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Rev. H. C. Killen (Progressive A.) _____ 431 N. Chestnut, Florence, Ala.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

WITH FEE

Rev. Carlton Lambert, Box 55, Eldridge, Ala.	\$ 1.00
Rev. Roy R. Johnson	1.00
Rev. E. B. Ledlow, 504 Green Ave., Cordova, Ala.	2.00
Rev. Donald Hollingshead, Brilliant, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave, Birmingham 14, Ala.	1.00
Rev. G. W. Palmer, Route 1, Castleberry, Ala.	1.00
Rev. J. T. Quick, Route 3, Hartselle, Ala.	1.00
Rev. R. P. Ritch, Box 263, Vernon, Ala.	2.00
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Rev. John A. Edwards, 1509 E. Main St., Dothan, Ala.	2.00
Rev. Charles Hollingshead, 804 36th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.	1.00
Rev. William E. Atkinson, P.O. Box 35, Winfield, Ala.	2.00
Rev. E. R. Mayo, Route 1, Glencoe, Ala.	2.00
Rev. Walter E. Jones, 1911 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Ala.	2.00
Rev. E. B. McDonald, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.	1.00
Rev. Leroy Forlines, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.	1.00
Rev. H. C. Killen, 431 N. Chestnut, Florence, Ala.	1.00
Rev. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham 14, Ala.	2.00
Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Route 1, Guin, Ala.	2.00
Rev. Louie Bates, Box 45, Alden, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Nathan Davis, Rt. 2, Box 333 a, Adamsville, Ala.	1.00
Rev. Roy Barnes, Route 1, Vernon, Ala.	2.00
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Rev. A. J. Lambert, 642 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, Ala.	1.00
Rev. J. J. Staab, 2314 N. 33rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.	2.00
Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, South Ga.	1.00
Rev. Chester A. O'Donnell, Route 1, Ashville, Ala.	2.00
Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, P.O. Box 404, Fayette, Ala.	1.00
Rev. M. D. Harper, Route 1, Montevallo, Ala.	1.00
Deacon Dorman Deal, Route 1, Dothan, Ala.	1.00
Deacon Dewey Burleson, Brilliant, Ala.	1.00
Deacon Luther Franks, Brilliant, Ala.	1.00
Deacon Charles Jones, Phenix City, Ala.	1.00
Deacon L. D. Clement, Route 2, Hackleburg, Ala.	1.00
Deacon Ivan Stewart, Perdido, Ala.	1.00
Deacon J. M. Ryland, 235 Branch St., Cordova, Ala.	1.00
Deacon M. C. Brown, Birmingham, Ala.	1.00
Deacon O. A. Gibson, Phenix City, Ala.	1.00
Deacon J. N. Bramlett, Phenix City, Ala.	1.00
Deacon Amy Rickburg, Phenix City, Ala.	1.00
Deacon E. S. Warr, Columbus, Ga.	1.00
Deacon Virgial Aycock, Empire, Ala.	1.00

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. J. O. Fort Ayden, N. C.
 Rev. Odell Harris, Columbus, Ga.
 Rev. O. B. Pottillo
 Rev. Homer E. Willis, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.
 Rev. Theodore Norred
 Rev. K. V. Shutes
 Rev. Kenneth Walker
 Rev. J. M. Cobb
 Rev. Louis H. Moulton
 Rev. H. L. Knighton

14TH SESSION

MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING

HELD WITH

ST. JAMES CHURCH, PHENIX CITY, ALA.

NOV. 5, 1958

MOD. REV. E. B. LEDLOW

ASSIST. MOD. REV. GURLEY ROBERTS

CLERK MR. DEWEY BURLESON

THEME — Ye shall be witnesses - Acts 1:8

Service opened with Bro. Lee Franks leading the singing 10:30 A.M.
 Devotional Rev. Roy Barnes. Scripture reading Acts 1:18, Luke 28:49.
 Prayer by Speaker, and prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes.
 10:45 Welcome by Rev. W. E. Jones.
 10:50 Response by Rev. R. P. Ritch.
 10:55 Moderator Message Acts 2:47, 4:4.
 11:05 "Witnessing Abroad." Rev. John Edwards, Scripture - Matt. 28:19, 20. St. John 3:7, Mark 16:16, Acts 4:12. Prayer by Speaker.
 11:30 Song service led by Rev. E. B. Ledlow and R. P. Ritch.
 11:40 "Witnessing At Home" Rev. Milton Gann. Prayer by Speaker.
 Scripture Mark 5:5-20. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. R. P. Ritch.
 1:00 P.M. Song service led by Rev. R. P. Ritch.
 1:05 P.M. Devotional - Witnessing to Children. By Rev. W. A. Wilkinson. Prayer by speaker. Scripture Exo. 10:22-26.
 1:15 P.M. "The Responsibility of the Church in Witnessing." Rev. Donald Hollingshead. Scripture Acts 5:42, 1:8, 5:32, II Cor. 5:9-10.
 1:45 P.M. Singing led by Rev. R. P. Ritch.
 1:55 P.M. "The Responsibility of the Individual in Witnessing." Rev. J. T. Quick. Scripture Isa. 6:8, I John 1:7, Titus 3:5, Acts 4:8-13.
 2:25 P.M. "Witnessing by Radio." Rev. C. D. Burrell. Prayer by Speaker. Scripture Acts 1:8, Matt. 4:4, Titus 2:11, Mark 15:15-16.
 2:50 P.M. Rev. Joe Fort — Editor of "The Free Will Baptist" paper, Ayden, N.C. gave us a talk on Free Will Baptist Literature.
 2:55 P.M. Clerk declared the 14th session of the ministers and deacons meeting in order. Regular moved and second to stand adjourned till Thursday morning before 2nd Sunday in November, 1960.
 Dismissed by Rev. J. L. Lavender.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' AND DEACONS'

MEETING OF ALABAMA

PREAMBLE

In order to promote fellowship, better understanding, greater cooperation and greater vision among the ministers and deacons of Alabama, we do ordain and establish this Constitution:

I. NAME: This shall be known as the Alabama ministers' and Deacons' meeting.

II. We adopt the Treaties of Faith and practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist as our standard.

III. The Officers of the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Secretary and any other officer we may need.

IV. These officers shall be elected by nomination and acclamation at the regular session on even years.

V. This meeting shall be composed of all ordained Ministers' and Deacons' in good standing in Alabama and adjoining States who wish to represent.

VI FINANCE: Each Minister and Deacon shall pay (\$1.00) one dollar registration fee to help pay for the record being printed in minutes.

VII. The Secretary shall be paid (\$5.00) five dollars for preserving the record of each meeting.

VIII. DISCIPLINE: The Ministers' and Deacons' meeting is not a court to try, nor air out the faults of preachers and deacons. If they are in good standing with the State Association they are with the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting. This is to be a meeting of fellowship and inspiration and brotherly love.

