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**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**CAPE FEAR**  
(Original)  
**F. W. B. Conference**  
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT  
**Shady Grove, Sampson County**

October 28-29-30, 1931.

*J. M. J. H. P.*

The next annual session will convene with the church at Prospect, Harnett County, Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1932, at 11 A. M.

OFFICERS

J. C. GRIFFIN, Moderator ----- New Bern, N. C.  
R. E. THOMAS, Treasurer ----- Wilson's Mills, N. C., R. 1  
W. A. JACKSON, Secretary ----- Cooper, N. C.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1—Introductory Sermon.
- 2—Enrollment of Standing Committees.
- 3—Enrollment of Ordained Ministers.
- 4—Enrollment of Licentiates.
- 5—Enrollment of Churches and Delegates.
- 6—Appointment of Temporary Committees.
- 7—Petitionary Letters.
- 8—Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Members.
- 9—Reports from Churches.
- 10—Reports from Standing Committees.
- 11—Resolutions.
- 12—Reports from Temporary Committees.
- 13—Petition for next session of Conference.
- 14—Miscellaneous Business.
- 15—Election of Officers.
- 16—Election of delegates to other conferences.
- 17—Arrangements for Introductory at next session.
- 18—Vote of thanks.
- 19—Adjournment.

### STANDING COMMITTEES AND DATE TERMS EXPIRE

OBITUARIES:—R. A. Langdon, 1933; D. C. Johnson, 1935; D. R. Ennis, 1937.

TEMPERANCE:—Benj. Casey, 1933; C. H. Coats, 1935; J. F. Davis, 1937.

EDUCATION:—W. B. Godwin, 1933; C. J. Thomas, 1935; Geo. Britt, 1937.

MINISTERIAL LABOR:—F. C. Fitzgerald, 1933; C. J. Thomas, 1935; L. W. Warren, 1935; N. B. Powell, 1937; J. C. Ennis, 1937.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:—Kirby West, 1933; N. C. Smith, 1933; W. R. Coats, 1935; W. A. Jackson, 1937; R. E. Thomas, 1937.

MISSION BOARD:—R. A. Coats, 1933; T. D. Coats, 1935; W. J. Alford 1937.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:—J. C. Griffin, 1933; H. R. Faircloth, 1935; D. R. Ennis, 1937.

APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE:—C. J. Thomas, 1933; A. C. Snipes, 1935; W. A. Jackson, 1935; Kirby West, 1937.

ORPHANAGE BOARD:—Hermon Wooten, 1933; J. H. Willis, 1935; H. T. Hinson, 1937.

EUREKA COLLEGE TRUSTEE:—J. C. Griffin, 1933.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES

Carlisle, L. J.	LaGrange, N. C.
Coats, C. H.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Coats, W. R.	114 S. W. Street, Raleigh, N. C.
Ennis, D. R.	Coats, ... C.
Faircloth, H. R.	Smithfield, N. C.
Griffin, J. C.	240 N. Pasteur, St. New Bern, N. C.
Johnson, D. C.	Smithfield, N. C.
Lancaster, W. H.	Smithfield, N. C.
Warrick, M. A.	route 3, Clinton, N. C.
Wooten, Hermon	Garner, N. C.

### RETIRED MINISTERS

Glover, W. R.	Cooper, N. C.
Moore, J. W.	Princeton, ... C.
Wallace, J. R.	Four Oaks N. C.

### LICENTIATES

Jackson, R. H.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the Cape Fear (Original) Free Will Baptist Conference convened with the church at Shady Grove, Sampson County, N. C. on October 28, 1931. At 11 A. M. Eld. W. R. Coats, who was elected at the last conference to preach the introductory sermon attended and preached. Subject: "The Free Will Baptist Denomination"

One hour is given for dinner.

## AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY

Conference assembled for the transaction of business at 1:40. Prayer by Eld. L. H. Wetherington.

## ENROLLMENT—FIRST DAY

Officers.—J. C. Griffin, Moderator, R. E. Thomas, Treasurer, W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive.—W. A. Jackson, R. E. Thomas, Kirby West, W. R. Coats.

Mission Board.—T. D. Coats.

Apportionment.—W. A. Jackson.

Eureka College Trustee.—J. C. Griffin.

Ordained Ministers.—W. R. Coats, J. C. Griffin, Hermon Wooten.

Licentiate.—R. H. Jackson.

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Lee's Chalpel.—J. H. Williford, H. T. Hinson, Mrs. H. T. Hinson.

Roberts Grove.—Moody Naylor, Jack Tart.

Shady Grove.—W. H. Carroll, Dumas Dawson, Pernon Jackson, J. H. Willis.

