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**MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION
of the
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
NORTH CAROLINA**

**Held at
Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
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 P Lee, John Rayford, Box 143, Four Oaks, NC 27524
 P Martin, W. A., Route 1, Benson, NC 27504
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 P Scott, Mike, Route 1, Box 397, Clayton, NC 27520
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 (Johnston Union)
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 (Haymount)
 P Nordon, Roy F., Route 1, Benson, NC 27504 (Steven's Chapel)
 A Wilkins, Theodore, Route 2, Box 131, Four Oaks, NC 27524 (Faith)

PROCEEDINGS

The Cape Fear Conference opened its one hundred and twenty-seventh session on Thursday morning, October 29, 1981, at 9 a.m. with the singing of the hymn, "Love Divine." The session was held at Casey's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway

70 near Goldsboro, North Carolina, with the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, moderator, presiding.

The opening prayer and Scripture were given by the Rev. Rod Jones, pastor of Saint Mary's Grove Church.

The welcome was graciously extended by the host pastor, the Rev. C. Bryant Hines Jr.

The response to the welcome was given by the Rev. T. C. Farmer.

The session was called to order by the moderator.

The Rev. Phillip Wood, chairman of the Credentials Committee, explained the registration procedures adopted by the one hundred and fourteenth session as offered by the Resolutions Committee, which states the following:

"Be it resolved, that in all future sessions of the Cape Fear Conference, the Credentials Committee be instructed to issue a badge of identification to all duly registered ministers, delegates, and visitors.

"Be it further resolved, that no person will be allowed to vote who does not properly display said badge. It is understood that visitors shall be granted all rights and privileges except that of voting.

"Be it further resolved, that upon the adoption of this resolution, it shall become the duty of the Credentials Committee to explain the registration at the opening of each session of the Cape Fear Conference."

The enrollments of officers and standing boards were called as follows:

Executive Board: C. Felton Godwin, Billy R. Nowell, H. T. Hinson, W. A. Martin, and Mrs. Ray G. Smith.

Board of Missions: Arnold Price, Leo Bass, Mike Scott, Billy R. Nowell, Alton Howard.

Board of Trustees: Raymond Godwin, Paul Lassiter, S. D. Allen, R. Ray Warrick, William Atlas Hogg.

Board of Education: Jeff Scarborough, J. B. Caton, C. Nelson Stewart, Milton Wiggs, and Ruth Warrick.

Ordaining Council: John Rayford Lee, C. M. Coats, L. B. Woodall Jr., C. Felton Godwin, and Foy C. Futrelle.

The enrollment of ordained and licensed ministers was called.

The roll call of churches included delegates as follows: Bethel 1, Casey's Chapel 2, Daly's Chapel 1, Eastwood 0, Faith 1, Goldsboro 3, Hopewell 1, Johnston Union 3, Lanwood Chapel 0, Lee's Chapel 2, Mount Olive 1, Oak Grove 2, Palmer Memorial 2, Pleasant Grove 2, Powhatan 3, Riverside 1, Robert's Grove 2, Saint Mary's Grove 3, Saint Paul 0, Shady Grove 3, Smithfield 2, Smyrna 1, Steven's Chapel 0, Tee's Chapel 3, West Clinton 0, Wooten's Chapel 1, and Yelverton Grove 2.

Missions included: Catalpa 1, Eastover 0, Haymount 1, and Victory 1.

The moderator extended greetings to the visiting ministers and other visitors.

Following the moderator's remarks of challenge to be stronger Christians and as a denomination to be united in thought, feelings, prayer, expectations and activity, the following temporary committee appointments were made by the moderator, with the first person named on the committee to serve as the chairman:

Temperance Committee: Foy C. Futrelle, Hubert C. Stanley, and W. A. Martin.

Resolutions Committee: Jeff Scarborough, John David Hill, and J. B. Caton.

Obituary Committee: L. B. Woodall Jr., W. O. Lassiter, and Edward C. Miles.

Credentials Committee: Phillip Wood and Elijah Floyd Smith.

Nominating Committee: Henry Armstrong, John Rayford Lee, and Johnny Woodall.

Ushers for the Conference: David Liles and Phillip Wood.

Song Leader: Johnny Woodall.

Pianist: Provided by the host church.

The Mount Olive College report was presented by the president, Dr. Burkette Raper. Dr. Raper gave steps for the college in becoming a four-year program. The report was received as information.