IX. All elected officers shall serve two years. All appointed officers and committees one year.

X. The Ministers' and Deacons' meeting shall meet on Thursday morning before the 2nd Sunday in November of each year at the meeting place of the State Association.

XI. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of Ministers and Deacons present.

BY-LAWS OF ALABAMA MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETING

1. The Clerk or assistant clerk or the senior minister in years may call the meeting to order and shall have charge until moderator assumes his place.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll all the ministers and deacons present who are in good standing. If there are questionable characters they shall be referred to an appointed credential committee for advice but not for trial. They may be seated if found worthy, if not they are referred to their home church and association.

3. Each meeting shall be opened with Scripture reading and prayer.

4. By a two-thirds vote any decision of the moderator may be overruled.

5. This meeting shall sit with open doors unless it goes into a committee as a whole.

6. Any person, not a member of the body shall be allowed to take part in discussions, with the Moderator's permission, but shall have no vote.

7. All members of the body are expected to be present throughout the session unless excused by Moderator.

8. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one officer or committeeman if his nomination is elected.

9. The Moderator must not allow any discussion to be carried on in an unchristian spirit.

10. The person who desires to speak must first arise and address the Moderator and when recognized shall proceed.

11. The vote on any question must be counted upon request of one-fifth of members present.

12. No members shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, not twice on same subject unless given permission by the moderator.

13. These By-Laws may be amended at any session by a two-thirds vote.

40TH SESSION ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST ST. JAMES CHURCH, PHENIX CITY, ALA.

NOVEMBER 5-7, 1959

MODERATOR REV. W. H. RYLAND
CLERK REV. CHESTER O'DONNELL
THURSDAY NIGHT, NOV. 5, 1959

Service opened with Rev. O. Z. Johnson leading in prayer. Singing led by Rev. R. P. Ritch.

6:45 P.M. Devotional - Rev. R. W. Ritch, Jonah 1:6 "What meanest Thou Oh! Sleeper Arise". Prayer by speaker. The Gospel Happy Hitters sang at this time "Let Me Tell You About Jesus, Not my Will, At The Roll Call."

7:00 P.M. Dr. H. E. Willis, National Home Mission Director. Introduced Rev. Keneth Walker, who introduced Mrs. Walker. Home mission workers. Dr. Willis then read from II Kings 3:6; Joel 2:7. Song by Gospel Happy Hitter "Bless the Lord Oh my Soul."

7:40 P.M. Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Foreign Mission representative. Scripture Nehemiah, II Cor. 10:14-16, James 1:5, Psa. 66:18, Prayer by speaker. Offering \$150.25. Appointment of the Credential Committee. Rev. A. J. Lambert Chrm., Rev. Nathan Davis, Rev. William Atkerson, Bro. W. H. Clearman, Bro. Dorman Deal, Dismissed by Rev. William Atkerson.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 6, 1959

Service opened with Rev. R. P. Ritch leading the singing. Prayer by Rev. Theodore Norred.

8:30 A.M. Devotion Rev. Roy Johnson II Kings 7:3.

8:40 A.M. Welcome Address by Rev. W. E. Jones.

8:45 A.M. Response Rev. Grady Palmer.

8:50 A.M. House called to order by the Clerk and Moderator took charge.

8:55 A.M. Seating of standing Delegates.

9:00 A.M. Recognition of visitors, C. A. Bass, Rev. Theodore Norred, Rev. J. M. Cobb, Rev. H. A. Knighton, Dr. H. E. Willis, Moderator Address.

Credential Committee report read and accepted. Motion carried to add Mrs. J. L. Lavender to Mt. Morriah list of delegates by request.

Motion carried to add additional delegates to Fla. State Line Association by request.

Motion carried to add Mrs. W. H. Ryland to Progressive Association delegates. By request.

Motion carried to add Mrs. Luther Franks to Jasper list of delegates by request.

Letters read and motion carried to seat delegates.

ASSOCIATION AND DELEGATES REPORTING

Birmingham District—Sister Brown. — \$22.00.

Cahaba River—W. C. Johnson, Virgil Aycock, Billie Rollins, Christine Johnson, — \$29.00.

East Alabama—Bro. J. N. Bramlett, Bro. Charlie Jones, Fannie Whitehurst, Mr. H. W. Grice, — \$6.00.

Fla. State Line—Mr. Donald Arnold, Mrs. Dean Arnold, Mrs. Grace Edwards, Mrs. Betty Deal, — \$30.00.

Jasper—Mr. W. L. Franks, Mrs. W. L. Franks, Mrs. Dewey Burleson, Mrs. Luther Franks, Mr. L. M. Rayburn Jr. — \$54.00.

Liberty No. I—Sis. Gwen Stewart, Sis. Melba Chafin, Sis. Mamie Lou Palmer, Sis. Hazel Cardwell, Sis. Isabelle Woods, \$16.00.

Liberty No. I—Mr. Eugene Wright. — \$16.00.

Mt. Morriah—Mrs. J. L. Lavender, — \$34.00.

Progressive—Sister Lorene Ryland, Sis. A. J. Lambert, Sis. Verla Ryland, Bro. Huey Pickett, \$26.00.

Southeastern—Sis. Rosa Adkinson, Sis. Eloise Commander, \$26.00.

Union Hill—By Clerk and letter. — \$12.00.

Vernon—Bro. W. H. Clearman, Bro. Clyde Motes, Mrs. A. M. Wal-

lace. — \$26.00.

Northport Church—Pastor and Letter. — \$2.00.

Miss. State Line—Rev. Roy Barnes. — \$40.00.

Winston County—

Election of Committee and board members to fill vacancies. Executive Committee Rev. Roy Barnes to Replace Rev. W. H. Ryland.

General Board. Progressive Association, Rev. Milton Gann, Jasper Assoc. Rev. William Atkerson, Cahaba River Assoc. Rev. Nathan Davis, were elected.

Motion carried that the Executive Board make provision for the General board.

Motion carried that the Credential committee be the auditing Committee.

11:00 A.M. Message by Rev. Nathan Davis. Scripture St. John 1:1-10. Subject. "Preach The Word".

Election of an Assistant Moderator. Rev. O. Z. Johnson elected.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. J. T. Quick.

FRIDAY P. M.

1:00 P.M. Opened with Rev. R. P. Ritch leading the singing.

Devotional Rev. E. R. Mayo. Prayer by speaker, scripture I Sam. 4:21-22, I Kings 20:39, 40.

Elected on the Home Mission Board, Rev. Louie Bates 1966.

Superannuation Board; Rev. Roy Johnson in place of Rev. R. E. Creech. Rev. H. C. Killen in place of Mrs. J. M. Cobb, Mrs. W. G. Palmer replaces Mrs. A. M. Wallace.

Report of Ladies Auxiliary, by Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

Rev. Jack Rollins appointed to Home Mission Board replacing Rev. O. L. Field.

Report of State Sunday School—League Convention by Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

Report of Superannuation Board by Mrs. A. M. Wallace. Motion carried to accept.

