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Officers of the Conference for 1954-55 Sessions

Moderator—Rev. J. A. Alexander, 300 Hanbury, Portsmouth, Virginia

Assistant Moderator—Rev. R. C. Alexander, Box 301, Robersonville, N. C.

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Mr. P. L. Spencer, and Mr. D. H. Furlough.

Standing Boards and Committees

ORDAINING COUNCIL—J. A. Alexander, L. E. Ambrose, W. T. Reynolds.

EDUCATION BOARD—Oscar Webster and A. B. Chandler.

MISSION BOARD—Mrs. W. A. Willoughby, Mrs. D. H. Furlough, L. A. Ambrose,
C. H. Overman, and Walter Reynolds.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—Winifred Brickhouse, Mrs. A. M. Reynolds, and
David Ange.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—R. C. Ambrose and W. T. Reynolds.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—J. A. Alexander, T. F. Davenport, and L. A.
Ambrose.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Mrs. J. A. Alexander, M. L. Ratcliff, and David
Furlough.

Roll of Ministers

R. C. Alexander, Box 301, Robersonville, N. C.

T. F. Davenport, Creswell, North Carolina

L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, North Carolina

R. C. Ambrose, Creswell, North Carolina

J. A. Alexander, 300 Hanbury, Portsmouth, Va.

Joseph Ange, Durham, North Carolina

Charles Craddock, Ayden, North Carolina

Walter Reynolds, Ahoskie, North Carolina

W. T. Reynolds, Columbia, North Carolina

A. B. Chandler, Ahoskie, North Carolina

J. Albert Harris, 234 Sycamore Avenue, Newport News, Va.

Licensed Ministers

W. A. Wollard, Pantego, North Carolina

Roll of Churches with their Clerks and Newly-Elected Pastors

Martin County—

Corinth—R. L. Waters, clerk, Jamesville, N. C.; D. A. Windham, pastor.

Washington County—

Mt. Tabor—Fentress Simmons, clerk, Creswell, N. C.; Herman Wooten, pastor.

Mt. Olive—M. E. Ange, clerk, Jamesville, N. C.; A. B. Chandler, pastor.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Blanche Cammarn, clerk, Roper, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, pastor.

Union Chapel—J. H. Allen, clerk, R. F. D., Plymouth, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, pastor.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Neva Spruill, clerk, Roper, N. C.; R. C. Ambrose, pastor.

Plymouth—Herman Wooten, pastor.

Tyrrell County—

Free Union—Mrs. Viva Spencer, clerk, Columbia, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, pastor.

Sound Side—J. D. Sawyer, clerk, Columbia, N. C.; C. H. Overman, pastor.

Malachi's Chapel—C. A. Voliva, clerk, Columbia, N. C.; C. H. Overman, pastor.

Gum Neck—O. B. Cahoon, clerk, Columbia, N. C.; C. H. Overman, pastor.

Beaufort County—

Free Union—J. T. Keech, clerk, Pinetown, N. C.; Ralph Osborne, pastor.

Trinity—Linwood A. Harrel, clerk, Pike Road, N. C.; A. B. Chandler, pastor.

Belhaven—Lewis Dillon, clerk, Belhaven, N. C.; Graham Baker, pastor.

Sidney—Magdalene Brinn, clerk, Ransomville, N. C.; Ralph Osborne, pastor.

Washington—George Webster, clerk, Washington, N. C.; Charles Keith, pastor.

Hertford County—

Hickory Chapel—W. D. Dilday, clerk, Ahoskie, N. C.; Ronald Creech, pastor.

Pasquotank County—

Gethsemane—Mrs. John Copeland, clerk, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Proceedings

The ninth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Beaufort County on October 7 and 8, 1953.

The devotions were conducted by Brother A. B. Chandler, pastor of the local church.

The welcome address was made by Brother C. S. Hyman of the local church, and the response was given by Brother R. C. Alexander.

The retiring moderator, Rev. A. B. Chandler, turned the session over to the incoming moderator, Rev. J. A. Alexander. The moderator made his address.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved. Brother A. M. Reynolds made a motion and Brother A. B. Chandler seconded it, that the record be changed to read, that the Board of Trustees was appointed for the Albemarle Conference and not for the Washington Church. A motion was made by Brother A. B. Chandler and carried that the minutes be approved before the Conference adjourned.