The Children's Home report was presented by Mr. Johnny Woodall. He announced that Mr. Howard Caton would assume the duties of Executive Director and Child Care Director on November 1, 1981. Mr. Walter J. Sutton Jr., president of the Board of Directors was welcomed by Mr. Woodall. Mr. Sutton spoke regarding the efficient operation of the Children's Home during the interim period while without an Executive Director.

The moderator called for Denominational Enterprise reports.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer spoke on behalf of the insurance program through the Superannuation Board.

The Home Missions report was given by the Executive Director, the Rev. Taylor Hill. This report was recorded and received as information.

The Foreign Missions report was given by the Rev. Joseph Ingram. Following the progress report, a rising vote of appreciation was expressed to Mr. Ingram for his term of office as Executive Director for the Foreign Missions Board. The Foreign Missions report was received as information.

The Cragmont Assembly report was presented by the Rev. C. Bryant Hines Jr. The report was received as information.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds provided an addition to the Superannuation report, which was received as information.

The Free Will Baptist Press report was also presented by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. This report was received as information.

Mr. Reynolds was given a rising vote of thanks for his 15 years of service to the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation.

Brother Reynolds presented the report of the Church Finance Association. The report was received as information.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the State Convention, presented several challenges outlined during the 1981 Convention. Brother Hansley requested action be taken with regard to the recommendation from the State Convention to ratify the revised Faith and Discipline. A motion was made by the Rev. Foy C. Futrelle to ratify the recommendation of the Convention. The motion was seconded by the Rev. L. B. Woodall, Jr. The Rev. T. C. Farmer moved to table the motion. John Bryant seconded Brother Farmer's motion. Following discussion, the moderator called for a vote on the motion to 'table the first motion.' The motion was defeated. The moderator then called for a vote on the original motion which was to ratify the recommendation of the Convention. The motion carried by a vote of 50 to 3.

The Conference secretary expressed the importance of ministers and delegates following procedures outlined in registering for the Conference since the Conference had been limited to a one-day session. Church clerks and treasurers were urged to compile the necessary information requested on the Annual Church Letter and to follow procedures requested prior to the annual session.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing the hymn, "Love Lifted Me."

Following the collection of the morning offering, the Rev. Frank Harrison prayed the offertory prayer.

Special music was provided by the host pastor, the Rev. C. Bryant Hines Jr., singing "He."

The Rev. Luby Tyner, pastor of Yelverton Grove Church, preached the morning sermon using the thought, "Go Forward."

Following the sermon, the host pastor made announcements concerning the noon meal. The benediction and blessing on the food were offered by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of the hymns, "Glory to His Name" and "Our Best."

Scripture and prayer were presented by the Rev. Mike Scott, pastor of Johnston Union Church.

The moderator called for reports from standing committees:

The Executive Committee's report was presented by the Conference secretary, Mrs. Ray G. Smith. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Ordaining Council report was given by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., secretary to the Council. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Cape Fear Sunday School Convention report was given by the president of the Convention, the Rev. Phillip Wood. The report was accepted and is recorded. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Mike Scott presented the Cape Fear Missions Board report. The report was adopted. (See Reports.) Following the question made by the Rev. Alton Howard with regard to funds of the Cape Fear Missions account, the Rev. C. Byrant Hines moved that the question be left within the Executive Committee's study and that members of the Missions Board meet with the Executive Committee at its earliest date. The motion was seconded by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. The motion carried.

The Board of Education's report was presented by Mr. C. Nelson Stewart. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Woman's Auxilliary report was given by Mrs. Sadie Daughtry. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference report was presented by the Rev. Mike Scott. The report was accepted. (See Reports.)

The moderator called for reports from the appointed temporary committees.

The report of the Temperance Committee was presented by the Rev. Foy C. Futrelle. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

A motion was made by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. that the Conference contribute \$100 to the Christian Action League. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by the Rev. Jeff Scarborough. A total of three resolutions was presented to the session and each was adopted and recorded. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Edward L. Miles gave the Obituary Committee's report. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Credentials Committee report was given by the chairman of the committee, the Rev. Phillip Wood. The report showed 6 officers present, 32 ordained ministers, 3 licensed ministers, 44 delegates, and 16 visitors. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Henry Armstrong gave the Nominating Committee's report. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The moderator opened the business session and asked for any business that should be brought before the session.

