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# MINUTES

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*FOURTH*

## ~~Second~~ Annual Session

of the

# Blue Ridge Association

of the

## Original Free Will Baptists

of

# North Carolina

HELD AT CRAGMONT

Black Mountain, North Carolina

AUGUST 2, 3, 4, 1957

The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont, beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1958, at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Milton Hollifield, *Moderator*.....Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

Mrs. R. H. Reese, *Clerk*.....95 Cisco Road, Asheville, N. C.



## PROCEEDINGS

Commencing on Thursday, August 1, 1957, at 10:00 a.m. Opening Assembly. Congregational singing led by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Welcome to Cragmont by Rev. Wayne Smith. Devotions by Rev. Jimmy Vaughn. Introductory of business session and adoption of program. By-laws read by the moderator. Names of churches called and delegates seated. All visitors made welcome by the moderator.

### OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Milton Hollifield ..... Box 1045, Canton, N. C.  
 Assistant, Rev. Wayne Smith ..... Swannanoa, N. C.  
 Clerk, Mrs. R. H. Reese ..... 95 Cisco Rd., Asheville, N. C.  
 Assistant, Rev. Clyde Coxe ..... Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.  
 Historian, Mrs. Flora Morgan ..... P. O. Box 163, West Asheville, N. C.  
 Treasurer, Rev. W. L. Kell, Jr. .... Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.  
 Field Supt., Rev. Jimmy Vaughn ..... 71 Glendale Ave., Biltmore, N. C.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Hollifield, Chairman; Rev. Wayne Smith, Mrs. R. H. Reese, Mrs. Flora Morgan, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Jimmy Vaughn, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Clyde Coxe.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee and Rev. Clyde Coxe, Publicity agent.

### LOCAL MISSION BOARD

Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. John Floyd, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Wayne Smith, Bro. Cline Messer.

### VISITING MINISTERS WELCOMED

Rev. S. A. Smith, Superintendent of Orphanage Middlesex, N. C. Rev. James Lupton, New Bern, N. C. Representative from the Eastern Conference. Rev. J. E. Wooten, Representative from the Central Conference. Rev. James A. Evans, Rev. N. B. Barrow, Rev. Lee Whaley.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CANTON: Mr. W. B. Norris, Mr. W. O. Murr, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins, Mr. W. L. Kell, Mr. Elmer Keener, Mr. Harold Thompson.

CAROLEEN: Mr. Paul Deese, Mr. Bill Mills.

CEDAR HILL: Mrs. Stella Wilson, Mrs. Maude King, Mrs. W. L. Kell, HORNEY HEIGHTS: Mrs. Allie Self, Mrs. Catherine Boulden, Mrs. Bynum Lance, Mrs. Gunner.

MARION: Mrs. Doris Buchanan, Mrs. Carl Radford, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Rev. J. E. Floyd, Harry Harkerode, Volena Wilson, Pat Buchanan.

MT. CALVARY: Mrs. Goldman Cook, Mrs. J. D. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson.

OLD FORT: Mrs. William H. Manley, Mrs. Hardy Henson, Mrs. Fred Silvers, Mr. T. F. Silvers.

ROCKY PASS: Ranz Lavender, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Christine Trent. SALEM: Mrs. Walter Jenkins, Mrs. Pauline Clontz.

SWANNANOVA: Mrs. T. A. Pitman, Mrs. Cline Messer, Mrs. Mildred Smith, Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. Paul Gregg.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mrs. Fred Chandler, Mrs. Carl Miller, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Miss Ila Chandler, Mrs. Dee Kirkpatrick, Buddy Chandler.

GLEN: ALPINE:

**11:00 A.M. SERVICE**

Opening song; "Heavenly Sunlight, by congregation. Devotions by Rev. L. D. Gray, Scripture reading, Psalms 5:1-10. Prayer by Rev. S. A. Smith. Special singing by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Introductory message by Rev. Milton Hollifield, Scripture, Eph. 5-25, Sol. 6-10. Closed with a Christian handshake, dismissed by Rev. Clyde Owen.

**1:30 P.M. SERVICE**

Opening song: "Hold The Fort." Song: "Stand By Me." by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Devotions by Rev. Leroy Grant. Voted to omit the appointment of committees until Friday and appoint committees to write all new reports and present them at the next session of the Association. Voted to accept last years committee reports, for the minutes this year. Brief talks were heard at this time by the following representatives. Rev. Allen Messer, ree Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C. Missions, Miss Volena Wilson, Missionary to India. Orphanage; Rev. S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C.

Special singing at this time by a group of children from the Orphanage. Recitation, "When The Preacher Comes Home To Tea," by Bobby Ray. Report of Ladies Auxiliary: By Mrs. Bynum Lance. Report of Masters Men Organization, by Rev. Wayne Smith. Brief discussions were heard on the Mrs. Stevens Foreign Mission Fund, and all churches were urged to continue sending their pledges, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C. treasurer. Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee appointed as committee on committees.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ranz Lavender, Ray Nichols.  
HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS: Kitty Buchanan, Wilma Styles.  
EDUCATION: Ira Smith, Benny Turner.  
SUPERANNUATION: Elmer Keener, Bynum Lance.  
LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Rev. Fred Silvers, Rev. Jimmy Vaughn.  
DEEPER DEVOTIONS: T. E. Silvers, James Grogan.  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE: Vaughn Maney, Paul Deese.  
ORPHANAGE: Mrs. Fred Chandler, Mrs. Hoyle Harkins.  
PASTOR'S SUPPORT: Mrs. Maude King, Mrs. Hugh Boulden.  
TEMPERANCE: Bob Wilburn, Mr. Powell.  
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Mrs. John Henson, Mrs. Beula Brooks.  
MASTER'S MEN: Dexter Morgan, Jack Baynard.

**THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE**

Opening song by the congregation; special singing by Rev. Clyde Coxe, The Junior Quartette from Swannanoa church, Mr. and Mrs. Cook from Mt. Calvary church. Message by Rev. Green, Black Mountain, N. C.

**FRIDAY 10:00 A.M.**

Opening song; "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Devotions by Rev. Clyde Owen, Chipley, Fla. Scripture reading, Acts 1-10. Report of Young People's Work, by Miss Volena Wilson.

**FRIDAY 11:00 A.M.**

Opening song; "Footprints Of Jesus." Message by Rev. James Lupton, New Bern, N. C. Closed with a Christian handshake, adjourned until 1:30 p.m. Dismissed by Rev. James Evans.

**FRIDAY 1:30 P.M.**

Opening song; "When We All Get To Heaven." Devotions by Rev. Homer Arwood. Rev. N. B. Barrow spoke in regard to the various phases of work sponsored by the State Convention. Mrs. Wayne Smith and Mrs. Bynum Lance was appointed delegates to attend the State Convention September 11, 12 at Cramerton, N. C. Mrs. Flora Morgan was appointed delegate to attend the Central Conference.