Report of Auditing Committee, read and adopted.

Report of Associational Treasure read and adopted.

Song by Rev. and Mrs. Carlton Lambert and Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

Report of Executive Committee read and accepted.

Report of Dollar Club. Motion carried to receive.

Report of Executive Committee — Item 3 Adopted. Item 4 — Adopted — Item 5 Adopted. Dismissed by Bro. W. L. Franks.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Service opened with Rev. R. P. Ritch leading the singing. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Song by Trio. "Not my Will, My Home Sweet Home".

Devotion by Rev. Louie Bates St. John 15:1, Luke 15:32.

Report from the Free Will Baptist Bible College by Rev. E. B. McDonald, treasure. He read II Tim. 2:15. Solo by Rev. Carlton Lambert.

Message by Rev. Leroy Forline, Dean of men at Bible College Romans 8:29, "Conformed to the Image of Christ." Matt. 23:37, 23:23, Acts. 8:18-22, Romans 9:1-3, Gal. 1:8-9, II Cor. 12:15, Acts 15:1-2, 17:16. Offering \$67.00.

Dismissed by Rev. E. R. Mayo.

SATURDAY MORNING NOV. 7

Service opened with Rev. R. P. Ritch leading the singing.

Dev. by Bro. Aycock. Prayer by Rev. Roy Johnson.

Report of Trustee Board of Children's Home.—Motion carried to receive report and take up Item by Item. Item 1 Adopted, Item 2 Adopted, Item 3 Adopted, Item 4 Adopted.

Report of Supt. of Children's Home, Motion carried to receive.

Motion carried to write the different people that have helped the Children's Home in Professional service and given them other help.

Report of Home Mission Board, read and received. Solo by Miss Carol Grice.

Final report of Ex. Committee. Motion carried to recall Item 1 and

2 for a vote. Item 1, Adopted, Item 2, Adopted. Motion carried to receive Item 6 and 7 and they were adopted.

Final report of Credential committee read and accepted.

Report of youth camp oral.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Sister Carlton Lambert, Sister A. J. Lambert, Sister Charles Hollingshead, Sister E. B. Ledlow, Sister R. W. Ritch.

Trio. "I am telling the World about His Love."

Motion carried to give the Host church a rising vote of thanks.

Motion carried that business part of this session stand adjourned to meet in 1960, Thursday night before 2nd Sunday in Nov. Place to be named.

Message by Rev. J. J. Staab, Acts 17:16. Song by Trio. Solo by Rev. Carlton Lambert. Dismissed by Rev. J. T. Quick. Offering to Children's Home \$62.00.

REPORTS

Credential Committee — Item 1. We have examined the letters from the following Association and find them in order with all association sending \$2.00 per church, except Cahaba River which sends \$5.00 extra. Birmingham District, Cahaba River, East Alabama, Fla. State Line, Jasper, Liberty No. 1, Liberty No. 2, Mt. Morriah, Progressive, Vernon, Union Hill, Southeastern.

Item 2. We have examined a petitionary letter from Northport Church requesting privilege to represent here in our body by paying fee of \$2.00. This church was a part of the Mt. Morriah Association but is no longer, having withdrawn from said Association. We have questioned the pastor of said church and a representative of the Mt. Morriah Association. Also we wish to make this recommendation that this church be allowed to pay this fee and represent here in this body with a promise from the pastor that said church will in the very near future become a member of a district Association.

Item 3. We have had council with Rev. Roy Barnes from the Miss. State line Association, and he has informed us that the letter with the fee and every preparation was made. But for some reason they have not arrived.

Therefore we wish to recommend that he have the letter mailed to our clerk and that he place the records of the Miss. State Line Association with the other letters in the minutes.

Executive Committee — Item 1. Constitution Change - Seal - We the Ex. Committee recommend the following words be adopted (praying for the day when we shall be one in Christ).

Item 2. Constitution - Sec. II. The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assist. Moderator, Clerk-Treasure, Assist. Clerk, General Board, and an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be elected by the General Board. These officers shall be elected every two years.

Item 3. Associational ruling — We the Executive Committee recommend item 1 and 3 become part of the by-law, with the following changes, ("The Moderator be given the power to appoint Delegates from those attending the National Association to fill the State Quota.")

Item 4. Dollar Club — We recommend the "Dollar Club" be discontinued and we work with our State and National Home Mission Boards.

Item 5. We recommend that our Home Mission Board explore the possibilities of establishing a Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

Item 6. We recommend that the General board meet Thursday afternoon after the Ministers and Deacons meeting. This is to be printed on the programs.

Item 7. We recommend that all boards and committees; as much as possible, meet during the time of recess.

Auditing Committee. — We, your auditing Committee, have checked the records of the Home Mission Treasure, the records of the Superannuation treasure, and the record of the Association Treasure. We find

that they are all in good order.

Home Mission Boards Report — We recommend the following:

1. For our work next year Montgomery and Arab for new Churches.
2. Rev. R. W. Ritch is our Field worker.
3. Our goal is \$2,000.
4. We urge the pastors to back our board and see that the \$12.00 from their church is sent in.
5. That the Month of April be Mission month and an offering be taken and sent in for these new works in addition to the certified amount.
6. Each District send the Home Mission Sec. a minute of their meeting.

Bro. R. W. Ritch kept for his expenses \$104.15, — Itinerate work.

TREASURE REPORT

Sarah Crowford Circle	\$ 10.00	Ray Ritch	\$ 114.23
Cordova Church	104.03	Ala. State Assoc.	14.35
Prog. Quarterly Meeting	26.00	Union Hill Church	12.00
First F.W.B. Church	12.00	Union Grove Church	10.00
Sulphur Springs Church	12.00	Belk F.W.B. Church	12.00
Union Chapel Church	12.00	Liberty Church (Vina)	12.00
New Liberty (Bankston)	12.00	Russellville Church	12.00
Davis Chapel	12.00	Shady Grove Church	12.00
South Highland Church	12.00	Total	\$ 410.61
Brought Forward			627.81
Grand Total			\$1,038.42
Total paid out			22.93
Balance Nov. 1, 1959			\$1,015.49

Received Nov. 1-6

First Church Dothan	\$ 12.00	New Hope	\$ 12.00
Carbon Hill	12.00	Florence	12.00
Madisonia	12.00	Winfield	12.00
Range	12.00	North Birmingham	12.00
St. James	12.00	Unity	6.00
Union Grove	2.00	Semircah Springs	2.00
Making a total of			\$ 118.00
Grand total			\$1,133.49

Mrs. Lorene Ryland Sect. 235 Branch St. Cordova, Ala.