Mr. H. T. Hinson, Conference treasurer, presented the financial report, which was accepted. (See Reports.)

The Conference secretary noted, regarding guidelines for church contributions to the annual conference, that the amount had not been increased in approximately 20 years, with each church and mission contributing \$15 per 100 members or fraction thereof.

An invitation for the one hundred twenty-eighth session was extended by Lee's Chapel Church.

There being no further business, the session was declared adjourned by the moderator as the congregation sang the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. J. C. Hathaway.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Felton Godwin, *Moderator*
Mrs. Ray G. Smith, *Secretary*

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(December 16, 1980)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met December 16, 1980, at the home of the moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, for the purpose of reviewing the minutes of the 126th session.

The moderator called the meeting to order and the Rev. W. A. Martin prayed the opening prayer.

Following the review of the minutes, Mr. H. T. Hinson, Conference treasurer, moved that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Billy R. Nowell moved that three copies of the annual YEARBOOK be ordered for each church and mission and that they be designated as the property of the pastor, the church clerk, and the chairman of the deacon board. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The moderator prayed the benediction and declared the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Ray G. Smith, *Secretary*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(October 6, 1981)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met October 6, 1981, at the home of the moderator for the purpose of taking care of any business to come before the committee and to make plans for the 127th session of the Conference.

The moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, called the meeting to order, with all members present, except Mrs. Lillian Stanley, and the Rev. Billy R. Nowell.

The Rev. W. A. Martin prayed the opening prayer.

The minutes of the December 16, 1980, meeting were read and approved.

There being no business presented to the committee, the program for the 127th session of the Conference was planned.

Following a motion to adjourn by Mr. H. T. Hinson, Mr. Godwin prayed the prayer of benediction.

C. Felton Godwin, *Moderator*

Mrs. Ray G. Smith, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The secretary received a letter on November 4, 1980, from the Rocky Mount, First Church stating that the church had called Mr. Mark Hobbs as its pastor pending his ordination. The secretary notified the Church that Mr. Hobbs had been certified for ordination and would be ordained shortly.

The secretary received a letter on November 4, 1980, from the Rocky Mount, First Church stating that the church had called Mr. Grove Church.

The Rev. Bryant Hines has petitioned the secretary for membership in the Conference pending a letter from the Central Conference Ordaining Council.

(November 24, 1980)

The chairman, the Rev. Felton Godwin, called the meeting to order and led the members in prayer at First Church, Smithfield.

Those ministers present were Felton Godwin, Foy Futrelle, L. B. Woodall Jr., and C. M. Coats, alternate for J. R. Lee.

The secretary notified the members that the First Church of Rocky Mount had called Mr. Mark Hobbs as its pastor, pending his ordination.

It was moved and adopted that Mr. Mark Hobbs be ordained into the gospel ministry and that the secretary plan an ordination service

with the Rev. Davie Brinson at Hopewell Church on Sunday evening, November 30, 1980.

It was moved and adopted that the meeting adjourn. The Rev. Foy Futrelle led the members in the closing prayer.

(November 30, 1980)

The Ordaining Council met at Hopewell Church on Sunday evening, November 30, 1980, and ordained Mr. Mark Hobbs into the gospel ministry. The Rev. Davie Brinson gave the welcome; the Rev. Felton Godwin directed the service; the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. preached the message; the Rev. C. M. Coats gave the charge, and the Rev. Foy Futrelle presented the Bible.

The secretary received a letter from the Rev. A. B. Bryan on January 20, 1981, requesting that his ministerial membership be transferred from the Cape Fear Conference to the Eastern Conference. The letter of transfer was sent to the secretary of the Eastern Conference Ordaining Council the same day.

The secretary received a letter on February 1, 1981, from Faith Church stating that the church had renewed Mr. Theodore Wilkin's license. His license was renewed December 8, 1980.

The secretary received a letter from Steven's Chapel Church stating that the church renewed Mr. Roy F. Nordon's license on March 15, 1981.

(March 23, 1981)

Chairman Felton Godwin called the meeting to order at First Church, Smithfield.

The Rev. C. M. Coats, alternate for the Rev. J. R. Lee, led the members in prayer.

Those ministers present were Felton Godwin, C. M. Coats, L. B. Woodall Jr., and Foy Futrelle.