A motion was made and carried by vote to ask the executive committee to investigate conditions at the Beaverdam church.

Voted to discontinue tuition funds for Bro. Benny Turner to attend Bible College, and set aside \$150.00 each year out of our Associational treasury to be used as a loan fund to eligible persons wishing to attend one of the Free Will Baptist Colleges.

Rev. Wayne Smith was appointed to write report on Masters Men organization to be placed in the minutes.

A motion was made to strike article 13 from the constitution but after discussions it was tabled for one year for further study.

Moved to adjourn until Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1958 at 10:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Services was conducted by the Rocky Pass church with the pastor Rev. Kenneth Frisbee bringing the message.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance last year .....	\$232.44
Received this year .....	432.21
Total .....	\$664.65
Paid out .....	369.66
Balance in Treasury .....	\$249.99

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS:** We, your committee, recommend that each church have a Sunday School, with all officers and teachers being Christians and members of said church. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. We believe all parents should bring their children up in Sunday School.

**ELBERT ROBERTS AND WALTER JENKINS, Committee.**

**HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS:** We, your committee, see a greater need of support of our mission work. We cannot all go but we can all help to send those that are called by God into the field. We feel that the response would be greater if our pastors would stress the need for Mission work. "How thin shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10:14-15.

**JAMES COFFEY AND PAUL DEESE, Committee.**

**EDUCATION:** We, your committee, feel that with educational standards as high as they are today, there is a greater need for Christian education than ever before. Since the Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and our only defensive weapon against Satan, it is a poor soldier who is unacquainted with it and unskilled in its use. We should not ignore Paul's teaching in II Timothy 2:15. The person who is ignorant of God's Word is the person who is deceived. We make the following recommendations: 1st, that our children should be educated in the Word of God as much as possible while they are small, according to Proverbs 22:6. 2nd, that our young people be urged to attend colleges of our denomination. It seems we are losing them every year to other denominational colleges. 3rd, that the people of the Blue Ridge Association, especially ministers, take advantage of the educational opportunity we now have at Cragmont. 4th, that our churches be sure to keep up their associational dues in order that the young man who has been adopted by our association can be sure his tuition will be paid at the Bible College. 5th, that we continue to support our educational enterprises to the best of our ability. Last year's report adopted.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE AND BRO. ALLEN MESSER, Com.  
**SUPERANNUATION:** We, your committee, feel that each church in our Association should have part in the State and National Superannuation programs of our denomination. We also feel that each church should send something each month to our Superannuation Board, for the aged men of God. We recommend that our churches send larger contributions to the Superannuation Board, so they will be able to send larger checks to our superannuated ministers and their widows. Many of these ministers and their widows are badly neglected, and a small amount from each church sent regularly will turn the tide in their favor. Last year's report adopted.

REVS. JOHN FLOYD AND ERNEST STRICKLAND, Committee  
**LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE:** The Lord has commanded that we remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. A great many church members are breaking this commandment by using the Sabbath as a day for sport and pleasure, thereby neglecting the Sunday School and church services. We urge parents to teach their children the importance of Sabbath observance, restraining them from engaging in games of sport on that day. We also urge our pastors to stress the importance of keeping this command.

REV. R. H. REESE AND REV. T. F. SILVERS, Committee  
**DEEPER DEVOTION:** We, your committee, feel that in the day we are living in, more emphasis should be placed on spirit-filled lives in our churches, because the more we yield to the Holy Spirit, the better He can work through us. We believe the Holy Spirit must have the right of way in our lives before God will use us. "Commit thy ways unto the Lord"—Psalms 37:5. We believe each Christian home should practice family devotions, for our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Phillippians 3:20.

REV. W. L. KELL, JR., AND REV. L. D. GRAY, Committee  
**YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE:** We, your committee, feel that an education is essential to our young people in promoting a greater interest in our church work. It not only gives them confidence in themselves, but they are prepared for whatever they are called upon to do, though not forgetting the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We are proud to have three young men out of our churches to attend the Bible College in preparation for God's work. We, as parents, must set the example that we expect our young people to follow, and if we are faithful in all phases of the church work, then we can expect them to do as they have been led to do. We deem it necessary to have a Young People's League, Auxiliary, and especially good music in all our churches.

MRS. W. L. KELL AND REV. BENNY TURNER, Committee  
**ORPHANAGE:** We, your committee, recommend that the Association follow the suggestions of the former Orphanage Committee. We also recommend that each church in this Association adopt a child from the orphanage to clothe, and that the child be allowed to visit the church once a year.

We recommend that each church contribute as much as possible to this worthy cause, and if possible that each church invite the Orphanage Concert Class to render a program in their church. We further recommend that a committee be appointed to collect produce and canned goods and see they reach the designated place to be picked up by the Orphanage truck. We suggest that each member of the Associa-

tion stand by the Orphanage and its personnel with their prayer and offerings.

**REV. LEROY GRANT AND MRS. LUCILLE HOLLY, Committee**  
**PASTOR'S SUPPORT:** We, your committee, feel that our pastors should have sufficient support from the church to allow him to give full time to the work. The Scripture says in I Cor. 9:14: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." We believe each member of the church should tithe as this is the Bible way for church support. We suggest the churches provide means for their pastors to attend all important church meetings such as State and National Conventions. We also believe we should give him our support in prayer and with our presence at church services, and in any way that we can to help lighten the burden and help him to be the ideal pastor.

**MRS. BYNUM LANCE AND MRS. FLORA MORGAN, Comm.**  
**TEMPERANCE:** We, your committee, recommend that we as Free Will Baptist take a greater stand on Temperance, that our preachers speak out against the evil of intoxicating beverages. We also recommend that parents instruct their children as to the evils of strong drink, immodest dress. We feel the reason for so much juvenile delinquency today is because parents have failed to teach their children in the ways of the Lord. We feel that if all our people will be temperate in all things, dress in modest apparel and abstain from intoxicating beverages or anything that would bring reproach to the cause of Christ, we would have better churches, better communities to live in, and will have accomplished something for the Glory of God.

**REV. ERNEST STRICKLAND AND MRS. EDITH STAMEY, Committee**

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:** We, your committee, urge that all our women work zealously with three objectives in mind. First, to be mission minded, for in failing to do so we defeat the purpose for which Christ died. Second, to support our pastors in every work they attempt for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Third, to support every enterprise of our denomination to the best of our ability and all work that we may be a spiritual as well as a financial blessing to our Association, our Denomination, and the cause of Christ.

**MRS. FLORA MORGAN AND MRS. KING, Committee**

**MASTER'S MEN:** We your committee, urge all pastors to organize a Master's Men." There are many objectives in each of our churches that can only be reached as we organize men to reach them. First, Home Missions. The men of the church must be taught to win other men to Christ. Second; The men must be organized and taught to visit the sick, delinquent and distressed members, and the unsaved. Third; If our churches are to succeed, the men must know the various phases and enterprises of the church, and their importance. Fourth; Better understanding and greater fellowship, the lack of understanding and true Christian Fellowship among our men has defeated the cause of Christ in many churches.

