....	Mrs. Makeley.....		63
Byron.....	G. S. Lewis.....	Nov. 12, '04	63
	Adaline Howe.....	Sept. 4, '04	44
	Rev. J. Simeon.....	July 10, '04	82
DeWitt.....	Mrs. Della Eastwood	M'ch 11, '05	52
Durand.	Mrs. Margaret E. Sears...	May 8, '05	55
Lansing.....	Mrs. D. W. Hoag.....	Apr. 15, '05	65

Mrs. Phelps was greatly interested in the work of the Juniors, Farther Lights' Sunday School and other lines of church work. Through Mr. Phelps' business ability, we have raised the church debt of \$1,300. Dr. Lamb makes an efficient Sunday School superintendent. Juniors have studied the Christian Culture courses. Womans' Society in good condition. Farther Lights have raised \$25.00 towards Miss Elgie's salary. Have lost six members by death.

OWOSSO—Our church is on a practical, financial basis, Ladies' Aid Society has raised nearly one thousand dollars. Bible School is prospering. Several have been baptised. Our pastor is an efficient leader.

PERRY—Brother Ellis closed his pastorate April 1st. J. J. Cooper began his work with us April 16th. Church services well sustained. Benevolent work, aside from the Ladies' contributions, has been neglected. Congregations are materially increased.

PIRTSBURG—The Methodists worship with us. Rev. A. L. Bell is still with us. Ours is a union Sunday School. Have cottage prayer meetings. Are praying for God's blessing on our work.

SHEPARDSVILLE—Our ranks are unchanged. Brother J. P. Baker preached for us until November. Brother John McLean began labors with us in November. Sustain weekly prayer meeting. Praying for a revival.

ST. JOHNS—Our pastor's efforts have been felt in many ways. During special meetings several were converted. All branches of church work are in a prosperous condition. Our congregations are large. Prayer meetings well attended.

VERNON—No root of bitterness exists. Death has claimed three of our members. Our Ladies' Aid has given substantial financial support. Mission Circle meetings inspiring. B. Y. P. U. has done good work. A Junior Union has been organized. The Sunday School has increased twenty per cent in attendance in the last twelve months. Pastor Howland has resigned and goes to Carson City.

WEBBERVILLE—Still enjoy the labors of O. C. Teachout as pastor. Sunday School attendance is larger than before in years. Ladies' Aid has helped the church greatly.

WILLIAMSTON—Pastor Weaver closed his work with us April 30. Hope soon to have a leader. Have been revising church list. We pray for God's blessing.

Standing Resolutions,

RESOLVED, 1—That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over all monies that are in, or may come into his hands, to the several agents to whom said money belongs and take a receipt therefor.

RESOLVED, 2—That any member of this Association whose name is in the Minutes present at the meeting of any Association with which we correspond, shall be a delegate to that body.

RESOLVED, 3—That the Clerk be instructed to forward the Minutes to each Association and corresponding body in the State; also to the Colgate Library, Hamilton, N. Y., and to the Library of the University of Chicago.

RESOLVED, 4—That churches requesting admission to this Association be required to show a formal recognition from a council of Baptist churches convened for that purpose.

RESOLVED, 5—That this Association appoint a Commission on Systematic Benevolence in accordance with the suggestions of the Baptist Denomination at its Anniversary Meeting at Asbury Park in 1896, to co-operate with the various Missionary Agencies of the Denomination in disseminating Missionary literature throughout the State, the nation and the world.

RESOLVED, That the Commission consist of one person, and that he be instructed to secure the appointment of a Commission in each church at once to aid in carrying out the plan of the work.

RESOLVED, 6—That this Association, especially disclaiming any and all authority over the individual churches, yet feeling the need of such a standing committee of judicious brethren, who shall have the endorsement of this body

shall elect annually an advisory committee of five brethren, who shall on request of any church, give to such church the benefit of their advice and counsel, and we recommend that the churches consult with this committee before calling a council for the ordination of any brother to the work of the Gospel Ministry. We also recommend that every candidate of ordination be advised to consult with this committee and obtain their counsel before asking for ordination. We also recommend that the church calling any such council invite all the churches in the Association to send delegates to sit with them in the council.

Constitution.

ADOPTED IN 1834.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the "Shiawassee Baptist Association," and shall be composed of Baptist churches, and every church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

ART. 2. This Association has no power as a LEGISLATIVE body, but as an INDEPENDENT body has power to govern itself, and disclaims all interference with the particular discipline of individual churches. Yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any church in our connection.

ART. 3. The object of this Association shall be to gather information in regard to the state of churches, both as respects statistics and religion: to promote the Christian fellowship and to sustain the various benevolent objects connected with the promotion of Christ's kingdom.