The Rev. Dewey Boling met with the Council and notified it that he had been called to pastor Palmer Memorial Church, Garner, North Carolina. It was moved that Mr. Boling's notice be adopted. Motion adopted. The members welcomed Mr. Boling into the Conference to pastor.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer introduced Mr. David DeHart to the members of the Council. The members examined Mr. DeHart's credentials and advised Mr. DeHart that it would be better for him to join a church in the Conference and the church he joined license him for a year. After being licensed a year, he would need to take the ordination exam for his credentials to be in good order. Mr. DeHart has since joined Tee's Chapel Church and been licensed by the church.

It was moved and adopted that the meeting adjourn. The Rev. Foy Futrelle led the members in the closing prayer.

(May 25, 1981)

Chairman Felton Godwin called the meeting to order at First Church, Smithfield.

The Rev. C. M. Coats, alternate for the Rev. J. R. Lee, led the members in prayer.

Those ministers present were Felton Godwin, Foy Futrelle, C. M. Coats, and Mike Scott, alternate for L. B. Woodall Jr.

The Rev. Jerry Allen met with the Council and notified it that he had been called to pastor Robert's Grove Church. It was moved that Mr. Allen's notice be recorded. Mr. Allen was welcomed to pastor in the Conference.

A general discussion was held concerning Mr. David DeHart's status in the Conference. It was agreed by the Council members that Tee's Chapel Church had the permission to license him.

A request from Mr. Cecil Blackmon asking permission to take the ordination exam was read. The Council agreed for the Rev. C. M. Coats and the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., to give Mr. Blackmon the written part of the exam on Friday afternoon, June 12, 1981, at the First Church in Smithfield, and that other members of the Council meet that evening at 7 to give him the oral part of the exam.

The Rev. Mike Scott met with the Council for information about ordaining Mr. Earl Johnson. Since Mr. Johnson's license had expired, Mr. Scott was asked to have Mr. Johnson's license renewed. Mr. Scott was further advised that if Mr. Johnson were called to pastor a church during the year for him to inform the Council and plans for his ordination could be made since Mr. Johnson was already certified for ordination.

It was moved and adopted that the meeting adjourn.

The Rev. Mike Scott led the closing prayer.

Mr. Cecil Blackmon was given the written and oral ordination exams at First Church in Smithfield on Friday, June 12, 1981. He made satisfactory scores on both. He is now certified for ordination when he is called to pastor a church.

(August 24, 1981)

Chairman Felton Godwin called the meeting to order at First Church, Smithfield.

The Rev. J. R. Lee led the members in prayer.

Those ministers present were Felton Godwin, Foy Futrelle, J. R. Lee, and Mike Scott, serving as an alternate for L. B. Woodall Jr.

A letter from the Haymount Mission in Fayetteville was read stating that the Mission voted on April 22, 1981, to renew Mr. Dean Kennedy's license and called him to be the Mission's assistant pastor.

The Rev. Foy Futrelle expressed his pleasure for having the opportunity to serve on the ordaining Council for the past few years.

There being no other business, it was moved and adopted to adjourn.

The Rev. Mike Scott led the members in the closing prayer.

The secretary received a letter from Johnston Union Church stating that the church had renewed Mr. Earl Johnson's license to preach, July 1, 1981.

The secretary received a letter from the secretary of the Ordaining Council of the Western Conference transferring the Rev. Dewey Boling's ministerial membership from the Western Conference to the Cape Fear Conference.

The secretary received a letter from the secretary of the Eastern Conference transferring the Rev. Norman Ard's ministerial membership to the Cape Fear Conference.

The Rev. Bryant Hines has petitioned the secretary for membership in the conference pending a letter from the Central Conference Ordaining Council.

Respectfully submitted,
L. B. Woodall Jr.

REPORT OF THE 103RD CAPE FEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The one hundred and third session of the Cape Fear Sunday School Convention convened with Pleasant Grove Church, October 10, 1981.

The Rev. Arnold Price, president, opened the Convention. The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me." Mr. Price led in prayer.

The president appointed the following committee members:

Resolutions: The Revs. Mike Scott, Chairman; Edward Painter; and Mr. Milton Wiggs.

Nominating: Mark Hobbs, Chairman; Person Daughtry; and Mrs. Lillian Stanley.

Finance: Steve Beasley, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Lee Dorman; Mrs. Lillian Stanley.

