

BECKLEY CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

With an eye to the future development of the Free Will Baptist Church in the locality, a request for organization of a new conference to be called the Beckley Conference, was presented to the Raleigh County Conference at its regular Conference in Aug., 1940, by the Reverends D. W. French, Jake Adkins, R. H. Doan, who were members of that Conference at that time. The request being granted, the Beckley Conference was organized Aug. 11, 1940, at the Bethel FWB Church by Rev. Dale Workman, Bro. Hob Henderson and Rev. D. W. French, with two churches, the Bethel and Camp Creek, with approximate membership of 65 and 45 respectively.

This information was taken from the minutes of the Beckley Conference of FWB which convened at the Good Hope Church, Nov. 4, 1944. It was to be used as historical information for the future. Rev. Robert Doan was the one who persuaded the other ministers that a Beckley Conference was needed.

Rev. Doan also persuaded Rev. French and the Conference that a Youth Camp was needed and spent many hours helping purchase property on Greenbrier River, secure funds for it and physical labor building it. Later the camp was traded as partial payment (\$10,000.00) on the present Headquarters building.

NOTE: *The Historical Committee of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist, gathered this information from a booklet published in 1995 by The West Virginia State Association, for it's 50th year.*

The booklet was called - - Jubilee "Sound The Trumpet". At this time the Historical Committee has no more information concerning the Beckley Conference.