On motion the roll of the ministers was called and the following answered to the call: R. C. Alexander, T. F. Davenport, L. E. Ambrose, R. C. Ambrose, J. A. Alexander, A. B. Chandler, and C. W. Overton.

Licensed ministers present were W. A. Woolard and W. M. Tweedy.

The visiting ministers were recognized as follows: Ralph Osborn, C. H. Overman, S. A. Smith, D. W. Alexander, J. W. Alford, Roland Creech, W. B. Raper, Herman Wooten, and T. C. Smith.

Brother J. Albert Harris was present and asked to become a member of the Albemarle Conference. Brother A. B. Chandler made a motion and was carried that the Conference accept Brother Harris as a member.

Brother Walter Reynolds brought his letter of recommendation from the Cape Fear Conference to become a member of the Albemarle Conference. Brother A. B. Chandler made a motion to accept Brother Reynolds as a member and it was carried.

Brother S. A. Smith, Superintendent of the Orphanage, made a verbal report and all churches were urged to meet their quota on the Girls' Dormitory. There was a motion made by Brother Chandler to accept this report as information and it was carried.

At this time an offering was taken for the Orphanage in the amount of \$66.19.

The moderator appointed the following named brethren as the Finance Committee: David Furlough, Alton Reynolds, and W. A. Willoughby.

On motion the roll of churches was called (see table).

Brother L. A. Ambrose presented the Plymouth Church to the Conference for membership. Brother A. B. Chandler made a motion that the Plymouth Church be accepted as a member of the Conference; the motion was carried.

At this time the congregation was lead in a song, "I Am Thine O Lord," by Brother J. Albert Harris.

Brother Walter Reynolds brought the introductory sermon, after which we recessed for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A very delicious lunch was served by the ladies of the local church, after which we reassembled for the afternoon session.

Brother T. F. Davenport was in charge of the devotions consisting of Scripture reading, song, and prayer.

Brother Tom West gave the Conference a report of the Plymouth Church. The church has 26 members on roll and has on a building program. He appealed to the people to help in any way they can for the success of this program.

Brother W. B. Raper brought greetings from the State Convention and a verbal report of the same. He urged each church to report to the State Convention and send their pastors to the National Association. Brother Chandler made a motion to accept this as information.

A motion was made by Brother Chandler that the Ladies Auxiliary send their minutes to clerk by November 15, and it was carried.

The clerk, H. P. Swain, rendered his resignation at this time, and a motion was made and carried that it be accepted. Brother J. Albert Harris and Brother Walter Reynolds were nominated. Brother Harris was duly elected as clerk.

Rev. David Hansley was recognized by the moderator at this time and he discussed Christian Education. He reported that 14 students registered at the Mount Allen Junior College during the year 1953. The Board of Directors have purchased a site for the Junior College at Mount Olive, North Carolina. The initial cost is \$25,000, and have paid \$4,000 down on the property. Brother Chandler made a motion that we receive the report as information and that we pledge our prayers and support to this plan for a school.

A motion was made by Brother Chandler that the body authorize the Mission Board to appoint a treasurer to handle the money sent in to the Conference for Missions Funds; the motion was carried.

Sister Roper resigned from the Mission Board and Brother L. A. Ambrose was duly elected to fill her place.

THURSDAY—10:00 A. M.

The Conference was opened at the appointed hour with Brother L. A. Ambrose leading the devotions.

The moderator declared the Conference ready for business.

Brother Walter Reynolds was appointed to replace W. T. Reynolds on the Resolutions Committee by the moderator.

Brother C. H. Overman was presented by Brother Chandler for membership to the Albemarle Conference. His letter was rendered from the Western Conference.

The discussion was brought up about Brother J. Albert Harris serving as clerk

and his living out of the state. Brother Walter Reynolds made a motion to table this matter; the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Brother Chandler that the Albemarle Conference go on record as pledging our loyal support and legions to the Plymouth Church; motion was carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Board

The Executive Board reported that a Free Will Baptist Church has been organized in Plymouth, North Carolina, and that the necessary officers have been appointed. Brother Herman Wooten is the pastor. This report was adopted.