SUPERANNUATION

Russellville Church	\$ 8.00	Mt. Willing	\$ 6.00
Plesent Valley Church	6.87	Cordova Church	44.06
Community F.W. B. Church	10.00	Bethlehem	4.50
Mt. Plesent	18.75	East Highland Church	5.70
Boston Brilliant	39.69	Harmony	8.00
Tennessee River Assoc.	5.25	Sulphur Springs	26.50
Dothan Church	15.37	Phil Campbell	10.00
Evergreen F.W.B. Church	5.75	Townley Church	10.00
St. James Church	6.75	State Association	19.35
Guin Church	18.00	Davis Chappel	10.00
Abbeville Church	8.45	Carbon Hill Church	5.00
Taylor Springs	2.00	Winfield Church	76.20
Belk Church	38.00	Fayette Church	14.31
Union Chappel	\$ 15.00	Mt. Harmony	\$ 13.00
Springfield Church	18.00	E. Birmingham Church	67.80
Davis Chappel, Sterett	10.00	New Oak Grove	6.00
Good Water Church	6.00	First Church Florence	86.29
Fair View Church	41.70	Leodocia Church	4.40
Mt. Olive Church	36.00	North Birmingham	39.43
Cahaba River Assoc.	25.00	Vernon Church	16.30
High Point Church	3.71	Marvel F.W.B. Church	5.38

South Highland Church	5.38	Dovertown Church	5.00
Friendship Church	8.70	Free Water Church	18.00
Liberty Church	25.00	Plesent Hill Church	3.00
H. E. Cherry	8.92	Union Grove Church	16.89
First F.W.B. Church Opelika	18.10	Churches No Name Given	25.56

Total Received	\$961.71
Brought forward	11.97
Total	973.68
Total Paid out	630.00
Balance in bank Nov. 1, 1959	343.68
Expenditure.	

Rev. S. F. Lee	\$130.00	Rev. G. W. Flipppo	\$130.00
Rev. B. M. Atkins	130.00	Mrs. M. E. Carpenter	130.00
National Superannuation	100.00	Office Dues	10.00

Total Expenditure \$630.00

Mrs. A. M. Wallace Treasure.

New Treasure Mrs. W. H. Ryland, 901 Ridge Place, Birmingham 14, Ala.

CLERK-TREASURE REPORT

Received:

Associations	\$335.00	Woman Auxiliary	\$ 15.00
Ministers and Deacons	81.00	Sunday School-League Conv.	25.00

Total Received	\$456.00
Brought Forward	244.81
Total	\$700.81
Expenditure:	

Officers	\$ 55.00	Minutes and Mailing	\$167.59
Programs Stamps & Paper	15.97	National Association Dues	70.00

Total Expenditure	\$308.56
Balance left in treasure Nov. 1, 1959	392.25

Chester O'Donnell Treasure

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Received From	Designated	Cooperative	Total
Offering at State Association	\$157.55		\$157.55
St. James Church	6.75		164.30
Holmes Church		\$143.59	307.89
East Alabama Association	5.00		312.89
Ist. Dist. Qt. Meeting of Lib. No. 2. A.	50.00		362.89
Wattsville Church	12.00		374.89
Pleasant Grove Church	12.00		386.89
Total	\$243.30	\$143.59	\$386.89

Spent—National Program, \$79.00, Foreign Missions, \$23.42, National Home Missions, \$23.42, Bible College, \$50.70, State Superannuation \$26.10, State Home Missions, \$14.35, Children's Home, \$131.57, Pro. Office, \$2.36, Total Spent, \$350.92, Total received, \$386.89, Brought forward, \$6.81, Total, \$393.70, Less \$350.92, leaves a balance on hand of \$42.78 on Nov. 5, 1959.

Chester O'Donnell Treasure Ashville, Alabama, Route 1.

Allocation of the Cooperative funds—55% to the National Office, 15% Children's Home, 10% State Superannuation, 10% State Home Mission, 10% to Office. All designated funds goes to that department.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

October 1, 1958 through September 30, 1959

Receipts during the period:	
Contributions and gifts	\$20,177.87
Social Security and support payment	4,715.22
Rent	2.00
Coupons Redeemed	175.03
Sale of Farm Products	254.86
Other Income	21.00
Total to be Accounted for	\$25,345.98

EXHIBIT "B"

Superintendent's Cash Summary

October 1, 1958 through September 30, 1959

Cash in bank October 1, 1958 Schedule 1	\$ 381.86
Petty cash on hand October 1, 1958 Schedule 3	41.61
Cash receipts deposited per Exhibit "A"	25,345.98
Total to Be Accounted for	\$25,769.45

Disbursements by Check:

Salaries and payroll taxes	\$10,445.78
Groceries	5,698.53
Clothing and Laundry	269.72
Medical expenses	239.31
Telephone	417.22
Utilities (Heat and Electricity)	1,689.71
Gas and Oil	825.02
Office supplies and expense	637.51
Repairs, Hardware and supplies	1,447.71
Insurance	100.27
Termite Control	65.00
School expenses (Fees, Lunches, etc.)	502.16
Janitorial Supplies	338.34
Travel expense	175.22
Farm expense	895.45
Miscellaneous expense	47.20
Flowers for funerals	10.20
Holiday decorations	24.68
Pictures	61.45
Dishes	20.07
Dues	10.00
Equipment and furniture	540.51
Roof repairs (Gutters)	787.47
Petty cash disbursements Schedule 3	282.77
Returned checks Oct. 58	34.12

Returned checks Aug. 59	7.00	\$25,572.42
Petty cash on hand September 30, 1959 Schedule 3		13.84
Cash in bank September 30, 1959 Schedule 2		183.19
Total Amount accounted for		\$25,769.45

Things donated for 1959—Clothing, \$2,000.00, Groceries, \$1,200.00, Haircuts, \$225.00, Christmas Gifts and toys, \$1,700.00, Sports Equipment, \$50.00, Water coolers, \$321.31, Free labor donated, \$275.00, Miscellaneous, \$150.00, Smith-Corona Typewriter, \$150.00, Room furnished, \$222.50, Dr. Gaines W. Keith, \$300.00, Dr. Fredrick Rosemore, Optometrist, \$200.00, Bank services rendered, \$50.00, Total, \$6,843.81.

Carlton Lambert, Supt.

TRUSTEE BOARD OF CHILDREN'S HOME

1. We the board of Trustees feel that even though Rev. J. B. Ledlow of the Vernon Association did offer his resignation the board feels that the experience of Bro. Ledlow will justify us to retain him on our board of Trustees since he has given his consent to serve one more year if it is the wishes of this body.

2. We recommend the budget for the Children's Home for 1960 to be \$2,500.00 Per Month.

3. We recommend that Georgia, Fla. and Miss. be authorized to send a representative of their State to represent their State in the Trustee Board meetings of the Children's Home.