**REV. WAYNE SMITH, Committee**

**SESSIONS:** The next session of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists will be held at Cragmont near Black Mountain, N. C. beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1958, at 10:00 a.m.

**REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD, Moderator**  
**MRS. R. H. REESE, Clerk**

### REPORT OF YOUTH RALLY

The youth rally of the Blue Ridge Association have enjoyed a very profitable year. The main purpose of the youth rally is to stimulate the interest of the youth in Christ and the church. Secondly our aim is to promote more fellowship among the churches. We think we have attained our goal because the results of our meetings are very satisfactory. Each church has had charge of the meetings at least once, and sometimes as many as three times depending on the type of program given. We were fortunate to have our Missionary to India speak to us in regard to her work and the need for more workers there. After Miss Wilson's message many young people made their way to the altar and rededicated their lives to Christ. The results of their meeting has been very noticeable in our church.

We also have had several speakers from the Bible College in Nashville speak to us on Missions. These young people are so dedicated to Christ that one can't help but feel the presence of Christ when they speak. Our attendance has been exceptionally good and we are proud to report the Marion church has been represented at every meeting since the rally started. The Rocky Pass and Swannanoa churches have only missed one meeting. We think this is a good record and pray that the other churches will reach a perfect record of attendance next year. Lets all give our best to the Master.

LILLIAN PARKINS, publicity chairman.

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

**CANTON:** President, Mrs. W. B. Norris, Canton, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Roy Swanger, Canton, N. C. No. of members, 18; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$908.07; Paid out, \$854.65.

**CEDAR HILL:** President, Mrs. W. P. Wilson, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Tom Wilson, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 14; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$1231.77; Paid out, \$1112.77.

**HORNEY HEIGHTS:** President, Mrs. L. D. Gray, 9 La Rue St. West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Ed Coleman, 155 Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 16; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$796.00; Paid out, \$780.00.

**MARION:** President, Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Baldwin Ave., Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Beulah Brooks, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. No. of members, 32; Gained this year, 8; Meets every week; Money taken in, \$359.92; Paid out, \$303.90.

**OLD FORT:** President, Mrs. Georgie Stockton, Box 214B, Route 3, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Una Burlison, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. No. of members, 12; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$327.95; Paid out, \$300.00.

**ROCKY PASS:** President, Mrs. Gene Smith, Route 1, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C. No. of members, 18; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$540.20; Paid out, \$524.20.

**SALEM:** President, Mrs. Herman Noblitt, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Warren Arrowood, P. O. Box 561, Marion, N. C. No. of members, 14; Gained this year, 5; Meets every month; Money taken in, \$102.67; Paid out, \$475.18.

**SWANNANOVA:** President, Mrs. Lewis Metcalf, Swannanoa, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Perry Buckner, Swannanoa, N. C. No. of members, 30; Gained this year, 1; Meets every two weeks; Money taken in, \$468.85; Paid out, \$459.15.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** President, Mrs. Pink Hampton, Waynesville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Paul Massie, Waynesville, N. C. No. of members, 7; Meets every month; Money taken in, \$448.32; Paid out, \$441.62.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

**CANTON:** President, Mrs. Edith Stamey, Canton, N. C. Secretary, Frances Green, Canton, N. C. No. of members, 75; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used. Free Will Baptist; We have a Junior League; Leader, Mrs. Roy Duckett, Canton, N. C.

**CAROLEEN:** President, John Childers, Caroleen, N. C. Secretary, Katie Henson, Caroleen, N. C. No. of members, 60; No. of groups, 4; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F. W. B.

**CEDAR HILL:** President, Larry Stevens, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Ann Hensley, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 45; No. of groups, 1; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, Bible; Leader, Marilee Keener, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C.

**HORNEY HEIGHTS:** President, Mrs. Catherine Boulden, 158 Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Phipps, Rockcliff Rd. West Asheville, N. C. No. of members, 31; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a Junior League; Leader, Mrs. L. D. Gray, 9 LaRue St. West Asheville, N. C. Intermediate leader, Mr. Ed Randall.

**MARION:** President, Charles Rumpfelt, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C. Secretary, Shirley Taylor, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C. No. of members, 75; No. of groups, 2; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a Junior League; Leader, Charles Rumpfelt, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C.

**SWANNANOVA:** President, Vaughn Maney, Route 1, Black Mtn., N. C. Secretary, Geneva Brotherton, Address not stated; No. of members, 30; No. of groups, 3; Meets every week; We take a weekly offering; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. We have a Junior League; Leader Mrs. Vaughn Maney, Route 1, Black Mtn. N. C.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

**CANTON:** Superintendent, Elmer Keener, Canton, N. C. Secretary, Juanita Roper, Canton, N. C. No. of classes, 15; No. of pupils, 250; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$675.00; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$30.00.

**CAROLEEN:** Superintendent, Colon Phillips, Caroleen, N. C. Secretary, Rose Amos, Caroleen, N. C. No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 203; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, Not stated.

**CEDAR HILL:** Superintendent, Weaver Cook, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Larrene Cook, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 135; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$664.85; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$167.54.

**HORNEY HEIGHTS:** Superintendent, W. D. Phipps, 1, Rockcliff Rd. Asheville, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Boulden, 158 Johnston Blvd. Asheville, N. C. No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 151; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$774.08; Amount sent to the Orphanage, \$168.00.

**MARION:** Superintendent, Loyd Scott, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Paul Finley, Route 1, Nebo, N. C. No. of classes, 10; No. of pupils, 200; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$136.25.

**MT. CALVARY:** Superintendent, Paul Holms, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Marion, N. C. No. of classes, 3; No. of pupils, 64; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$32.44; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$25.00.

OLD FORT: Superintendent, Joe Eller, Old Fort, N. C. Secretary, Marie Parker, Old Fort, N. C. No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 110; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$50.00.

ROCKY PASS: Superintendent, Ranz Lavender, Route 3, Marion, N. C. Secretary, Nelda Wilborn, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C. No. of classes, 7; No. of pupils, 163; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$848.00.

SALEM: Superintendent, Calvin, Grogan, Old Fort, N. C. Secretary, Miss Rosette Smith, Route 2, Old Fort, N. C. No. of classes, 5; No. of pupils, 97; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$84.33; Amount sent to Orphanage, \$12.00.

SWANNANOVA: Superintendent, Ray Nichols, Swannanoa, N. C. Secretary, Mrs. Dean Sunmeyer, Black Mtn. N. C. No. of classes, 11; No. of pupils, 293; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$1730.38.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Superintendent, Fred Early, Hazlewood, N. C. Secretary, Mary Massie, Route 1, Waynesville, N. C. No. of classes, 4; No. of pupils, 60; Kind of literature used, F.W.B. Expenses, \$209.25.