Ordaining Council

The Ordaining Council reported their meeting in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, to examine Rev. Willie Tweedy for ordination. Finding him eligible, they proceeded to ordain him at the Gethsemane Church. Rev. W. T. Reynolds served in the place of Brother A. B. Chandler.

L. A. AMBROSE, *Chairman*

Mission Board

Realizing the great need of mission work in our Conference, we, the Mission Board, recommend that the churches in this Conference work together with the Mission Board in establishing missions in our District.

We also recommend that if any member in our Conference knows the need of assistance to get in touch with the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. A. WILLOUGHBY
MRS. D. H. FURLOUGH
L. E. AMBROSE

Resolution Committee

1. Be it resolved that the Mission Board be increased to include five members.
2. Be it resolved that this Conference pay the ministers of this Conference one-half of their expenses when they attend the Ministers' Conference at Cragmont in June of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. AMBROSE
WALTER REYNOLDS

Resolution No. 2 was not accepted in this report.

Board of Finance Report

Received from Conference	\$161.39
Public Offering (Orphanage)	66.19
Total	<hr/> \$227.58

(Note: The treasury did not handle the public offering for the Orphanage.)

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand	\$198.87
Received from Union Meeting for Conference	10.00
Total	\$208.87
Paid Out	97.10
Balance	\$111.77
Received this Conference	161.39
Total	\$273.16

DISBURSEMENTS SINCE LAST CONFERENCE

Clerk	\$ 35.00
Press (Bible)	23.00
Clerk Book	20.00
Board Expense	19.10
Total Disbursements	\$ 97.10

D. H. FURLOUGH, *Treasurer*

The report was adopted.

Brother A. B. Chandler made a motion that the Conference send \$50.00 out of the General Fund to the Mount Allen Junior College to assist in the purchasing of the property at Mount Olive, North Carolina, as a home site for the college; the motion was carried.

Brother C. H. Overman and Brother Walter Reynolds were appointed on the Mission Board to study the By-Laws and recommend any changes to be made at the next setting of the Conference.

Brother L. A. Ambrose made a motion that the mission money now on hand be turned over to the mission treasurer; the motion was carried.

Brother J. A. Alexander made a motion that when officers were appointed, they shall take office at once; the motion was carried.

A committee consisting of three, namely: D. H. Furlough, H. P. Swain, and R. C. Ambrose, was appointed to study the church letter and revising if necessary.

There was a motion made to adjourn and to meet with the Sound Side Church for next Conference.

H. P. SWAIN, *Clerk*

CONSTITUTION OF ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Article 1—This shall be the Constitution of the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina.

Article 2—The object of the annual Conference shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

Article 3a—This Conference shall be composed of the ministers and delegates belonging to the body and from churches within the bounds of this Conference district. The number of delegates being decided upon by the Conference, shall represent their churches and other organizations within the bounds of this Conference.

Article 3b—This Conference shall hold its Annual Sessions on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October of each year.

Article 4—The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

Article 5—The officers of this body shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, treasurer, corresponding and recording secretary, and a field secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon duties of said office.

Article 6—This Conference may at each regular meeting, elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of the Conference.

Article 7—Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of the Conference, through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

Article 8—The Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

Article 9—This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Conference by vote of four-fifths of the members present.

Article 10—No minister shall be ordained by the Ordaining Council of this Conference unless he has been licensed by his church for a period of one year, has retained his membership in the same church, and has come before the Ordaining Council by recommendation of the church by which he was licensed.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE

Article 1—A general Conference shall be annually held.

Article 2—Every minister and delegate shall duly attend.

Article 3—If any member in the judgment of the Conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that Conference.

Article 4—No member of the general Conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.

Article 5—The Conference shall always adjourn by vote.

Article 6—There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to Conference.

Article 7—The officers and standing committees shall be entitled to vote in the annual Conference.

Article 8—No minister or delegate shall, during the sitting of the general Conference, be at liberty to fill any place, as to preaching or hearing at the stage, only as liberty shall be granted by the Conference.

Article 9—Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise to God.

Article 10—The minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the moderator and the clerk.

CHURCH LETTER

To the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church to be held with the church at Sound Side, Tyrell County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 19.....

We, the church at.....
County, N. C., (or Virginia), send our beloved brethren.....
.....as delegates to your
honorable body.