4. Since the last meeting of our Association, one of the 1st Trustees of the Children's Home, Rev. P. J. Box has passed on to his reward. In recognition of his faithful service we ask the congregation to stand.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME BUILDING FUND

J. B. LEDLOW TREASURE

For Period November 13, 1958 Through November 2, 1959

Balance on hand November 13, 1958	\$2,101.46
Receipts	
Donations received during period	\$1,163.85
Rental receipts during year	926.25
Total receipts	2,090.10
Total to account for	\$4,191.56

Expenses:	
New roof Eldridge property	\$1,550.00
Repairs to Jasper property	4.27
Insurance expense	56.34
Fidelity bond covering J. B. Ledlow	12.50
Travel expense looking after property	31.05
Taxes on property	100.32
Total expenses	\$1,754.48

Balance in bank November 2, 1959 available for withdrawal 2,437.08

ASSOCIATIONAL RULINGS

1. Motion carried to set date when each member comes off board, and the year be placed by name in minute, 1956 Cordova, Ala.

2. Item 6 Ex. committee report St. James Church, Phenix City, Ala., 1959.

We recommend that the General board meet Thursday afternoon after the ministers and deacons meeting. This is to be printed on the program.

Associations	No. Churches	No. Membership	New Members	Lost Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday Schools	No. Members	No. Members	Women Auxiliaries	No. Members	GTAs	YPAs	Boy's Auxiliaries	Prayer Meeting	Master's Men	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	Building & Repair	Literature	Advertising (radio program, etc.)	Miscellaneous	Other	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Superannuation	Associational Projects	State and National Project	Other	Value of Associational	Value of Church	Value of Parsonage	No. of Parsonages		
Birmingham District	11	716	56	28	28	1	29	11	451	88	3	33	1			11		4694	892	4825	559	530	726	2201			8		643							104000			
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East Alabama	3	439	34	8	9			3	300	140	3	45				3	2	5645	385	3239	337		2655	350		142		25	393	53	180	31				50000	18000	2	
Fla. State Line	15	2493	86	38	8	4		14	760	412	4	78		1		8	2	12549	1572	5895			4118	5667	724	208	786	306	577	40	303					151829			
Jasper	27	2984	151	75	42	1	110	24	1474	377	7	75	1	4		14		20631	2445	4591	1175	56	3574			896	210	435	1382	193	15	29	1010				207500	21000	3
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Liberty No. 2	8	509	63	60	31	1		8	421							4		2701	582	7739	378		735	1495			265		573					1500	59000				
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BY-LAWS

THE ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

1. The Clerk or the Assistant Clerk or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference if a quorum is present, the Moderator or in his absence, the Assistant Moderator shall take charge: and if neither of them is present the senior Minister in years shall act as Moderator.
2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Association. In case of questionable representation, however the case under question shall be referred to the credential committee.
3. It shall be the duty of everybody belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association. Reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Any body belonging to this session may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.
4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
5. By a two-third vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.
6. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.
8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission from the Moderator.
9. It shall be the duty of all members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave from the Moderator.
10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.
11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated be elected.
12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian Spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
13. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.
14. The "Yeas and Nays", may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.
15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.
16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
17. The Moderator be given the power to appoint Delegates from those attending the National Association to fill the State quota.
18. A program committee for the association be composed of Moderator, Clerk.
19. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CONSTITUTION

Name—This body shall be known as the "ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST."

SEAL—This Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptist adopt the treaties of the National Association in faith and practice.

SEC. II. The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasure, Assistant Clerk, General Board, and an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be elected by the General Board. These officers shall be elected every two years.

These officers are elective. Other officers being appointed as Moderator may need or desire.

SEC. III. This Association shall be composed of all active, ordained ministers and deacons who are members of an association or church, which is a member of this body and duly elected or appointed delegates of District Association or Church.

One delegate for each church of each Association which is a member of this body.

SEC. IV. No independent church may be a member of this body unless Association to which it belongs refuse to represent in the State body. Then the church may report independently. The fee of said church be the sum of (2) two dollars.

ARTICLE II. Finance—Each District Association shall send the sum of (2) two dollars per church affiliated with that Association. Each minister and deacon shall pay the sum of (1) one dollar registration fee to help carry on the expenses of the State Association.

SEC. V. The secretary shall be paid (\$25.00) Twenty-five dollars, The moderator (\$15.00) Fifteen Dollars. Assistant moderator (\$10.00) Ten Dollars for their services rendered. All other expenditures not specified shall be made at the direction of the body.

ARTICLE II. Discipline—The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing the State Association. Said appeal having been properly signed by the constituent body or bodies and its decisions shall be final.

SEC. VI. All appeals coming before the State Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the State Association sitting in a committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee appointed by the Executive Board whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

ARTICLE II. The Moderator of the State Association of Free Will Baptist shall be regarded as an ex-official member of all boards or committees elected or appointed.

ARTICLE III. Each elected officer shall serve for a period of (2) two years, Elections coming on the even years.

The appointed officers or committees serving at the direction of the Moderator or until dismissed by the moderator.

ARTICLE IV. Meetings—The State Association of Free Will Baptist shall hold its regular meetings annually. Place of meeting to be decided by a vote of the body. The time of meeting to be on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November of each year. And to remain in session until its work is completed.

ARTICLE V. This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the State Association by a two-third vote of members present: provided proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body and shall lie on the table at least from morning session prior to adoption and shall during that time be read at least twice in open session.

"STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION"

THEME: "Thy Word Hath Quickened Me".

The State Women's Auxiliary Convention convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Northport, Alabama.

The program was opened with song service led by Brother E. B. Ledlow.

SONG: "How Firm a Foundation".

PRAYER by Brother Charles Hollingshead.

WELCOME ADDRESS by Mrs. Chester Collins.

RESPONSE by Mrs. A. L. Parker.

DEVOTIONAL by Mrs. Cortez Dyer, reading the 119 Psalms - Verses 89-96.

A POEM: "Has Someone Seen Christ In You".

Closed with Prayer.

Receiving of Letters.

Cahaba River Association	\$27.00	Cooperative Convention	\$12.40
Progressive District	10.00	Jasper District	10.80
Northport (Local)	3.60	Northport (Local)	2.40
East Alabama Church	3.40		

Moved by Mrs. H. A. Pitts that we receive the letters and seat the delegates. Seconded by Mrs. W. H. Ryland.

Ministers also recognized and seated.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Mrs. W. H. Ryland, Mrs. Essie Collins, Mrs. J. J. Staab.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mrs. A. P. Leonard, Mrs. Cortez Dyer, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Theo Kuykendall, Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. Nancy Self.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. William Adkins, Mrs. Joe Kimbro, Mrs. Mary Mull.

Song: "Wonderful Words of Life", Led by Brother E. B. Ledlow.

President's Message by Mrs. H. A. Pitts — Subject — "Thy Word Hath Quickened Me". Scriptures Psalms 119:50, Ephesians 2:1, John 5:25, Hebrews 4:12, Mark 16:15.

Special music by Miss Robbie Hester and Sharlene Bayler, "Near the Old Olive Tree".

Vice President's message by Mrs. Adgie Mae Deason: "Thy Word Hath Quickened Me Toward Enlistment". Scripture Exodus 14:15.