Mrs. Elaine Smith extended a most cordial welcome to everyone. A member from Riverside Church responded to the welcome.

Frank Bumgardner brought the devotions. He read Scripture from John 15:15, and Revelation 21:4. The Rev. Taylor Hill led in prayer.

The Rev. Arnold Price and his family rendered special music. They sang "He's Still Working on Me," "Walk Through the Garden of My Heart," and "Believing on My Mind."

A most timely and impressive program was presented by the Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the North Carolina State Convention. He chose for his topic "Building a Church with People."

The offering was received in the amount of \$50. Mr. George Norris gave the offertory prayer. The Rev. T. C. Farmer explained the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina Mutual Benevolent Fund.

In the business session, Mrs. Margaret Lassiter called the roll with ten (10) churches present, plus four (4) answering by letter. She also read the minutes from the 1980 meeting. They were approved as read.

The plaque for the largest increase in Sunday school attendance was presented to Eastover Mission. The plaque for the largest number present for the Convention was presented to Riverside Church.

The Resolutions Committee reported the following:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that all of our Cape Fear Conference Sunday Schools be encouraged to attend and to support the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention and that our superintendents and ministers be encouraged to attend the Ministers' and Superintendents' banquet.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the work, the history and the importance of the Sunday school be kept before our people in the form of announcements, bulletin inserts and special presentations.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the importance of being on time for Sunday school be stressed for our members.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the practice of leaving Sunday school and not attending morning worship services be discouraged among Sunday school members and especially among teachers and officers and that the total convention training program be stressed.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that a full report of this Convention be presented by the delegates to their churches.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that a report of this Convention be compiled for the 1982 *Yearbook*.

The Rev. Mike Scott read the resolutions and made a motion that they be accepted. Motion passed. He then read the last resolution.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that we give Pleasant Grove a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality this morning.

The congregation responded by standing.

The Finance Committee report was given by Mrs. Lillian Stanley. She reported a balance of \$369.58 in the treasury. A motion was made by Mrs. Stanley that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the Rev. Arnold Price, in the absence of Mark Hobbs. He presented the following slate of officers for approval:

President, the Rev. Phillip Wood; Vice President, Mrs. Patricia Wall; Secretary, Mrs. Elaine Smith; Treasurer, Mr. Steve Beasley.

He then opened the floor for other nominations. Paul Lassiter made a motion that nominations be closed, as no one else was nominated. The motion passed.

The Rev. T. C. Farmer made a motion that these be accepted. Motion passed.

Mr. Price turned the program over to the Rev. Phillip Wood after he extended a welcome to each one to the Fellowship Hall for lunch.

Mr. Wood asked each one to stand for a rising vote of thanks to the Rev. Arnold Price for a job well done as president of the Convention.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley gave the benediction and blessed the food.

Respectfully submitted,
Arnold Price, *President*
Mrs. Margaret Lassiter, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE CAPE FEAR MISSIONS BOARD

The Cape Fear Board of Missions met as often as it deemed necessary for the purpose of the work of the Cape Fear Conference.

We first met on November 20, 1980, at Wooten's Chapel Church to select a chairman and a secretary. Brother Alton Howard was elected chairman. Brother Billy R. Nowell was elected secretary.

It was reported that we are presently supporting the Eastover Mission.

It was decided to present a donation to Home Missions.

Our next meeting was held March 28, 1981, at Yelverton Grove Church. Brother Howard reported that he had discussed the matter of making a donation to Home Missions with the Conference moderator and treasurer and that he was told that this action will have to be approved by the Conference.

We next met on October 29, 1981, at Casey's Chapel Church and drew up the following motion: "WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Conference Board of Missions feels limited in that it is unable at its own discretion to send funds where most needed; and WHEREAS, as the amount designated to the Board of Missions is in the area of \$3,000 we move

that the 127th Session empower the Board of Missions to distribute funds as it feels the leadership of God.

Respectfully submitted:
Alton Howard, *Chairman*
Billy R. Nowell, *Secretary*
Mike Scott, *Assistant Secretary*
Arnold Price
Leo Bass

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Cape Fear Board of Education met August 29, 1981, at Bethel Church to elect a chairman and to study applications for the \$300 scholarship and two \$500 student loans.

C. Nelson Stewart was elected chairman.

The \$300 scholarship was awarded to Oliver Godwin of Route 5, Dunn. He is an active member of Shady Grove Church.