1. Died.....; Received by letter.....; Baptized.....; Dis-
missed,.....; Excommunicated,.....; Total Membership,.....

2. Contributions to Conference :.....; 3. General Treasury \$.....;
Total finances raised,.....

4. Valuation of church property: \$.....

Elder.....was our pastor from
19....., to....., 19....., and filled.....
of his appointments. Elder.....
is our present pastor. Pastor's salary \$.....

....., Clerk

Post Office.....N. C. (Va.)

If your church petitions for the Conference next year check here (.....).

TABLE HERE—according to copy

CHURCHES	COUNTY	DELEGATES	Died	Rec. by Letter	Baptized	Dismissed	Excommunicated	No. Members	Contributions	Minutes	Value Church Property
Corinth	Martin	Mrs. R. L. Waters, Mrs. Marion Waters	1	—	—	1	74	\$15.00	10	\$ 4,000.00	
Mount Tabor	Washington	Mrs. Mary Furlough	1	7	4	208	10.00	15	6,000.00		
Mount Olive	Washington	J. L. Waters	2	—	2	114	13.70	10	4,000.00		
Mount Zion	Washington	Mrs. Julia Singleton, Mrs. Delma Peele	—	5	—	6	60	10.00	10	3,000.00	
Union Chapel	Washington	J. H. Allen and wife	2	—	—	—	70	10.00	10	8,000.00	
Piney Grove	Washington		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Free Union	Tyrell		1	—	—	—	42	5.00	10	4,000.00	
Sound Side	Tyrell	W. L. Brickhouse	1	2	17	—	103	10.69	15	7,500.00	
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrell	A. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Tom Simmons	3	5	6	347	10.00	15	14,000.00		
Gum Neck	Tyrell		—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	
Free Union	Beaufort	M. L. Ratcliff, D. G. Ratcliff	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,000.00	
Trinity	Beaufort	C. S. Heynen, H. J. Furbee	2	6	3	2	91	10.00	10	—	
Belhaven	Beaufort	Mrs. Lula Daw, Mrs. Katie Roper	1	18	—	—	102	10.00	10	—	
Washington	Beaufort	George Webster	1	20	7	—	77	10.00	10	6,000.00	
Plymouth	Washington	Mrs. Daniel Windley	—	2	2	—	26	2.00	10	20,000.00	
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	Archie Willoughby	1	13	18	5	195	10.00	20	25,000.00	
Portsmouth	Virginia	J. A. Alexander	19	14	3	—	171	10.00	10	48,000.00	
Gethsemane	Pasquotank		—	—	—	—	—	5.00	5	—	

MINUTES

OF THE

Albemarle Auxiliary Convention 1953

The Albemarle Auxiliary Convention met with the Mount Tabor Church, Thursday, October 15, 1953.

The meeting was opened with everyone singing "Come Thou Almighty King" and "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." The devotion was conducted by Mrs. Edwin Roper. Her Scripture reading was from Matthew 15:14-16. Her inspiring devotion was based on the Theme of the Day, "Ye Are The Light of The World," which was stressed throughout the day.

We were all welcomed by the local president, Mrs. D. H. Furlough. The response was given by Mrs. Alexander.

The president gave her message to the convention.

We were happy to have the following ministers present: Reverends C. E. Keath, A. B. Chandler, D. W. Hansley, C. H. Overman, T. F. Davenport, L. E. Ambrose, and L. B. Manning.

We were happy to have the following visitors: Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mixon, Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, and Miss Zalene Lloyd.

It was with deep regret not having Miss Alice Webster at the Convention. Since it was the first Convention she had missed in fifteen years along with her faithful work as secretary, a motion was made and carried to send her a telegram telling her how much we missed her.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The church roll was called with the following represented:

Belhaven	\$ 5.00
Free Union (Beaufort Co.)	6.00
Free Union (Tyrell Co.)	2.50
Hickory Chapel	5.00
Malachi's Chapel	5.00
Portsmouth	6.00
Mount Tabor	5.00
Sidney	5.00
Shiloah	5.00
Sound Side	5.00
Trinity	5.00
Washington	3.00
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	\$ 57.50

The following committees were appointed by the president, Mrs. A. B. Chandler:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Alton Reynolds, Mrs. D. H. Furlough, and Mrs. Harry Swain.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thelma Keech and Mrs. Lula Daw.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Asa Harris, Mrs. Edna Miller, and Mrs. Madeline Brickhouse.