GLEN ALPINE: Superintendent, Eugene Powell, Route 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C. Secretary, Betty Ann Mills, Route 2, Box 286, Morganton, N. C. No. of classes, 3; No. of pupils, 33; Kind of literature used, Advanced Quarterly. Expenses, \$36.90. Amount sent to Orphanage, \$27.63.

## CHURCH REPORTS

CANTON: No. of members received, 36; By experience and baptism, 19; By letter and statement, 17; No. of members lost, 3; By letter 2; By death, 1; Total increase, 33; Last years membership, 274; Present membership, 307; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Richard Ward, Rev. Herman Pace. Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; No. of revivals, 1; Held by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee; Pastor, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Box 1045, Canton, N. C. Clerk, Mr. Jerry Messer, Canton, N. C. Clerk for next year, Mr. Billy Erwin, Canton, NN. C. Pastors salary, \$4420.00; Revivals, \$250.00; Church property improvements, \$40,000; State Convention, \$2.00; Local charity, \$370.00; Associational expense fund, \$137.25; Superannuation, \$30.00; Foreign Missions, \$420.00; Orphanage, \$150.00; Christian Education, \$30.00; Cragmont, \$10.00; Value of church property, \$65,000; Value of parsonage, \$7,000; Value of all other church property, \$1,000.

CAROLEEN: No. of members received, 10; No. of members lost, 10; By letter, 7; By death, 3; Last years membership, 166; Present membership, 166; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Clyde Coxe, Rev. Sherman Rice, Rev. R. W. Branch; Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. Clyde Coxe and Rev. W. L. Kell; Pastor, Rev. Clyde Coxe, Box 193, Caroleen, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Paul Deese, Box 87, Caroleen, N. C. Pastor's Salary, \$3380.00; Revivals, \$117.87; Church property improvements, \$830.12; Local Charity, \$40.00; Other purposes, \$2728.69; Associational expense fund, \$50.50; Foreign Missions, \$65.00; Orphanage, \$78.90; Christian Education, \$30.00; Value of church property, \$55,000; Value of parsonage, \$7,000.

**CEDAR HILL:** No. of members received, 16; By experience and baptism, 3; By letter and statement, 12; By restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 4; By letter, 2; By death, 2; Total increase, 12; Last years membership, 159; Present membership, 171; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Benny Turner; Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. Carl Shook and Rev. Frank Thompson. Pastor, Rev. W. L. Kell, 234 Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Maude King, 405, Deaverview Rd. West Asheville, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$3149.11; Revivals, \$250.00; Church property improvements, \$4868.00; Local Charity, \$78.84; Other purposes, \$38.08; Association expense fund, \$40.23; Foreign Missions, \$72.00; Christian Education, \$314.40; Value of church property, \$65,000; Value of parsonage, \$4500.00.

**HORNEY HEIGHTS:** No. of members received, 14; By experience and baptism, 6; By letter and statement, 8; No. of members lost, 4; By letter, 4; Total increase, 10; Last years membership, 140; Present membership, 150; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Ed Coleman; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. D. Phipps. No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. Milton Hollifield and Rev. Ed Coleman. Pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray, 9 LaRue St. West Asheville, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Edward Randall, Route 3, West Asheville, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$2803.70; Revivals, \$109.81; Local Charity, \$375.00; Other purposes, \$663.06; Superannuation, \$20.00; Foreign Missions, \$150.00; Orphanage, \$168.00; Christian Education, \$15.00; Cragmont, \$40.00; Value of church property, \$31,000; Value of parsonage, \$8500.00.

**GLEN ALPINE:** Last years membership, 36; Present membership, 36; Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Leroy Grant. Pastor, Rev. Leroy Grant, Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Essie Epley, P. O. Box 562, Glen Alpine, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$665.15; Church property improvements, \$100.00; Local Charity, \$73.50; Foreign Missions, \$16.00; Orphanage, \$27.63; Value of church property, \$4500.00.

**MARION:** No. of members received, 27; By experience and baptism, 14; By letter and statement, 12; By restoration, 1; No. of members lost, 6; By letter, 4; By death, 2; Total increase, 21; Last years membership, 212; Present membership, 233; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Harold O'dear. Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. V. E. Condrey. Sunday we have preaching, Morning and Evening Worship and Radio program every Sunday morning. Revivals, 1; Held by Rev. Roy Rikard. Pastor, Rev. John E. Floyd, Box 999, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Troy Ledford, Morgan Terrace, Marion, N. C. Pastors salary, \$4680.00; Revivals, 422.00; Church property improvements, \$1,000; State Convention, \$9.00; Local Charity, \$175.89; Foreign Missions, \$1197.20; Orphanage, \$46.00; Christian Education, \$25.00; Value of church property, \$72,000; Value of parsonage, \$8,000; Value of other church property, \$80,000.

**MT. CALVARY:** No. of members received, 13; By experience and baptism, 6; By letter and statement, 7; No. members lost, 1; By death, 1; Total increase, 12; Last years membership, 35; Present membership, 48; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. J. D. McCormick. Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Harold Cook. Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday; No. of revivals, 2; Held by, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Rev. Harold Cook. Pastor, Rev. J. D. McCormick, Route 1, Old Fort, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Wilma Styles, Route 2, Marion, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$517.51;

Revivals, \$90.07; Church property improvements, \$1,000; Local Charity, \$24.25; Association expense fund, \$6.49; Foreign Missions, \$120.00; Orphanage, \$25.00; Value of church property, \$2800.00; Value of other church property, \$800.00.

OLD FORT: No. of members received, 17; By experience and baptism, 8; By letter and statement, 9; No. members lost, 1; By death, 1; Total increase, 16; Last years membership, 87; Present membership, 104; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Carl Roland, Rev. Fred Silvers, Rev. Charlie Wheeler. Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday. No. revivals, 2; Held by, Rev. Fred Silvers and Rev. Arnold Wilson. Pastor, Rev. R. C. Stockton, Route 3, Box 214B Marion, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Marie Parker, Old Fort, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$2400.00; Revivals, \$150.00; Church property improvements, \$1545.00; Foreign Missions, \$37.00; Local Charity, \$200.00; Value of church property, \$2,000.

ROCKY PASS: No. of members received, 25; By experience and baptism, 17; By letter and statement, 8; No. members lost, 1; Total increase, 24; Last years membership, 139; Present membership, 163; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee. No. of revivals, 2; Held by, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Lonnie Graves. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Route 1, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Gene Holland, Route 1, Marion, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$3640.00; Revivals, \$180.00; Church property improvements, \$3300.00; Local Charity, \$505.90; Other purposes, \$376.49; Association expenses, \$52.95; Superannuation, \$71.06; Foreign Missions, \$245.00; Orphanage, \$166.36; Cragmont, \$10.00; Value of church property, \$30,000; Value of other property, \$4,000.