Saint Mary's Grove.—D. B. Johnson, J. W. Barbour, W. A. Coats.

T. Chapel.—Percy Thompson, W. G. Oliver.

## DELEGATES AND VISTORS FROM OTHER CONFERENCES

Western Conference.—E. G. Holland (delegate).

Eastern Conference.—L. H. Wetherington (delegate), N. D. Wiggs (visitor).

The visiting ministers and delegates were called upon and each responded with a brief account of the work of their respective conferences.

## APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Religious Exercises.—Hermon Wooten, Dumas Dawson, Kirby West.

Finance.—H. T. Hinson, Percy Thompson, A. C. Snipes.

Resolution.—W. R. Coats, J. W. Barbour, Pernon Jackson.

Elder L. H. Wetherington made a very earnest appeal in behalf of the Free Will Baptist paper.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported to preach to night, Eld. E. G. Holland open, and Eld. N. D. Wiggs preach.

The Secretary being the delegate from the State Convention to this Conference, presented two resolutions coming from the Convention, recommending that they be adopted by this conference.

On motion conference close till to-morrow, at 9:30 A. M.

Prayer by Eld. E. G. Holland.

#### SECOND DAY—OCTOBER 29th

Conference reassembled at 9:30 A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. L. H. Wetherington.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

#### ENROLLMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Obituaries.—D. C. Johnson, R. A. Langdon, D. R. Ennis.

Education.—C. J. Thomas.

Ministerial Labor.—F. C. Fitzgerald, C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren.

Mission Board.—C. J. Thomas.

Ordaining Council.—D. R. Ennis, H. R. Faircloth.

Apportionment Committee.—C. J. Thomas.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. R. Ennis, H. R. Faircloth, D. C. Johnson, W. H. Lancaster, L. J. Carlisle, M. A. Warrick.

#### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel.—D. O. Lassiter, C. J. Thomas.

Corinth.—N. C. Strickland, Mrs. N. C. Strickland, Cullen Wade.

Goldsboro.—H. Malpas.

Hopewell.—G. W. Massengill, Mellie Johnson, W. J. Hill.

Johnson Union.—S. C. Turnage, H. H. Underwood.

Oak Grove.—J. G. Warren.

LaGrange.—Oscar Pelletier, Mrs. Oscar Pelletier.

Powhatan.—Jenning Williams, B. C. Pounds.

Prospect.—J. B. Parker, A. C. Snipes, J. C. Ennis.

Pleasant Grove.—Claud Lucas, Leslie Suggs.

Riverside.—L. R. Martin, Charley Tiner, M. C. Willford.

St. Paul.—G. B. Britt.

St. John.—Mrs. J. E. Benton, Mrs. B. H. Dawson, O. F. Core.

Dailys Chapel.—By letter.

Yelvertons Grove.—C. D. Phillips, R. C. Lane, L. E. Adams.

White Oak Grove.—M. J. Herring.

## DELEGATES AND VISITING MINISTERS FROM OTHER CONFERENCES

Eastern.—A. E. Rouse, J. R. Bennett.

Central.—R. F. Pittman.

Western.—W. E. Anderson.

Buncombe County Association.—R. V. Self.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported to preach at 11 A. M. Eld. R. F. Pittman. At 2 P. M. Eld. R. V. Self.

On motion the conference loaning money to any minister or person, studying for the ministry, require of said person, a note with good security to guarantee the payment of said loan; provided, however, the conference may, if it thinks best, after ten years of actual service as a minister, cancel said note or give a credit for any part of same.

On motion each church be requested to elect their pastor not later than the month of July.

At 10:55, Conference recessed for five minutes; after which Eld. R. F. Pittman preached a wonderful sermon on the subject of "The Kind of Church I Would Like for My Church to be."

One hour is given for dinner.

## AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY

Conference reassembled at 1:00 P. M. Prayer by Eld. A. E. Rouse.

The reports from the various churches were received and read before the body.

Eld. R. F. Pittman made an earnest appeal in the interest of Eureka College indebtedness. An offereing of \$2.12 was made and pledges to the amount of \$106 00.

At 2 P. M. Eld. R. V. Self preached a soul stirring sermon. Text: Matt. 28:19-20. Subject: "The Great Commission."

The moderator appointed R. H. Jackson and J. C. Ennis, Education Committee pro tem.; also M. A. Warrick, W. G. Oliver, and Mrs. Alma Jackson "Orphanage Committee" pro tem.

Reports of Standing Committees are called for and the following reported:

Ordaining Council (See Report).

Obituaries (See Report).

Educational (See Report).