A \$500 student loan was made to Miss Cynthia Marie Tart of Route 1, Dunn. Miss Tart is an active member of Lee's Chapel Church.

A \$500 student loan was made to Miss Paula Lee Barbour of Route 3, Four Oaks, NC. Miss Barbour is an active member of St. Mary's Grove Church.

These applications were thoroughly studied and this committee feels these are very deserving students.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Nelson Stewart, *Chairman*

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary held two meetings in 1981. The spring meeting convened April 8, 1981, at St. Paul Church and the fall meeting convened October 14, 1981, at Bethel Church.

Each meeting was well attended.

During the past year, we have supported each phase of the denominational work, and have met our quota for each project.

We sponsor the Youth Fellowship. They meet the first Saturday night in each month. Their project for the year was Cragmont.

Two study courses have been held during the year at Smithfield Church.

We have one new auxiliary, Catalpa Mission, and six A-1 Auxiliaries.

Our life membership award went to Mrs. Mildred C. Moore this year. Mrs. Moore is a very deserving member of Tee's Chapel Church.

The spring meeting will be held at Casey's Chapel on April 14, 1982.

Pray for our youth and us as an Auxiliary that we will work for the glory of God and His cause.

Respectfully submitted,
Sadie Daughtry, *Secretary*

REPORT OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference met regularly during the year on the Monday before the fifth Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the First Church in Smithfield. There was an average attendance of 12 ministers.

During the year we heard from Brother Taylor Hill concerning the work of Home Missions, Brother Kenneth Deacon Jones, a member of the Johnston County School Board, and Brother Joseph Ingram on the status of Foreign Missions in general and the Palawan Bible Institute in particular.

Two fellowship dinners for our ministers and their wives were also sponsored. The first was held on February 10, 1981, at Holts Lake BBQ and Seafood in Smithfield. We had good attendance and enjoyed a presentation from Judge Arnold Jones. The second dinner was in the form of a pig picking at Eagles Nest on June 27, 1981. Our attendance was fair and we enjoyed good fellowship and a presentation from Dr. Burkette Raper on the status of Mount Olive College becoming a four-year school.

We encourage all ministers to take part in our ministers' fellowship. We meet at 1 p.m. the Monday before the fifth Sundays at Smithfield Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Foy C. Futrelle, *President*
Mike Scott, *Assistant Secretary*

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, would like to ask the Cape Fear Conference to go on record reaffirming our acceptance and approving the second paragraph of our church covenant, which reads as follows:

"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 conforming to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We would like to ask our fellow-church members to abstain from all shopping on Sunday, as this is the day that Christ, our Lord and

Saviour, set aside to worship Him; also, by our shopping on Sunday, we are often forcing our fellow Christians to have to work on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

Foy C. Futrelle

Hubert C. Stanley

W. A. Martin

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, respectfully submit the following:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that all ministers of the Cape Fear Conference stress to the congregations of our churches the Free Will Baptist doctrines and teach the Biblical stability of our beliefs.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that this Conference give a rising vote of thanks to the membership of Casey's Chapel Church for their hospitality and generosity during this one-hundred-twenty-seventh session of the Cape Fear Conference.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that this Conference extend a heartfelt vote of thanks to the outgoing officers of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Scarborough, *Chairman*

John David Hill

J. B. Caton

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee, offer thanks to our Heavenly Father for His wonderful love to all of us, and that we are able to report that we have not lost a minister nor an officer of this Conference by death during this past year.

Our prayer is that God's blessings will continue to rest upon us as we strive to continue to preach His Word here on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Coats

W. O. Lassiter

Edward L. Miles

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following record:

Delegates present	44
Visitors present	<u>16</u>
Total layment present	
Ordained Ministers present	32

Licensed ministers present	3	
Visiting ministers present	<u>10</u>	
Total ministers present		<u>45</u>
Total laymen and ministers present		105
Respectfully submitted,		
Phillip Wood, <i>Chairman</i>		
Elijah Floyd Smith		

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following to fill the positions open in the Cape Fear Conference:

- Moderator:* The Rev. C. Felton Godwin
 - Assistant Moderator:* The Rev. Phillip Wood
 - Treasurer:* Mr. H. T. Hinson
 - Secretary:* Mrs. Ray G. Smith
 - Assistant Secretary:* Mrs. Dola Dudley
 - Executive Committee:* The Rev. W. A. Martin (Member at Large)
 - Board of Missions:* The Rev. Alton Howard, 1986; Rod Jones, 1982
(to fill unexpired term of the Rev. Billy R. Nowell)
 - Board of Trustees:* The Rev. Luby Tyner, 1986
 - Board of Education:* Mrs. Ruth Warrick, 1986
 - Ordination Council:* The Rev. Foy C. Futrelle, 1986
- Respectfully submitted,
Henry Armstrong
Johnny Woodall
Rayford Lee

TREASURER'S REPORT
(July 1, 1980—June 30, 1981)
Administrative Department

Balance on hand July 1, 1980		\$ 218.93
	<i>Receipts</i>	
50% Conference funds at Shady Grove	\$ 387.65	
50% Union funds at Victory Mission	161.71	
50% Union funds at West Clinton	165.40	
50% late funds from Hopewell	15.00	
50% Union funds at Wooten's Chapel	158.36	
50% Union funds at Yelverton Grove	171.06	
From sale of <i>Yearbooks</i>	16.00	
Interest on checking account	<u>60.39</u>	
Total receceipths		<u>1,135.57</u>
Total for which to account		\$1,354.50

Disbursements

Postage	\$ 6.48	
Dola Dudley, postage for Lancaster letters	18.00	
Ruth Warrick, 80 miles travel	16.00	
Dola Dudley, 160 miles travel	32.20	
H. T. Hinson, 283 miles travel	56.60	
C. J. Hanna Associates, treasurer's bond	25.00	
E. C. Taylor, 181 miles travel	36.20	
Mount Olive College for Memorial Fund for Lisa Grubbs	25.00	
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Bible for Mark Hobbs	42.50	
Mrs. Ray G. Smith, Secretary's allowance	150.00	
H. T. Hinson, Treasurer's allowance	125.00	
Free Will Baptist Press, 120 Yearbooks	655.20	
Christian Action League	100.00	
Mrs. Ray G. Smith, postage and supplies	58.60	
Total disbursements		<u>\$1,346.78</u>
Balance in Administrative Fund as of June 30, 1981		<u>\$ 7.72</u>

Educational Department

Balance brought forward \$2,954.35

Receipts

20% Union funds at Victory Mission	\$ 64.68	
20% Conference funds at Shady Grove	155.05	
20% Union funds at West Clinton	66.16	
20% Union funds at Wooten's Chapel	63.34	
20% late funds from Hopewell	6.00	
20% Union funds at Yelverton Grove	68.42	
Total receipts		<u>423.65</u>
Total for which to account		<u>\$3,378.00</u>

Disbursements

Treva Kennedy, secretary's services and supplies	\$ 41.39	
Tammy Norris, scholarship	<u>300.00</u>	
Total disbursements		\$ 341.39
Balance in Educational Department as of June 30, 1981		<u>\$3,036.61</u>
Balance Student Loan Fund		<u>\$1,140.66</u>
Missions Department		
Balance brought forward		\$3,506.55

Receipts

20% of 30% at Victory Mission	\$ 19.40	
20% of 30% at West Clinton	19.85	
20% of 30% at Wooten's Chapel	19.02	
20% of 30% at Yelverton Grove	20.53	
20% of 30% Conference at Shady Grove	51.91	
Lee's Chapel Sunday School	209.86	
Eastover Mission	<u>20.00</u>	
Total receipts		<u>360.57</u>
Total for which to account		\$3,867.12

Disbursements

The Rev. W. O. Lassiter, services at Eastover Mission from 7-1-80 to 1-1-81	\$ 300.00	
The Rev. W. O. Lassiter, services at Eastover Mission from 1-1-81 to 6-30-81	150.00	
The Rev. Herman Wooten, designated by Conference	100.00	
40% of 30% paid to Foreign Missions	\$253.28	
40% of 30% paid to Home Missions	<u>253.28</u>	
		<u>506.56</u>
Total disbursements		<u>1,056.56</u>
Balance in Missions Department, June 30, 1981		<u>\$2,811.56</u>

Summary

Total Balances in all Departments as of June 30, 1981:

Administrative Department	\$ 7.72
Education Department	3,036.61
Missions Department	2,811.56
Student Loan Fund	<u>1,140.66</u>
Total to account for	\$6,996.55