SALEM: No. of members received, 16; By experience and baptism, 6; By letter and statement, 10; No. members lost, 3; By letter, 2; By death, 1; Total increase, 13; Last years membership, 38; Present membership, 51; Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. Homer Arrowood. No. revivals, 1; Held by Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. Homer Arrowood. Pastor, Rev. Homer Arrowood, P. O. Box 561, Marion, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Herbert Jenkins, Route 1, Box 8A, Old FFort, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$847.06; Revivals, \$85.94; Church property improvements, \$1510.50; Local Charity, \$272.14; Other purposes, \$267.23; Association expense fund, \$15.24; Foreign Missions, \$11.00; Orphanage, \$25.70; Christian Education, \$48.38; Value of church property, \$5710.50.

SWANNANOA: No. of members received, 34; By experience and baptism, 22; By letter and statement, 12; No. of members lost, 12; By letter, 3; By expulsion and erasure, 6; By death, 3; Total increase, 22; Last years membership, 373; Present membership, 395; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Rev. John Cansler, Rev. Charlie Hollifield, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Jack Hutchins, Rev. Ralph Mumpower. Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are, Allan Jackson. Sundays we have preaching, Twice each Sunday. No. revivals, 2; Held by, Rev. Joe Haas, Durham, N. C. Rev. Harold Pitts, Winfield, Ala. Pastor, Rev. Wayne Smith, Swannanoa, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. Claude Foster, Black Mtn. N. C. Pastor's salary, \$4320.00; Revivals, \$400.00; Church property improvements, \$20,875.71; State Convention, \$5.00; Local Charity, \$66.75; Other purposes, \$13,988.43; Association expense fund, \$128.65; Superannuation, \$289.28; Foreign Missions, \$485.75; Orphanage, \$207.58; Christian Education, \$614.70; Cragmont, \$128.75; Church finance Asso., \$160.91; Value of church property, \$76,000.00; Value of parsonage, \$10,675.00; Value of all other church property, \$2675.00.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: No. of members received, 3; By experience and baptism, 3; No. of members lost, 1; By expulsion and erasure, 1; Total increase, 2; Last years membership, 42; Present membership, 44; Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are, Rev. W. L. Queen. Sundays we have preaching, Every Sunday. No. of revivals, 2; Held by Rev. Clarence Wheeler, Rev. Clifford Hornbuckle. Pastor, Rev. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. W. L. Queen, Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C. Pastor's salary, \$131.99; Revivals, \$123.99; Church property improvements, \$165.00; Other purposes, \$675.39; Superannuation, \$5.00; Foreign Missions, \$30.00; Orphanage, \$13.00; Church Finance Association, \$8.00; Value of church property, \$10,000.

Total churches .....	12
Total membership .....	1868
Total amount raised by churches .....	\$135,000.96
Total value of all church property .....	\$414,650.00

### MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Ministers Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist met at Cragmont, Saturday, August 3, 1957 at 10:00 a.m. Opening song, "We Will Work." Devotions conducted by Rev. Ralph Mumpower, Scripture, 2nd Cor. 4-5. By-laws of the Ministers Conference read by the moderator. Minutes of the last Conference read and approved.

#### OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Clyde Coxé ..... Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.  
 Asst. Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee ..... Route 1, Marion, N. C.  
 Secy.-Treas. Rev. Leroy Grant ..... Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C.  
 Asst. Secretary, Rev. Homer Arrowood ..... P. O. Box 561, Marion, N. C.

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. John Floyd, Rev. L. D. Gray.

#### INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, (chairman) Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. J. D. McCormick

#### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. W. L. Kell and the pastor church where Conference is held.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Clyde Coxé ..... Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.  
 Rev. Milton Duncan ..... Route 1, Box 1901, Marion, N. C.  
 Rev. John E. Floyd ..... Box 999, Marion, N. C.  
 Rev. Kenneth Frisbee ..... Route 1, Marion, N. C.  
 Rev. Leroy Grant ..... Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.  
 Rev. L. D. Gray ..... 9 LaRue St. West Asheville, N. C.  
 Rev. Milton Hollifield ..... Box 1045, Canton, N. C.  
 Rev. W. L. Kell, Jr. .... 234 Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C.  
 Rev. J. D. McCormick ..... Route 1, Old Fort, N. C.  
 Rev. Ralph Mumpower ..... Swannanoa, N. C.  
 Rev. Herman Pace ..... 10 Lewis St. Canton, N. C.  
 Rev. W. L. Queen ..... Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.  
 Rev. R. H. Reese ..... 95 Cisco Rd., Asheville, N. C.  
 Rev. Carl Roland ..... Clinchfield Sta., Marion, N. C.  
 Rev. Thomas F. Silvers ..... Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.  
 Rev. Wayne Smith ..... P. O. Box 281, Swannanoa, N. C.  
 Rev. Ernest Strickland ..... Route 1, Candler, N. C.  
 Rev. James Vaughn ..... 71 Glendale Ave., N. C.

#### LICENTIATES

Rev. Homer Arrowood ..... P. O. Box 561, Marion, N. C.  
 Rev. James C. Coffey ..... Box 91, Caroleen, N. C.  
 Rev. Harry Taylor ..... Route 2, Box 602, Candler, N. C.  
 Rev. Benny H. Turner ..... 32 Cub Rd., West Asheville, N. C.  
 Rev. Allen Jackson ..... Swannanoa, N. C.

**SATURDAY 11:00 A. M.**

Song service by congregation. Message by Rev. R. H. Ballard. Scripture reading St. John 15. Closed with a Christian handshake.

**SATURDAY 1:30 P. M.**

Song service by congregation. Devotions by Rev. John Floyd. Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 5-14.

**BUSINESS SESSION**

Voted to have the executive committee act as a standing committee for the student fund.

Rev. Wayne Smith, and Rev. W. L. Kell were appointed program committee, working with the pastor of church where conference is held.

Voted to drop the nominating committee, and elect officers from the floor.

Voted to have five hundred pocket cards printed for the ministers; expense for this will be taken from the treasury, Rev. Wayne Smith will be in charge.

Voted that any member of the ministers conference who misses two meetings without reporting either in person or by letter will be investigated by the investigating committee.

Agreed to meet at Rev. Wayne Smith's home in Swannanoa, Oct. 5, 1957 at 7:30 p.m. to organize a ministers fellowship meeting.

Voted to assist Bethel church and all new work as long as the church and pastor are members of the Blue Ridge Conference.

Voted that each pastor will bring one delegate from his church to the next ministers conference to decide if he will have a Quarterly meeting as stated in our constitution.

The next session of the ministers conference will be held at the Cedar Hill church in West Asheville, Saturday, September 21, 1957 at 10:00 a.m.

**REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Benny Turner and Homer Arrowood to be ordained Saturday night August 17, 1957 at the Salem Free Will Baptist church. Rev. W. L. Kell will give the charge. Winfred Roland of Swannanoa, N. C. was granted license.