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach tonight at 7 o'clock; Eld. W. E. Anderson, open and J. R. Bennett preach.

On motion conference close till to-morrow 9:30 A. M.

Prayer by Eld. D. C. Johnson.

## THIRD DAY—OCTOBER 30th

Conference reassembled according to a journment. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld D. R. Ennis.

## ENROLLMENT OF COMMITTEES, CHURCHES ETC.

Ministers.—C. H. Coats.

Ministerial Labor.—N. B. Powell.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Western Conference.—S. H. Styron.

Eastern Conference.—J. W. Alford.

Caseys Chapel Church, delegate.—B. F. Grant.

The moderator appoints Hermon Wooten and C. H. Coats, members of the Apportionment Committee, pro tem.

Treasurer reports (See Report).

Resolution by Hermon Wooten is received, discussed and adopted (See Resolution).

Eld. J. R. Bennett, Superintendent of the Orphanage, made his appeal in behalf of the Orphanage, urging regular and liberal donations.

One hour is given for dinner.

## AFTERNOON—THIRD DAY

Conference reassembled at 1:00 P. M. Prayer by W. H. Lancaster.

Orphanage Committee made their report (See Report).

Apportionment Committee made their report (See Report).

Petitions for the next session of the Annual Conference are received from St. Marys Grove, and Prospect churches. By vote Prospect gets the next session.

A report was read from the Ladies Aid of Shady Grove Church, asking that the conference authorize the organization of an Auxiliary Convention.

The Conference granted said request and appointed Mrs. D. M. Wilson, President, and Mrs. N. B. Powel, Secretary. They were instructed to call a meeting of all the Aids and Leagues of the conference. Said meeting was called to meet at Smithfield church on Wednesday before the second Sunday in December, 1931 at 10:00 A. M.

On motion the Secretary have 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this conference printed and distributed as follows: 25 copies each to the Central, Eastern, Western, French Broad, Pee Dee, Rock Fish, and Buncombe County conferences and associations. The remainder to be distributed to the various churches according to membership and conference funds; and that he draw on the treasurer for all expenses of the same and he receive \$20.00 for his services.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

J. C. Griffin, ----- Moderator.  
R. E. Thomas, ----- Treasurer.  
W. A. Jackson, ----- Secretary

**ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND DATES THEIR  
TERMS EXPIRE**

Obituaries.—D. R. Ennis, 1937.  
Temperance.—C. H. Coats, 1935; J. F. Davis, 1937.  
Education.—Geo. Britt, 1937.  
Ministerial Labor.—J. C. Ennis, 1937; N. B. Powell, 1937.  
Executive Committee.—W. A. Jackson, 1937; R. E. Thomas, 1937.  
Mission Board.—W. J. Alford, 1937.  
Ordaining Council.—J. C. Griffin, 1935; D. R. Ennis, 1937.  
Apportionment Committee.—Kirby West, 1937; A. C. Snipes, 1935.  
Orphanage Board.—Hermon Wooten, 1933; J. H. Willis, 1935; H. T. Hinson, 1937.  
Eureka College Trustee.—J. C. Griffin, 1933.

**DELEGATES TO OTHER CONFERENCES**

Western Conference.—D. C. Johnson.  
Eastern Conference.—H. R. Faircloth.  
Central Conference.—W. A. Jackson.  
State Convention.—Kirby West, N. B. Powell.  
General Conference.—H. R. Faircloth, J. C. Griffin, alternate.  
Elder. D. C. Johnson is elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next Conference, and Eld. C. H. Coats, alternate.

On motion a vote of thanks be given the church at Shady Grove and community for their hospitality shown during the sitting of the Conference.

On motion the treasurer pay to Eld. J. W. Moore \$5.00 and Eld. J. R. Wallace \$5.00 out of the Disabled Ministers' funds.

On motion Conference close to meet again with Prospect church, Harnett County on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November 1932 at 11 A. M.

Closing remarks by moderator. Benediction by Eld. N. D. Wiggs

J. C. GRIFFIN, Moderator.  
W. A. JACKSON, Secretary.

## COMMITTEES REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution by Hermon Wooten.

Realizing the great need of trained workers in our churches, and the condition of our Educational Institution, therefore, Be it resolved, That the Cape Fear Conference pledge itself to raise by the grace of God the sum of \$600.00, to be applied on the payment of the Long Term Loan on Eureka College when the full amount of \$26,000 shall have been subscribed.

### REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

Since last conference we examined Edward Chamblee, but since his ordination he has severed his connection with the Free Will Baptist church and surrendered his credentials; therefore we have no new minister to recommend for enrollment.