Respectfully submitted,
H. T. Hinson, *Treasurer*

Churches	MEMBERSHIP							Total Property Value	TREASURER'S REPORT		
	Church	SS	League	YFA	AFC	WA	LL		Total Used Locally	Denomi- national Enterprise	Grand Total
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE											
Belhaven	20									25	25
Cape Colony	52								6,935	420	7,355
Corinth	25	25						20,000	459	398	857
Free Union	290	157		17	12	23		300,000		1,512	1,512
Gum Neck											
Hickory Chapel	284	129	10	3	6	26		365,000	30,382	7,261	37,643
Malachi's Chapel	154	73							6,457	2,670	9,127
Mount Tabor	52	80		7	7	25		150,000	18,217	2,726	20,943
Mount Zion	95	49	23					40,000	18,387	3,704	22,091
Piney Grove	27	31	13					35,000	1,152	273	1,425
Plymouth, First	61	62		6	3	16		150,000	16,457	775	17,232
Shiloh	253	121		15	28	23	17	150,000	35,800	4,250	40,050
Sidney	146	74	40	10	8	18	15	200,000	22,959	2,935	25,894
Sound Side	205	157	25	15	9	20		125,000	15,225	2,238	17,463
St. Paul	139	70		6	6	26	8	100,000	26,462	1,955	28,417
Trinity	43	30	18			12		55,000	5,017	2,200	7,217
Union Chapel	151	111	11	8	6	12	12				
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE											
Bethel	143	93		7	9	16	8	175,000	13,086	3,775	16,861
Casey's Chapel	139	78		20		16		90,000	20,735	1,828	22,563
Catalpa Mission	93	68		18	15	19		125,000	9,236	1,315	10,551
Daly's Chapel	48	35				7		40,000	1,271	987	2,258
Eastover Mission											
Eastwood	23	28		1	3	6	4				
Faith	125	67						195,000	6,420	1,304	7,724

Goldsboro, First	259	130	30	5	8	65		300,000	64,354	6,474	70,828
Haymount	50	48				12	10	70,000	23,948	2,566	26,514
Hopewell	176	188		15	11	68	26	268,800	59,286	5,660	64,946
Johnston Union	287	162		15	10	25		200,000	25,316	5,361	30,677
Lanwood Chapel	52	30						35,000	6,432	406	6,838
Lee's Chapel	271	190		20	24	28		125,000	39,844	11,255	51,099
Mount Olive	11								60	4,521	4,581
Oak Grove	146	125	25			31		75,000	8,727	3,974	12,701
Palmer Memorial	168	125		14	10	22	8	200,000	32,848	4,119	36,967
Pleasant Grove	205	170				22			31,536	1,647	33,183
Powhatan	233	124		12	3	17	7	100,000	21,157	1,890	23,047
Riverside	84	73				12		100,000	12,503	2,161	14,664
Robert's Grove	203	142		10	10	36		200,000	21,875	4,065	25,940
Saint Mary's Grove	209	136		12	10	38		130,000	18,378	1,718	20,096
Saint Paul	175	111				29		150,000	9,883	3,280	13,163
Shady Grove	334	123		24	15	20		350,000	39,628	7,371	46,999
Smithfield, First	133	82		5	12	18		150,000	23,827	1,544	25,371
Smyrna	140	122				10		85,000	17,543	980	18,523
Steven's Chapel	127	89									
Tee's Chapel	255	218		14	30	14		250,000	32,331	3,237	35,568
Victory Mission	32	21			6	5	6	52,000	17,728	1,006	18,734
West Clinton	43	35				8		90,000	1,712	233	1,945
Wooten's Chapel	130	50		5	5	10		70,000	7,719	1,913	9,632
Yelverton Grove	149	101		30		12		85,000	12,410	2,122	14,532
CENTRAL CONFERENCE											
Aspen Grove	180	168	25			22	12	100,000	18,288	4,458	22,746
Ayden	142	75		6		31	14	265,000	20,302	4,694	24,996
Bethany	129	92		8	10	28	18	275,000	42,836	5,810	48,646
Black Jack	718	485				45		575,000	53,078	11,654	64,732
Cedar Grove											
Community	89	111		5	12	12	4		20,228	2,420	22,648
Daniels Chapel	317	200		18	15	45	14	325,000	60,393	8,357	68,750