**BLUE RIDGE F.W.B. MINISTERS CONFERENCE****August 1956 — August 1957**

The Blue Ridge Ministers Conference met at the Canton church, Canton, N. C. September 29, 1956 at 10:00 a.m. Opening song; "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer by Rev. W. L. Queen. Welcome address by Rev. Milton Hollifield pastor. Devotions by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Rev. Leroy Grant was appointed clerk. Rev. Wayne Smith united with the Ministers Conference. Message by Rev. Rred Silvers. Scripture reading 1st Peter 4:1-8.

Business session; Discussions were heard in regard to organizing a Mission in Brevard. Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. L. D. Gray, Rev. Leroy Grant was elected as program committee.

Voted to change the date of the ministers conference to the 3rd Saturday before the 5th Sunday.

and their building already under construction.

Voted that the executive committee meet and try to help the Beavercreek church. The next session of the Ministers Conference will be held at the Salem church June 15, 1957 at 10:00 a.m.

The Blue Ridge Ministers Conference met at the Old Fort church Saturday December 15, 1956. Opening song; "Standing On The Promises." Welcome address by Rev. Stockton, pastor. Devotions by Rev. James Vaughn. Minutes of the last conference read and approved. Committee appointed to visit Brevard, Rev. Wayne Smith, Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Rev. Milton Hollifield, Rev. Ernest Strickland, Rev. L. D. Gray. Committee.

Voted to buy tracts for Home Mission Board and pay for same out of treasury. Visiting ministers welcomed, Rev. Bill Hyder, Rev. V. E. Condrey. Message by Rev. Clyde Coxe. Scripture reading, Jonah 3-2.

Business session; Voted to pay \$10.00 out of treasury to the one driving his car to attend the Home Mission Conference.

Voted to pay for the printing of the articles of faith to be used in Mission work. Adjourned.

The Blue Ridge F.W.B. Ministers Conference met Saturday March 16, 1957 at the Horney Heights church, West Asheville, N. C. Welcome address by pastor, Rev. L. D. Gray. Devotions by Rev. W. L. Queen. Scripture reading, 2 Timothy 4. Message by Rev. Wayne Smith. Scripture reading, 1st Timothy 4; 14.

Business session, Voted to write each minister absent and ask them to report either in person or by letter to the ministers conference. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Blue Ridge F.W.B. Ministers Conference met at the Salem church June 15, 1957. Opening song; "An Old Account Was Settled." Welcome address by pastor, Rev. Homer Arrowood. Devotions by Rev. V. E. Condrey. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Special singing by Rev. Carl Roland. The next session of the Ministers Conference will be held at Cragmont, Saturday August 3, 1957, at 10:00 a.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance last year .....	\$12.00
Received this year .....	19.00
Total .....	\$31.00
Paid out for cards and postage .....	2.00
Balance in Treasury .....	\$29.00

Mrs. R. H. Reese, Treasurer



## MINISTERS' REPORTS

REV. CLYDE COXE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, 6; No. of conversions, 18; No. of sermons preached, 142; No. of funerals, 7; Received for pastoral services, \$3300.00; Received for revival services, \$416.87; Total, \$3716.87; Given personally to the Cause, Tenth; Do you tithe, Yes. Box 193, Caroleen, N. C.

REV. JOHN E. FLOYD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of Revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 140; No. of sermons preached, 250; No. of members received, 27; No. baptized, 78; No. of marriages, 3; No. of funerals, 8; Received for pastoral services, \$4680.00; Received for revival services, \$422.00; Received for all other services, \$998.00; Total, \$6100.00; Given personally to the Cause, \$1522.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 999, Marion, N. C.

REV. KENNETH FRISBEE: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 4; No. of conversions, 110; No. of sermons preached, 170; No. of members received, 25; No. baptized, 17; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral services, \$3640.00; Received for revival services, \$410.00; Received for all other services, \$405.00; Total, \$4455.00; Given personally to the Cause, \$475.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Route 1, Marion, N. C.

REV. LEROY GRANT: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 9; No. of sermons preached, 96; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, \$665.15; Received for other services; \$5.00; Total, \$670.15; Given personally to the Cause, \$531.19; Do you tithe, Yes; Clinchfield Station, Marion, N. C.

REV. L. D. GRAY: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of conversions, 19; No. of sermons preached, 96; No. of members received, 14; No. baptized, 6; No. of funerals, 7; Received for pastoral services, \$2843.70; Given personally to the Cause, \$305.00; Do you tithe, Yes; No. 9 La Rue St. West Asheville, N. C.

REV. MILTON HOLLIFIELD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 5; No. of conversions, 173; No. of sermons preached, 177; No. of members received, 36; No. baptized, 21; No. of marriages, 2; No. funerals, 9; Received for pastoral services, \$4420.00; Received for revival services, \$945.00; Received for all other services, \$50.00; Total \$5415.00; Given personally to the Cause, \$577.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 1045, Canton, N. C.

REV. W. L. KELL: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 3; No. of conversions, 50; No. of sermons preached, 159; No. of members received, 16; No. baptized, 13; No. of marriages, 2; No. of funerals, 5; Received for pastoral services, \$3014.00; Received for revival services, \$300.00; Received for all other services, \$135.11; Total, \$3449.11; Given personally to the Cause, \$400.00; Do you tithe, Yes; 234, Johnston Blvd. West Asheville, N. C.

REV. J. D. McCORMICK: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 20; No. of sermons preached, 112; No. of members received, 13; No. baptized, 8; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, \$517.51; Received for revival services, \$60.00; Total, \$577.51; Given personally to the Cause, \$140.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Route 2, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. HERMAN PACE: No. of churches pastored, 1 part time; No. of revivals conducted, Assisted in 4; No. of conversions, 63; No. of sermons preached, 101; No. of members received, 9; No. baptized, 1; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, \$403.49; Received for all other services, \$90.57; Total, \$494.06; Do you tithe, Yes; No. 10 Lewis St. Canton, N. C.

REV. W. L. QUEEN: No. of churches pastored, 2; No. of revivals conducted, Assisted in 3; No. of conversions, 25; No. of sermons preached, 90 ;No. of members received, 6; No. baptized, 4; No. funerals, 4; Received for pastoral services, \$422.90; Received for all other services, \$95.00; Total, \$517.90; Given personally to the Cause, \$275.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 385, Hazelwood, N. C.

REV. CARL ROLAND: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 62; No. of sermons preached, 130; No. of members received, 19; No. baptized, 11; No. of marriages, 5; No. of funerals, 4; Received for pastoral services, \$572.00; Received for revival services, \$23.00; Received for all other services, \$12.00; Total, \$607.00; Givn personally to the Cause, \$120.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Clinchfield Sta. Marion, N. C.