Hymn No. 422: "He Leadeth Me", led by Brother E. B. Ledlow.

Dismissed for a five (5) minute recess.

Hymn No. 192: "Break Thou the Bread of Life".

Key Note Message by Sister Eunice Edwards, choosing for her Scriptures I Peter 2, Isaiah 28:16. After reading prayer.

A wonderful message was enjoyed by everyone.

Dismissed for lunch — Prayer by Brother A. J. Lambert.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with song service No. 351: "Open My Eyes That I May See". Prayer by Mrs. Ruth Strickland.

Study Course Chairman's message by Mrs. Alen Adams: "Thy Word Hath Quickened me to Study". Scripture Reading — Matthew 28:19-20,

Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, II Timothy 2:15, Psalms 119:9.

Moved and seconded that we receive the reports and release the Committees: Report of Committees:

Nominating Committee: We the Nominating Committee recommend the following officers for the State Women's Auxiliary Convention:

President: Mrs. Adgie Mae Deason

Vice-President: Mrs. William Atkinson

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Margaret Dutton

Study Course Chairman: Mrs. Theo Kuykendall

Youth Chairman: Mrs. Edna Cook

Program Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Laura Hollingshead

Field Secretary: Mrs. W. H. Ryland

Mrs. A. P. Leonard, Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Mrs. Merle Dyer.

Finance Committee: We the Finance Committee have examined the Treasurer's books and have found them correct.

Mrs. Theo Kuykendall, Mrs. Nancy Self, Mrs. A. L. Parker.

Appreciation Committee: In behalf of the State Women's Auxiliary, we wish to thank (1) the Church of Northport and Pastor, Rev. Charles Hollingshead for their cordial reception and services rendered during this convention. (2) Robbie Hester and Sharlene Boyler for the special music. (3) Special thanks to the officers, Sister Adgie Mae Deason, and Sister H. A. Pitts for their untiring efforts and true Christian Leadership. (4) To Sister Eunice Edwards for a very wonderful message. (5) To the Program Committee for the inspiring program which was arranged for this convention.

Mrs. Dixie Atkinson, Mrs. Kimbrough, Mrs. Mary Mull.

Resolution Committee: We the Resolution Committee submit the following: 1. That we pay \$10.00 each to our declamation contest winners to help pay their expenses to National Convention.

2. That we pay our part of cost of Minutes.

3. Urge our Churches to ask for conventions.

4. We urge Program Committee to get out programs four (4) weeks before conventions meet, especially to those on program.

5. That youth Chairmen be urged to organize youth organizations and promote the Essay and Declamation Contest in their respective fields.

6. We recommend that the District and State officers make plans for Auxiliary Work Shops next year.

7. That our Auxiliary members become more mission minded.

Mrs. Verla Ryland, Mrs. Essie Collins

Registration Committee:

Registration Committee Report: 82 Present, 10 Delegates, 66 Visitors, 6 Ministers.

Program Prayer Chairman's message by Mrs. William Atkinson, "Thy Word Hath Quickened Me in Prayer and Stewardship". Scripture II Cor. 9:6.

Hymn: "Send The Light".

Personal Service Chairman's Message by Mrs. W. H. Ryland, "Thy Word Hath Quickened Me for Service". Scripture Reading: James 1:22-27. Closing with a poem: "Think it Over".

Special music by Mrs. Fredia Kuykendall — "Satisfied With Jesus".

Moved and seconded that we accept the East Alabama Association into our State Association upon sending report to Secretary.

Election of Delegates to National Association

1. Mrs. A. J. Lambert, 2. Mrs. William Atkinson, 3. Mrs. Charles Hollingshead, 4. Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, 5. Mrs. Margaret Dutton, 6. Mrs. H. A. Pitts, 7. Mrs. Mary Mull, 8. Mrs. Lorene Ryland, 9. Mrs. A. L. Parker, 10. Mrs. Verla Ryland, 11. Mrs. Theo Kuykendall.

The First Free Will Baptist Church at Sylacauga won the Women's Auxiliary Award Coupon Banner. Florence Church won Second place.

Mrs. Charles Hollingshead appointed to conduct Declamation Contest.

Next dismissed for work shop discussion. Conducted by Mrs. Eunice Edwards on How an Auxiliary Might Grow.

Meeting adjourned: Prayer by Brother J. M. Dutton, Jr.

NIGHT SESSION

Song Service: "Have Faith in God". Prayer by Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. Charles Hollingshead read rules for Declamation Contest.

YPA — The contestants participating:

Nancy McDaniel — Age 16 — "Who is a Missionary".

GTA — Virginia Ann Sexton — Age 13 — "Missions by Frank Hall".

GTA — Fredia Kuykendall — "The Heart of a 10 Year Old".

Special by Fredia Kuykendall: "I've Got a Right to Praise the Lord", and: "Jesus Holds the Keys".

Winners of the Declamation Contest:

YPA — Nancy McDaniel —

GTA — Fredia Kuykendall

Youth Chairman Message by Sister Eunice Edwards, "Thy Word Hath Quickened Me In the Value of Our Youth." Scripture Reading Mark 1:14, 16, 19, 21, 38.

Song: "Leaning On Jesus". Offering for Sister Edwards.

Adjournment: Prayer by Mrs. H. A. Pitts.

FINANCE REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 21.45	
Money received	69.60	
Sub - Total	91.05	\$ 91.05
Special Offering	36.00	36.00
Total		\$127.05
Expenses:		
Declamation Contest Winners	20.00	
National Association Dues	25.10	
Gift for Mrs. Miley and Mrs. Sonders	10.00	
Paid Mrs. Eunice Edwards	36.00	
Minutes	15.00	
Total	\$106.10	\$106.10
Balance in Treasure		\$ 20.95

Mrs. J. M. Dutton Jr.

ALABAMA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL-LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Alabama State Sunday School-League Convention met with the First Free Will Baptist Church Northport, Alabama on June 5-6th 1959.

Convention was called to order by President Phillip Gilbert.

Opening devotion was given by Rev. E. B. Ledlow of Cordova Church using theme, "For It Is Time To Seek The Lord." Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Northport Church, gave a warm welcome to all visitors. President Phillip Gilbert responded.

The Importance of Sunday School Convention by Phillip Gilbert. Theme was: "Train a child up in a Christian Atmosphere." A special prayer for privilege of our having a Sunday School and League led by Milton Gann.

Business session opened with President presiding; Motion made and carried for secretary to read letters and reports from Conventions and Churches. Motion made and carried that reports be received, and delegates seated. Motion made that we accept East Alabama Asso. Motion Carried.

The following Committees were appointed by President:

Nominating:—Rev. A. J. Lambert, Chrm., Mr. Larry Austin, Mr. Clayton Bobo.

Appreciation:—Mrs. Larry Austin, Chrm., Miss Mary Hutton, Mrs. Etta Guyton.