ART. 4. This Association shall, by delegation of churches, meet annually on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of June, and shall hold such other meetings as the body may direct.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, President of Pastors' Conference, Associational Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Associational President of B. Y. P. U., Superintendent of Woman's Mission Work, and Missionary Committee of three (to co-operate with the State Board), to be elected annually, by nomination or ballot, to continue in office till others are elected. It shall be the duty of the Associational Superintendent and Presidents to have general oversight of the work in their departments throughout the Association, and to develop and encourage the same, and to assist the Program Committee in making out the anniversary meeting.

ART. 6. Each church shall send with its delegates a letter containing an account of its numerical changes, and generally what pertains to its peace and prosperity, and money for minutes. Any church neglecting to do this for three successive years shall be dropped from the minutes.

ART. 7. Churches giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in doctrine and sound in practice, may, on application, be admitted into the Association.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, provided that motion of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous meeting.

Rules of Order.

I. In the absence of any of the officers of the Association, others shall be elected pro tem.

II. The order of business at each annual meeting of the Association shall be as follows:

FIRST—The introductory service, Annual Sermon and organization.

SECOND—The rules of order read.

THIRD—Appointment of Committee on Ministration.

- FOURTH—Invitations to visiting brothers to sit with us.
 FIFTH—Applications for admission of churches received.
 SIXTH—Annual Pastor's Conference.
 SEVENTH—Election of officers.
 EIGHTH—Annual rally of Baptist Young People's Union.
 NINTH—Sunday School Session.
 TENTH—Reading of letters.
 ELEVENTH—Addresses by representatives of denominational, benevolent, educational and missionary organizations.
 TWELFTH—Woman's Work.
- III. No person shall speak more than once on any one subject, nor longer than allowed on program or vote of Association.
- IV. Every proposition submitted to the Association for discussion must be put in the form of a motion, and not debated until seconded.
- V. No motion shall be discussed if such discussion be opposed by a majority of the members present.
- VI. The following committees shall be appointed at each anniversary meeting; each committee to consist of three persons:
 FIRST—A committee on nominations.
 SECOND—A committee to provide program for next anniversary.
 THIRD—A committee on obituaries.
 FOURTH—A committee on publication of minutes, of which the clerk and treasurer shall be members.
 FIFTH—A committee on resolutions
 SIXTH—A committee on place and preacher of annual sermon for next Anniversary.
 SEVENTH—An Ordination Committee, consisting of five brethren.
 EIGHTH—A Commission on Systematic Beneficence, consisting of one person.
- VII. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer under direction of the Moderator.
- VIII. All churches neglecting to represent themselves in this body for two years in succession, shall be visited by a committee chosen for the purpose, who shall report at the next annual meeting.
- IX. Any article of this order may be suspended for consideration of other business, by a vote of the Association.
- X. The minutes of the meeting shall be read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

Mission S. S. Statistics.

Name of Mission,	Superintendent,	P. O. Address	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Average Attendance	Sunday's Expenses	Benevolent Contributions
Lentz, Chesaning,	Jerome B. Hath,	Lentz,	5	30	25	\$12.00	
South St., Lansing,	J. P. St. John,	206 S Logan St.,	10	85	51	86.00	\$8.00
Beulah, Corunna,	Geo. Brands,	R F D,	7	16	9	2.71	

STATISTICS.