REV. THOMAS F. SILVERS: Field Superintendent, No. of revivals conducted, 2; No. of conversions, 120; No. of sermons preached, 200; Received for revival services, \$191.00; Received for all other services, \$600.00; Total \$791.00; Given personally to the Cause, \$300.00; Do you tithe, Yes; Box 127, Old Fort, N. C.

REV. WAYNE W. SMITH: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals conducted, 9; No. of conversions, 131; No. of sermons preached, 181; No. of members received, 92; No. baptized, 18; No. of marriages, 4; No. of funerals, 6; Received for pastoral services, \$4320.00; Received for revival services, \$775.00; Total, \$5095.00; Given personally to the Cause, \$695.00; Do you tithe, es; P. O. Box 281, Swannanoa, N. C.

REV. JAMES VAUGHN: No. of revivals conducted, 1; No. of sermons preached, 40; Received for all services, \$71.48; Do you tithe, Yes; 71, Glendale Ave. Biltmore, N. C.

REV. HOMER ARWOOD: No. of churches pastored, 1; No. of revivals, 1; No. of conversions, 22; No. of sermons preached, 110; No. of members received, 16; No. baptized, 3; No. of funerals, 1; Received for pastoral services, \$833.67; Received for revival services, \$12.00; Total, \$845.67; Given personally to the Cause, \$359.69; Do you tithe, Yes. Box 561, Marion, N. C.

REV. JAMES C. COFFEY: No. of churches pastored, 1; Do you tithe, Yes. Box 91, Caroleen, N. C.

REV. BENNY TURNER: No. of sermons preached, 29; No. of conversions, 5; Total received, \$29.10; Given personally to the Cause, \$35.00; 32 Cub Rd. West Asheville, N. C.

Rev. L. D. GRAY, Moderator

Mrs. R. H. REESE, Clerk

## CONSTITUTION, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.
2. This Conference is formed under and by the authority of the Blue Ridge Association and shall be composed of its ordained and licensed ministers.
3. It shall have entire jurisdiction over the ministry in said Association, issuing license, and prescribing qualifications for the ministry, conducting examinations and ordaining ministers, and at all times working for the most harmonious and effective ministry. Each licensed minister shall work under a license for a period of not less than one year; then he may be ordained if the ordaining council deems it necessary.
4. We deem it necessary for the protection of the Gospel, not to accept anyone as a minister who has two living wives.
5. Each minister will be required to practice, preach and teach tithing as the means of church support.
6. Following the union meeting held on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, the Ministers' Conference will be held. Each minister will be required to attend and report on his work at each conference unless provisionally hindered; then he shall report by letter.
7. The officers of this Conference shall be a moderator and a secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers. They shall enter upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session. The moderator may not succeed himself.
8. This Conference shall have power to make such by-laws and other regulations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.
9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds.



## BY-LAWS, MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. The regular meetings of this conference shall be held annually immediately following the Association. The conference shall meet each Fifth Sunday in connection with the Union Meeting.
2. Each member shall report at each annual and Fifth Sunday meeting either in person or by letter.
3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at all regular or legally called meetings.
4. The moderator may call a special meeting of the conference at any time upon the request of three members.
5. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an Ordaining Council of three members whose duty shall be to examine candidates and grant license, conduct ordinations, etc., and report each annual meeting.

6. Licentitates shall pursue a definite course of study under the direction of the ordaining council.

7. At each annual meeting there shall be elected an investigating committee of three members, whose duty shall be to investigate applicants for membership, and license and other investigations they may be called on to make.

8. Necessary expenses of this organization shall be met by voluntary contributions or by assessment of its members.

9. No member shall serve as pastor of a church which does not enforce discipline, and care for their pastor, and contribute to the United Program of our State, according to their ability, and strive to go forward in spiritual progress and the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

10. No member shall meddle with the work of another or injure his reputation for usefulness, but watch over each other and thus promote harmony among the membership.

11. Each member, not excused of age or infirmities, is expected to do some work to advance the cause of Christ and make a full report at each annual meeting.

12. Membership in this body shall be proof of good standing in the ministry. A membership card shall be issued to each member at the annual meeting upon payment of \$1.00. This fee to be placed in the Conference Treasury to pay necessary expenses, and for the promotion of the cause of Christ.

13. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting.



### CHURCH COVENANT

Having give ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in the solemn covenant.

We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JeJesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**CONSTITUTION**  
 — of —  
**THE BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
 — of the —  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**

**ARTICLE 1**

This Association shall be known as the Blue Ridge Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE 2**

The objects of this Association shall be: to promote unity, fraternity, fellowship, and cooperation; and to encourage and engage in larger Christian enterprises that cannot be carried on by a single church. To combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptists within its bounds in one sacred effort to encourage and promote the general spread of the Gospel; and the causes of the united program.

**ARTICLE 3**

1. This Association shall be composed of all ordained and licensed ministers, and of delegates chosen and sent by each church in its bounds, who shall be duly recommended by the church to which they belong.

2. The following Auxiliaries of each church are entitled to one delegate each: the Sunday School, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Free Will Baptist League. No church shall be entitled to more than five (5) delegates.

3. Each church and its Auxiliaries may represent by letter and a donation for the expenses of the Association and the causes it fosters.

4. This Association disclaims the right to exercise lordship over the churches, or to have any power which entitles it to infringe upon the internal affairs or rights of any of the churches composing it. Each church shall consider its internal affairs to be its own business; but it shall not disrespect the Association and those who are placed in authority by the proper processes.

**ARTICLE 4**

An accused church has the same right as an individual in the church: to have specific charges presented in writing, a fair opportunity for defense, and to be considered innocent until proved guilty.

**ARTICLE 5**

This Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented by letter or delegates.

**ARTICLE 6**

Churches coming from another denomination will be carefully and satisfactorily examined as to doctrine before being received as members.

**ARTICLE 7**

1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator and Assistant Moderator, and Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, and Field Superintendent, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering up their said duties of said offices at the close of the current session.

2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not succeed themselves in election. However, the Assistant Moderator may be elected Moderator.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the meetings of the Association.

4. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to preside in the absence of the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Association in a business-like manner, and to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and the distribution of said Minutes, and to give over all properties belonging to his or her office to his or her duly successor. The Clerk shall be paid a fee for services—an amount fixed by the Association. Minutes of the Association shall be sent to all visiting Free Will Baptist ministers.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds belonging to the Association, and to disburse same as directed by the Association. The Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount sufficient to cover all money coming into their hands.

7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a record of such items of interest as may be useful in the future; to preserve the same in a book. He or she shall also keep a file of the Minutes. He or she shall give over all materials and property to his or her successor in office.

8. It shall be the duty of the field superintendent to encourage the work in general in this Association. He shall promote every phase of the program. He shall visit the churches, and in every way possible assist them in doing greater things for God's glory. He shall promote unity and fellowship among the ministers, and their churches. He shall supply for any pastor who shall be providentially kept from his work. He shall be paid a salary agreed upon by the Association. He shall receive an offering at all churches, the same to be turned over to the Association to help maintain this work.