The president stressed on saving coupons for the Orphanage, and bringing projects at the Convention in the spring.

We were happy to have Mrs. S. A. Smith to bring greetings from the 77 boys and girls and also the workers at the Orphanage. She stated she had been shopping for fall clothing for the boys and girls, but has not as yet done all of it. She invited everyone to the Orphanage Thanksgiving to see the new chapel. She said two of the workers at the orphanage came with her and they were two of the best that can be found, namely: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Mixon.

An offering was taken for Gene Page's clothing which was \$40.55. Thanks was given for the offering by Mrs. Alexander.

The congregation sang, "Send the Light."

We were favored with special music from the Free Union, Beaufort County, Trio, namely: Misses Lou Ellen and Loraine Keech, and Mrs. Leroy Cutler, "The Nail Scarred Hand."

Miss Zalene Lloyd gave a short talk on "The Urgency of Making Our Lights Shine."

Reverend C. H. Overman brought the convention message. He read his Scripture from St. Luke 9:1-9. His subject, "That the World May Know." The congregation sang "The Lily of the Valley." We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. L. B. Manning.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session begun with everyone singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Mrs. D. H. Furlough offered prayer. Devotion was conducted by Rev. D. W. Hansley. He also made some remarks in regards to the Mount Allen Bible College at Mount Olive, North Carolina, in connection with his text which was "The Truth of Christian Education."

The report of the Courtesy Committee was as follows: "We, the Courtesy Committee, wish to extend to this church our appreciation for the hospitality bestowed us today. For the pretty flowers and the fine dinner."

Signed:

MRS. LULA DAW

MRS. THELMA KEECH

The report of the Resolution Committee was as follows: We, the Resolution Committee, wish to submit the following report:

Be it resolved that each local auxiliary elect officers at the beginning of the

calendar year and that two (2) copies of names and addresses of new officers be sent to the District Secretary.

Be it resolved that each local auxiliary secretary send to the District Program Chairman, at the beginning of the calendar year, a list stating name and address of church and giving name and address and special talent of each member of the auxiliary.

Signed:

MRS. EDNA MILLER
MRS. ASA HARRIS
MRS. MADLINE BRICKHOUSE

By motion the following reports were adopted.

The report of Cragmont given by Miss Zalene Lloyd.

We were favored with a solo by Mrs. Toby Waters, "Satisfied with Jesus."

Finance Committee Report

We, the Finance Committee, wish to make the following recommendations:

Convention Expense	\$ 15.00
Donation to the State Convention	35.00
Gene Page's Christmas Present	5.00
Telegram99
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	\$ 55.99

From the Per Capita Dues:

Plymouth Church	\$ 20.00
Washington Church	20.00
Gift for Miss Lloyd	5.00
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	\$ 45.00

Signed:

MRS. ALTON REYNOLDS
MRS. D. H. FURLOUGH
MRS. HARRY P. SWAIN

There was a motion made and carried to earmark the money donated to the Washington Church for the "lot." The treasurer gave her report. By motion the report was accepted.

There was a motion made and carried to take enough money out of the treasury to amount to \$50.00 for Gene Page's fall clothing and for each auxiliary to send any amount of money of which you are able, to the treasurer for Gene Page's spring clothing.

There were three questions asked by Mrs. A. B. Chandler of which there was groups discussions.

1. What is the true purpose of the auxiliary?

2. What is the true purpose of the Achievement Chart and the Individual Report blank?
3. What could we do to broaden our home field or our own Albemarle Auxiliary District?

Mrs. Rhodes made a few remarks about the clinic of spreading auxiliaries in every Free Will Baptist church in North Carolina. It was decided to have a meeting for the Albemarle District Auxiliary members and have Mrs. Rhodes meet with us to learn of the work she is doing toward the clinic.

There was a motion made and carried for this meeting to be held with the Trinity Church.

We were favored again with the trio from Free Union singing "Nailed to the Cross."

The meeting adjourned to meet with the Portsmouth Church next convention.

We were dismissed by Mr. D. H. Furlough.

MRS. A. B. CHANDLER, *President*

MRS. LEROY CUTLER, *Secretary*