D. R. ENNIS,  
H. R. FAIRCLOTH, Ordaining Council

### REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Seeing the great need of more Education, especially among our preachers and leaders, we earnestly urge them to take advantage of every available opportunity to better inform themselves, thereby being able to meet the demands of the present and future.

C. J. THOMAS,  
J. C. ENNIS,  
R. H. JACKSON, Committee.

### REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your committee beg to report that the good Lord in his divine providence has not seen fit to call from our midst any of our beloved ministers of the Gospel since last conference.

D. C. JOHNSON,  
R. A. LANGDON,  
D. R. ENNIS, Committee.

### REPORT OF MINISTERIAL LABOR COMMITTEE

We the committee on deportment and work of the ministry, beg to report as follows: We have the reports of all ministers present and find them very satisfactory. We wish to recommend that Elds. J. W. Moore, J. R. Wallace and W. R. Glover be dropped from the list of ministers, and that they be placed on the retired list. We further recommend that Eld. R. E. Tripp be and is hereby excommunicated from this conference, as he has joined another church.

L. W. WARREN,  
N. B. POWELL,  
C. J. THOMAS,  
F. C. FITZGERALD, Committee.

## REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

On hand at the close of last Conference	\$325.41
Disbursements as follows:	
W. A. Jackson salary and expense account	\$ 21.32
D. R. Ennis	10.00
W. R. Glover	5.00
J. R. Wallace	5.00
D. C. Johnson	5.00
J. W. Moore	5.00
W. R. Coats	5.41
Eureka College	60.00
R. L. Little (Orphanage)	50.00
Free Will Baptist Press for minutes	47.50
Hermon Wooten expense to Gen. Conference	10.00
General Conference fees	10.00
 Total paid out	\$234.23
Banance on hand	91.18
 \$325.41	
Received at this conference	\$ 96.90
Balance on hand	91.18
 Total on hand	\$188.08

R. E. THOMAS, Treasurer.

H. T. HINSON,

A. C. SNIPES,

PERCY THOMPSON, Finance Committee.

### ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

To Orphanage	\$ 20.00
To Disabled Ministers	10.00
Payment on the \$600.00 pledge to Eureka College	30.00
Miscellaneous	128.00
 Total	\$188.00

W. A. JACKSON,  
HERMON WOOTEN,  
C. H. COATS, Committee.

### ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

We find that most of the churches have responded very liberally in the support of the Orphanage. We wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That we send as early as possible any articles of clothing or food and continue the same at intervals through the year.
2. That all our Sunday Schools send at least one Sunday's collection each month.
3. That each church that has not already done so adopt at least one child to clothe at their next regular appointment.
4. That each church hold a Thanksgiving service and raise as much as they can both in produce and a large cash offering.
5. That each church be more thoughtful and prayerful in supporting the Orphanage.

M. A. WARRICK,  
W. G. OLIVER,  
ALMA JACKSON, Committee.

## REPORT OF S. S. CONVENTION 1931

The next Convention will be held at Shady Grove Church on the second Saturday in Oct. 1932, at 10 A. M.  
ALMA WARREN, Sec.—Treas. W. A. JACKSON, Pres.

MINISTERIAL REPORT 1931

**CHURCH DIRECTORY 1930-31**

<b>Churches and Counties</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Post Office Address</b>	<b>Pastors for 1930-31.</b>
Bethel, Johnston	H. H. Massengill	Four Oaks	W. M. Ferrell
Corinth, Sampson	N. C. Strickland	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
Casey's Chapel, Wayne	Benjamin Casey	Goldsboro	J. W. Alford
Daly's Chapel, Lenoir	Walker Carlisle	LaGrange	H. T. Sowers
Hopewell, Johnston	W. J. Alford	Smithfield	W. R. Coats
Goldsboro, Wayne	L. K. Stallings	Goldsboro	R. V. Self
Johnston Union, Johnston	W. P. Thomas	Wilson Mills	W. H. Lancaster
LaGrange, Lenoir	J. W. Wilson	LaGrange	M. E. Tyson
Lee's Chapel, Sampson	W. B. Godwin	Dunn	H. R. Faircloth
Oak Grove, Sampson	Y. W. Eldridge	Newton Grove	J. W. Alford
Powhatan, Johnston	N. C. Smith	Clayton, R. 3	H. R. Faircloth
Prospect, Harnett	R. McLeod	Dunn, R. 3	W. E. Anderson
Pleasant Grove, Harnett	Carl Matthews	Erwin	W. H. Lancaster
Riverside, Wayne	L. P. Williford	Princeton	W. H. Lancaster
Robert's Grove, Sampson	S. F. Jackson	Cooper	H. R. Faircloth
Shady Grove, Sampson	W. A. Jackson	Cooper	Hermon Wooten
St. Paul, Sampson	Alma Warren	Newton Grove	G. C. Joyner
St. Mary's, Johnston	W. J. Langdon	Benson	D. C. Johnson
St. John, Wayne	Mrs. J. E. Benton	Goldsboro, R. 3	Walter Williams
Smithfield, Johnston	Mrs. D. W. Parker	Smithfield	J. R. Bennett
T. Chapel, Johnston	Johnnie R. Davis	Pine Level	W. H. Lancaster
Yelverton's Grove, Johnston	L. E. Adams	Clayton	L. J. Carlisle
White Oak Grove, Lenoir Co.	Ben Herring	LaGrange	Walter Williams