#### ARTICLE 8

At each annual session the Moderator shall appoint such committees as the Association may direct. It shall be the duty of these committees to report at the next annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE 9

The following Directors shall be elected annually: Director for young people's work; Director for the Women's Auxiliary work—who shall be responsible to do all the work they can to promote the work in these departments in each church in this Association. They shall encourage cooperation with the State League and Ladies' Auxiliary Organization.

#### ARTICLE 10

The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Field Superintendent, and three members elected from the floor. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to have the supervision of the work of the Association between sessions. The Moderator and Clerk, by virtue of their offices, shall be chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Board. Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE 11

It shall be the duty of the Association to encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour, having made salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

#### ARTICLE 12

Any church seeking membership in this Association shall furnish evidence that there is a deed on record made to the Trustees of said Free Will Baptist church and their successors in office, and after a satis-

factory examination as to their doctrine and fellowship and disposition toward the united program, may be received as members.

#### ARTICLE 13

We will have a union meeting on Saturday before each Fifth Sunday, for the furtherance of every phase of the work of this Association. This meeting shall be composed of all members and two delegates from each church.

#### ARTICLE 14

This Association shall adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Government of the National Treatise of the Free Will Baptists.

#### ARTICLE 15

A church may become a member of this Association by petition, or by letter, or by delegates, and by adopting the Treatise and Articles of Faith and Government, and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association.

#### ARTICLE 16

This Association shall be governed by the rules laid down in Roberts' or Hastings' Rules of Order.

#### ARTICLE 17

This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the First Sunday in August.

#### ARTICLE 18

The Minutes of each meeting of this Association shall be printed, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, and Constitution and By-Laws of the Ministers' Conference; also the Church Covenant.

#### ARTICLE 19

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Association.

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION  
— of the —  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

ARTICLE 1—A session of this Association shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 2—This Association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE 3—There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 4—Every person wishing to speak, shall first arise and address the Moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

ARTICLE 5—No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

ARTICLE 6—Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7—No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 8—Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

ARTICLE 9—A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 10—On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE 11—The Moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 12—We shall admit no other title while in session but that of Brother and Sister.

ARTICLE 13—No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14—Any person transgressing these By-Laws shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15—No less than nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 16—These By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds vote.



**ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. **GOD:** We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. I Tim. 2:5.

2. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE:** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. **ORIGINAL APOSTASY:** We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave her husband with her and he did eat."—Gen. 3:6.

4. **FREE GRACE:** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessing, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation,

that the Holy Spirit not only reproveth the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him."—Rom. 10:12.

5. **CHRISTIAN FAITH:** We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth in him."—John 3:36.

6. **REPENTANCE:** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner that ye might receive damage by us in nothing, for Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—II Cor. 7:9-10.

7. **FREE AGENCY:** We believe that the human will is free and that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."—Micah 6:8.

8. **PERSEVERANCE:** We do not believe, under Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of their faith and turn again to sin and finally be lost. "And Jesus said unto him: 'No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.'"—Luke 9:62.

9. **GOOD WORKS:** We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."—Matt. 7:19-20.

10. **CHRISTIAN BAPTISM:** We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."—Rom. 6:4.

11. **THE LORD'S SUPPER:** We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in sacred services regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I. Cor. 11:28-29.

12. **FEET WASHING:** We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Saviour and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."—St. John 13:14.

13. **THE GOSPEL:** We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the Gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—I Cor. 9:14.

**CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION**

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, N. C., send Christian salutation to The Blue Ridge Association and the following delegates represent us:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Ordained ministers who hold membership with us are:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Licensed ministers who hold membership with us are:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**STATISTICAL MEMBERSHIP TABLE**

No. of members received.....; By experience and baptism.....;  
By letter and statement.....; By restoration.....;  
No. of members lost.....; By letter.....; by expulsion and  
erasure.....; By death.....; Total increase..... or de-  
crease.....; Last year's membership.....; Present mem-  
bership.....

Sunday we have preaching:.....

No. of revivals.....; Held by:: :  
.....  
.....

**OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor .....

Address .....

Clerk .....

Address .....

Pastor for next year.....

Address .....

Clerk for next year.....

Address .....



MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 19....., TO 19.....

No. of churches pastored.....; No. of revivals conducted.....; No. of conversions.....; No. of sermons preached.....; No. of members received.....; No. baptized.....; No. of marriages.....; No. of funerals.....

Received for pastoral service . . . . . \$..... Received for revival service . . . . . \$..... Received for all other services . . . . . \$.....

TOTAL . . . . . \$.....

Given personally to the Cause . . . . . \$.....

Do you tithe?.....

Minister .....

Address .....



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Pastor's Salary \$.....; Revivals \$.....; Church  
Property improvements \$.....; State Convention fee \$.....;  
Local Charity \$.....; Other purposes \$.....; Association  
Expense Fund.....

**UNITED PROGRAM**

Superannuation \$.....; Foreign Missions \$.....;  
Orphanage \$.....; Christian Education \$.....;  
Church Finance Association, Inc. \$.....; Cragmont \$.....;

**CHURCH HOLDINGS**

Value of Church Property \$.....; Value of Parson-  
age \$.....; Value of all other property \$.....

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS**

Superintendent.....; Address.....  
Secretary.....; Address.....  
No. of classes.....; No. of pupils.....; Kind of Literature  
used.....; Expenses \$.....; Amount  
sent to Orphanage \$.....

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

President.....; Address.....  
Secretary.....; Address.....  
No. of members.....; Gained this year.....; Meets every.....;  
Money taken in \$.....; Money paid out \$.....

**FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE**

President.....; Address.....  
Secretary.....; Address.....  
No. of members.....; No. of groups.....; Meets every.....;  
Do you take a weekly offering?.....; Kind of literature used.....  
.....; Do you have a Junior League?.....;  
Leader.....; Address.....

By order of the Church in conference, this the.....day of....., 195...  
....., Moderator  
.....; Clerk

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association for the year ending 31st March 1971 was 1,234, an increase of 15% on the previous year. The increase was due to a combination of factors, including the successful recruitment of new members and the retention of existing members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement for the year ending 31st March 1971 shows a surplus of £10,000, compared with a deficit of £5,000 in the previous year. This improvement is due to a combination of factors, including a reduction in expenditure and an increase in income.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following table shows the membership of the Association for the year ending 31st March 1971. The total membership was 1,234, consisting of 1,000 ordinary members, 100 associate members, and 134 life members.

MEMBERSHIP LIST (Continued)

The following table shows the membership of the Association for the year ending 31st March 1971 (Continued). The total membership was 1,234, consisting of 1,000 ordinary members, 100 associate members, and 134 life members.