Churches	EXPENSES.										BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.													
	Maintaining public worship	Permanent improvements	Sunday School expenses.	Y. P. Expenses	Assn'l Minutes	State Conv. Exp.	Total Home Expenses.	Local Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Church	Wom'n's Soc	Foreign Missions	Church	Wom'n's Soc	Pub. Soc. & State S S	Church	Sunday Sch.	Christian Educat'n	Missn'y Aid Soc'y	Other objects	Total	Total Benevolent Contributions	
Bath.....	164 55	60 87	15 00	.....	50	50	241 42	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1 75	.....	1 75	.....	3 00	.....	.....	3 75	245 17
Bengal-iteiley	212 18	.....	6 60	.....	75	.....	219 53	.....	5 38	.....	3 75	.....	4 00	.....	.....	3 71	.....	3 71	.....	3 00	.....	.....	24 84	244 37
Bryan.....	665 00	263 44	18 26	.....	1 00	.....	947 70	.....	3 25	.....	3 00	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	22 50	970 20
Chesaning.....	374 83	44 95	22 00	.....	50	.....	442 28	.....	13 70	.....	2 00	.....	4 50	.....	.....	2 14	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	27 84	470 12
Covina.....	735 00	59 60	73 57	3 00	1 00	1 00	873 17	.....	6 60	.....	8 00	.....	5 85	.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	50 97	924 14
DeWitt.....	133 37	20 00	.....	.....	56	.....	154 68	.....	8 00	.....	8 82	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	176 75
Durand.....	410 37	.....	50 68	1 00	1 25	.....	463 30	.....	8 00	.....	8 70	.....	6 63	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	35 83	497 13
Lansburg.....	475 37	50 00	25 00	15 00	1 00	1 00	567 30	.....	8 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 63	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	3 11	.....	.....	24 74	593 74
Lansburg.....	552 25	150 00	134 15	114 00	3 00	5 50	729 40	93 80	85 43	73 19	58 81	146 21	45 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	16 85	609 77	790 17
Maple River.....	73 00	.....	37 00	.....	50	.....	93 00	.....	3 00	4 15	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	3 00	.....	107 90
Okemos.....	270 00	.....	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	319 00
Ovid.....	1400 00	240 00	118 30	23 74	2 50	2 50	1787 04	3 00	87 90	21 57	34 00	21 52	93 75	76 40	18 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	18 88	396 17	2183 21
Owosso.....	3570 42	.....	368 36	75 00	3 45	.....	3957 26	.....	13 00	12 81	31 75	12 16	42 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	168 30	4125 56
Perry.....	680 00	.....	62 83	124 50	1 40	.....	745 38	.....	5 00	16 38	.....	.....	6 25	17 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 85	800 17
Pittsburg.....	75 00	.....	19 00	.....	40	.....	85 40	.....	4 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25	89 65
Shepardsville	119 75	13 30	19 28	.....	1 00	40	136 73	2 57	7 28	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 85	156 58
St Johns.....	843 81	165 82	49 35	1 75	1 00	25	1082 58	20 09	7 25	15 00	15 00	13 95	16 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 32	1483 80
Vernon.....	609 94	8 73	32 00	12 90	1 50	1 61	667 00	.....	22 00	10 00	5 50	10 65	4 50	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146 27	813 27
Weberville.....	532 00	92 00	54 23	5 75	1 00	50	695 54	2 30	6 00	2 30	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79 96	861 14
Williamston.....	788 00	.....	40 00	.....	2 00	2 00	832 00	.....	7 00	8 50	9 38	13 75	9 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	890 01
Totals.....	17677 47	2518 63	1066 24	376 73	24 41	17 31	21240 36	101 67	297 50	177 11	200 71	250 97	2 5 89	95 81	51 22	97 92	72 43	182 55	1801 82	23239 08

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Moderator, REV. E. M. LAKE, Lansing.
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 Ass'n Y. P. Pres., REV. T. J. HOWLAND, Chesaning.
 Next Meeting, June 6, 1906, at Bath.

Churches	Pastor and Year of Settlement	Clerk	PROPERTY		MEMBERSHIP				Y. P.		SUNDAY SCHOOL													
			Value of Houses	Value of Parsonage	Baptized	Gains	Losses	Total Present	Members for Organization	Memberships	Teachers and	Scholars	Average Attendance	Superintendent										
			House of Worship		By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	Excluded and Pressed	Excluded and Pressed	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter	By Letter
Anthm.....	56	W. W. Allenbaugh.	04	Mrs. H. VanOrman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bath.....	58	W. W. Allenbaugh.	04	Mrs. H. VanOrman	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Benzel-Keiley	59	G. S. Northrop.	04	Earl H. Hammond	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Byron.....	67	J. Ward Stone.	03	Mildred Lord	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chesaning.....	78	T. J. Howland.	03	Mrs. S. E. Dresser	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Corunna.....	43	O. M. Thrasher.	03	Mrs. L. G. Arnold	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
DeWitt.....	55	A. M. Helley.	01	Mrs. K. G. Arnold	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Durand.....	64	M. A. Thomas.	03	Mrs. F. J. Leonard	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lansing.....	64	A. L. Bell.	03	Mrs. E. J. Anderson	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Maple River.....	32	E. M. Lake.	07	L. G. Pilkington.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Oakman.....	60	S. W. Phelps.	03	L. Hulbert.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ovid.....	68	S. W. Phelps.	03	Edibel McCormick	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Owosso.....	38	J. A. Olyde.	03	Ulura M. Gooding	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Perry.....	38	J. J. Cooper.	03	Mrs. I. W. Lamb	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Puttsburg.....	77	A. L. Bell.	03	Mrs. R. Raymond	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shepardsville.....	71	J. McLean.	04	Mrs. M. L. Smith	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Johns.....	35	G. S. Northrup.	04	Mrs. F. P. Holbert	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Vernon.....	43	O. C. Tenchout.	03	Emeline Yerkes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wenderville.....	16	O. C. Tenchout.	03	S. S. Rhodes.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Williamson.....	41	O. C. Tenchout.	03	E. S. Andrews.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals.....					21	140700	123550	48	109	83	71	166	32	2245	309	165	246	2058	1226	28				

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