Sword Drill:—Miss Dannie Sue Jones, Chrm., Miss Hazel Stillwell, Rev. Olen Adams.

"Cleanse Me" was sung by Freida Kuykendall from Northport Church.

Rev. Willie Justice, graduate of the Free Will Baptist College brought the morning message, using as topic, "Search Me O God." Scripture from Psalm 139:23-24. Rev. W. E. Jones pronounced the benediction.

DISMISSED FOR LUNCH

The Convention reconvened in the afternoon with devotion by David Hayes using as topic, "For The Body Is Not One Member But Many." Scripture, I Chr. 12:12-31. "What the Sunday School Means to me" was given by Misses Lanette Moore and Brenda Yerby. Workshops were conducted by: Mrs. Essie Collins, Rev. H. A. Pitts and Rev. A. J. Lambert.

"How The Lord uses Primary Teachers" was given by Mrs. Alvis Hollingshead, Scripture Luke 18:16, after which the Junior Choir sang: "Every Day With Jesus" and "It's a Grand Thing To Be Saved."

Youth Time was conducted by Phillip Gilbert with the following participating:

Duet, "In The Shadow Of The Cross" Sung by Misses Robbie Sue Hester and Sharleen Boler.

Solo, "Speak To My Heart" By Miss Dannie Sue Jones.

Piano Solo, "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Mr. Joe Dyer.

Solo; "When You Travel Alone" by Miss Carol Grice.

Solo; "Someone To Care" by Miss Linda West.

Piano Solo; "Whispering Hope" by Miss Freida Kuykendall.

Solo; "Not My Will" by Freida Kuykendall.

Duet; "Why Should He Love Me So" by Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow.

Mr. Bertice Grice pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday night opened with singing by Rev. Olen Adams; Prayer by Rev. McDonald.

Sword Drill was conducted by Miss Dannie Sue Jones. The winners were:

1st Place: Miss Brenda Yerby, of Northport Church.

2nd Place: Mr. Jonny Green, Eldridge Church.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Willie Justice with scripture from Proverbs 1:7, 2:11-17, 6:20-23, Theme: "Juvenile Delinquency."

We were dismissed by Rev. Grady Hudson.

SATURDAY MORNING

Saturday Morning session opened with song: "He Brought Me Out," led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

Devotion was given by Rev. Donald Hollingshead.

Business session opened with President presiding. The following Committees reported:

"We, the appreciating committee, wish to express thanks to the host church and their homes for the hospitality.

To the principal of the school and his lunch room staff for the delicious food and the fine way we were served.

To the visiting minister for the wonderful messages.

To all the youth who have contributed to make the convention a success."

Motion made and carried to accept this report.

"We the Committee on Nomination place the following officers in Nomination:

President—Larry Austin, State Line Asso.

Vice President—David Hayes, Tuscaloosa, Church.

Sec.-Treasurer—Hazel Stillwell, Northport, Church.

Asst. Sec.-Treasurer—Brendia Yerby, Northport, Church.

Chorister:—Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Northport, Church.

Pianist:—Mrs. E. B. Ledlow, Cordova, Church.

Bible Quiz Leader.—Mrs. Charles Hollingshead, Northport Church.

Motion made and carried to receive this report and proceed to elect by nomination acclamation: unanimously elected.

Rev. Ralph Bell was elected for a five year term of executive committee from the State Line Convention.

Motion made and carried to meet at Florence Free Will Baptist Church for next State Convention.

The Secretary gave the treasurer report, move was made and carried to accept this report.

The Grandsbour Church won the Banner.

Workshops were conducted by Mrs. Essie Collins, Rev. A. J. Lambert, and Rev. H. A. Pitts.

Song, "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Rev. Olen Adams and prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Move made and carried for Executive Committee to select the specific Saturday in December for the Youth Rally to meet with Free Will Baptist Church of Phenix City, Ala. (It will meet with the Opelika Church Jan. 2, 1960 date set by Ex. Committee, Nov. 6, 1959, Charles Hollingshead Chrm.)

Trio: "How Great Thou Art" by Misses Dannie Sue Jones, Robbie Sue Hester and Linda West.

Rev. Willie Justice brought the closing message. Theme: "Imperative Bible Study". Scripture II Timothy 2:15.

Rising vote of thanks was given by visitors and we were dismissed

with prayer by Rev. Ralph Bell.

Phillip Gilbert, President
Robbie Sue Hester, Sec.-Treasurer

Leagues	Delegates	Dues
Cooperative—Mr. Larry Austin, Mrs. Larry Austin, Mr. Dorman Deal, Mrs. Dorman Deal		\$15.00
Progressive—Miss Rebecca Nuckols		2.00
East Ala.—No delegates or dues		2.00
1st Church Northport—Mr. Samuel Key		2.00
North Birmingham Church—Mr. Glem Kimbrough		\$21.00
Total		

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

Sunday School	Delegates	Dues
1st Sunday School Northport—Rev. Olen Adams		\$ 2.00
North Birmingham—Miss Alegeline Staab		2.00
State Line Convention—Mr. Larry Austin, Mrs. Larry Austin, Mrs. Maudine Bell, Mrs. Maude Fowler, Miss Dannie Sue Jones, Mr. Ronnie Brown, Mr. Garry Edwards		19.50
Progressive Association—Miss Mary Hutton, Mr. Olen Ray Woods, Mr. Jerry Esgil, Miss Jane Pickett, Mr. Walter Tate, Sister T. B. Lee, Mrs. Etta Guyton		9.50
East Alabama—No Delegates		6.00
Liberty No. 2 Convention—Mr. Paul Davis, Mr. Loyaltan Ledlow		7.50
Sub. Total		\$ 46.50
Total		67.50
Previous balance from last year		32.95
10% from Leagues and Sunday School		26.59
Total		\$127.04
Disbursements—Stamps, Paper, Conv.	\$ 5.98	
Phillip Gilbert	17.50	
Bonnie Hughes	10.00	
Bible and Check (Sword Drill)	13.25	
Rev. Willie Justice	20.00	
Minutes (1958)	25.00	
Total Expense		\$ 91.73
Balance on Hand		\$ 35.31
Youth Camp Fund Treasurer		
Previous balance brt. frd.	\$756.68	
10% from Leagues	13.92	
Total		\$770.60
Less Operating Exp.		99.89
Balance on hand May 31		\$670.71
	Miss Robbie Sue Hester, Treasurer	\$670.71

Further checks should be mailed to new Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Hazel Stillwell, 2002 25th Street, Northport, Alabama.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE: We, the Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools and Leagues of Alabama, do hereby organize as a State Convention in order to advance, promote, inspire, inform, teach and train our respective groups for greater service to Christ and the cause of our denomination.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name—This organization shall be known as the Alabama State Sunday School-League Convention.

ARTICLE II. Officers—The officers of this convention shall be a president, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sword Drill Director, Chorister, Pianist and an Executive Board of five members.