STATISTICAL TABLE 1931

Churches	Con. Funds	Paid to Pastor	Asst. Pas. Ser-	Orphanage	Education	Mission	Miscellaneous	S. S. Funds	Val. Ch. Prop.	Mem. Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Increased	Deceased	Males	Females	Total
Bethel, no report -----	\$ 2 50	\$ 164.24	\$ -----	\$ 65.08	\$ -----	\$ 20.40	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,500.00	20	8	1	1	2	16	--	99	134	233	
Corinth -----	3.00	105.00	55.00	25.00	-----	10.00	20.00	1,000.00	7	6	--	1	6	--	34	35	69		
Casey's Chapel -----	3.00	227.64	-----	113.39	-----	23 00	-----	3,000.00	-----	2	-----	2	-----	4	29	67	96		
Goldsboro -----	10.00	1241.44	40.00	194 00	92.00	16.55	253.00	317.00	7,000.00	-----	7	1	1	-----	9 38	84	122		
Hopewell -----	7.15	157.29	25.21	119.44	87.00	-----	35.00	75.00	3,000.00	5	3	-----	1	4	--	74	117	191	
Johnson Union -----	5 00	200.00	10.00	57.00	10.00	-----	-----	156.00	6,000.00	-----	-----	1	-----	1	159	85	144		
LaGrange -----	4.00	125.00	-----	93.00	-----	-----	25.00	50.00	3,500.00	3	-----	-----	3	-----	17	44	61		
Lee's Chapel -----	5 00	100.00	30.00	40.00	-----	-----	-----	42.00	2,000.00	-----	4	4	-----	4	-----	51	83	134	
Oak Grove -----	2 00	300.10	20.00	75.00	1.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	1	1	1	40	62	102		
Powhatan -----	5.00	112.03	20.00	53.50	-----	-----	9.95	23.99	4,000.00	3	3	2	2	2	3	69	112	181	
Prospect -----	3 00	208.00	16.00	41.00	-----	-----	-----	18.00	2,000.00	5	4	-----	3	2	2	3	74	100	174
Pleasant Grove -----	3 00	100.00	18.00	22.50	-----	-----	-----	15.50	3,000.00	-----	1	2	2	2	3	35	25	60	
Riverside -----	4 00	91.50	-----	60.00	2.00	1.00	50.00	15.00	1,000.00	19	13	3	4	2	10	27	60	87	
Robert's Grove -----	3 50	113.50	11.00	62.96	-----	6.30	-----	25 00	2,500.00	6	5	2	1	-----	3	42	61	103	
Shady Grove -----	8.70	225.00	53 00	158.69	21.00	5.75	140.00	50.00	6,000.00	18	18	1	-----	2	15	13	218	321	
St. Paul -----	2.00	150.00	-----	5.00	-----	-----	20.00	15.00	2,000.00	-----	-----	3	-----	3	78	67	145		
St. Mary's -----	5.05	27.00	30.00	47.00	1.00	-----	-----	24.00	3,500.00	2	2	2	4	1	-----	5 62	112	174	
St. John -----	3.00	61.40	-----	10.00	-----	2.00	5.00	15.00	1,500.00	-----	-----	1	-----	1	133	55	88		
Smithfield -----	3 50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15,000.00	9	8	4	-----	5	46	66	112		
T. Chapel -----	5.00	62.30	41.00	15.00	-----	-----	10.00	15.00	1,000.00	16	9	-----	2	14	93	83	176		
Dailey's Chapel -----	2.06	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,000.00	10	9	-----	1	9	-----	27	50	77	
Yelverton Grove -----	3.00	67.15	-----	60.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	39.00	1,000.00	1	1	-----	1	1	21	50	71		
White Oak Grove -----	5.00	132.00	30.00	33.03	2.50	2.50	2.50	20.00	1,500.00	5	5	-----	1	4	-----	38	36	69	