ARTICLE III. Representation—

1. Each Sunday School and League shall send one delegate and a \$2.00 fee if not represented by a district Convention.

2. Each district convention shall send one delegate for each Sunday School and League and a minimum fee of \$5.00 up to four Sunday Schools and Leagues.

3. Where the membership of the district convention exceeds four participating members, the district convention shall pay \$1.50 for each Sunday School and League and is entitled to one delegate from each.

4. All delegates are to be appointed from the laity.

ARTICLE IV. Executive Board—The executive board shall be composed of five members with the term of one expiring each year. The board members shall be elected as to afford fair representation over the State.

Section 1. The duties of the Executive Board and officers shall be to act for the convention when that body is not in regular session, to arrange programs for the convention from time to time, and to act as a promotional agency for the Sunday Schools and Leagues in general. The convention program shall be planned three months prior to convention date. The executive board may be called into session when deemed necessary by its chairman.

Section 2. The executive board shall negotiate or secure property, executive programs of construction, control, and promotion of projects this convention may undertake, consistent with the constitutional provisions and regulations of this convention. They shall hold in trust all property of the convention and shall be responsible for the upkeep; and management of same. They shall not sell or encumber the real estate or other property of this convention unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at a designated time for the purpose of considering such a transaction. Such time of meeting must be stated in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and the laws of the State of Alabama which govern the selling and encumbering of church property.

ARTICLE V. Meetings—This convention shall meet on Friday and Saturday before second Sunday in June of each year at a place selected by the convention while in regular session or by the executive board.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. Duties of Officers—

Section 1. President—It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the convention, appoint temporary committees, and to see that the convention is governed in the Spirit of Christ and according to parliamentary usage of Robert's Rules of Order. The president shall call the officers of the convention, along with the executive board, into session to plan the convention program.

Section 2. Vice-President—The Vice-President shall carry on the duties of the president when that officer is not present or when requested by the president. He shall assist in the general supervision of the duties of that office.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer—It shall be the duty of this officer to keep an accurate record of the transactions of the convention and to pre-

serve the same. It shall also be the duty of this officer to be custodian of all monies coming into the treasury and shall make a financial report at each session of the convention. He shall disburse all monies as directed by the convention or the executive board, while the convention is not in regular session. All valuable records and documents shall be turned over promptly to his successor in office.

Section 4. Sword Drill Director—It shall be the duty of this officer to prepare and preside over all Bible quiz and sword drill programs.

Section 5. Chorister—The chorister shall direct the musical and song portions of the convention program.

Section 6. Pianist—The pianist shall assist the chorister in the general program of music and song.

ARTICLE II. Reports—

Section 1. The secretary-treasurer shall prepare and submit a written report of all meetings of the convention while in regular session.

Section 2. All district conventions shall provide delegates with reports of condition and progress of work, which along with dues shall constitute the necessary credentials to represent in this body. Each local Sunday School and League not represented by a district convention shall likewise concur with same.

ARTICLE III. Standing delegates—

Section 1. All ministers who have Sunday Schools and Leagues representing in the convention.

Section 2. All Sunday School Superintendents and League Presidents.

ARTICLE IV. Election of Officers—

Section 1. All officers shall be elected by the convention in regular session from nominations either by a committee or from the floor. This shall be done annually.

Section 2. No person shall be disqualified for re-election because of having previously held the office.

ARTICLE V. Alternate Sessions—The convention shall alternate the sessions every other year. Thus one year the Sunday School shall be emphasized, having the full convention program and the next year the league shall be emphasized, having the full convention program.

ARTICLE VI. Use of Funds—Monies derived from payment of dues will be used to pay for printing of programs and minutes, for payment of postage, and in connection with the general work of the secretary-treasurer, the executive board and officers for the promotion of our State and National programs. Executive Board members and officers of the convention shall be reimbursed at the rate of 5c per mile for travel in connection with convention activities.

ARTICLE VII. Membership—The members of this convention shall be the regular officers, the Executive Board, Free Will Baptist Ministers in good standing, all Sunday School Superintendents, all League Presidents, and delegates duly appointed by the organization they represent. It shall be the duty of organizations sending delegates to see that said delegates bear proper credentials as required in Section 2 of Article II of the by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII. Amendments—

Section 1. This constitution and these by-laws shall not be changed or altered only by a two-thirds vote of members present in regular session.

Section 2. All amendments shall lie on the table not less than four hours prior to adoption and shall be presented in writing and shall be read not less than twice before action is to be taken upon them.

ASSOCIATIONS

MODERATORS

Birmingham District	Rev. James A. Elmore, Rt. 5 Box 348, Birmingham, Ala.
Cahaba River	Rev. Jack Rollins, 920 Meehan Ave. Birmingham 14, Ala.
East Alabama	Rev. W. E. Jones, 1911 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Ala.
Fla. State Line	Rev. Ralph Bell, Rt. 1 Ashford, Ala.
Jasper	Rev. N. A. Patterson, Rt. 2 Guin, Ala.
Liberty No. 1	Rev. W. G. Palmer, Rt. 1 Castleberry, Ala.
Liberty No. 2	Rev. E. R. Mayo, Rt. 1 Glencoe, Ala.
Mt. Morriah	Rev. J. H. Tilley, 17 Hawton Sub. Div. Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Progressive	Rev. A. J. Lambert, 642 Sweetwater Ave. Florence, Ala.
Southeastern	Rev. Paul Mallory Ozark, Ala.
Union Hill	Rev. Bobby Register, Rt. 2 Graceville, Fla.
Miss. State Line	Rev. L. V. Collier
Vernon	Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Box 404 Fayette, Ala.
Northport Church	Rev. Charles Hollingshead, 804 36th Ave. Tuscaloosa, Ala.

CLERKS

MEETINGS DATES

Rev. R. W. Ritch, 724 12th Ave. W. Birmingham 4, Ala.	East Thomas Sept. 1-2-3, 1960
Mr. H. A. McSpadden, Rt. 9, Box 231-F Birmingham, Ala.	
Mrs. Dorothy Hendon, 1804 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Ala.	St. James, 1909 2nd Ave. Phenix City, Aug. 13, 1960
Mr. Wayne Love, Rt. 1 Cottonwood, Ala.	
Rev. W. E. Atkinson, P.O. Box 35 Winfield, Ala.	
Mr. Jesse J. Odom, 940a East Elmore Circle, Chickasaw, Ala.	
Mr. Paul Davis, 19 N. 30th Pell City, Ala.	Guiding Light, Pell City, Rt. 1, Sept. 23-24, 1960
Rev. Leander McAdams, 416 Ala. St. Columbus, Miss.	
Mrs. Merle Dyer Samantha, Ala.	
Evelyn Sutton Ariton, Ala.	
Rev. Rufus Hyman Slocumb, Ala.	
L. C. Wright, Rt. 2 Hamilton, Ala.	
Mr. R. H. Yerby Sr., Rt. 6 Fayette, Ala.	
Essie Collins	