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MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF

LADIES' AID SOCIETIES

OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST OF

Cumberland Association

HELD WITH

OAKLAWN CHURCH, CHEATHAM CO., TENN.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Twelfth Annual Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of the Free Will Baptist of Cumberland Association of Tennessee, met with Oaklawn Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee, on August 17-18, 1932.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Key Note, "Church Loyalty."

The President, Mrs. W. H. Christian, called the house to order by singing hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers."

10:00.—Devotional conducted by Mrs. Elexine Slack, reading from the 84 psalm.

Prayer led by Rev. J. L. Welch.

10:30.—Recognitions and announcements.

Welcome address, Mrs. Nora Walker.

Response, by Mrs. J. W. Maxey.

11:00.—Key note address, "Church and Denominational Loyalty," by our President, Mrs. W. H. Christian. The address was well received.

12:00.—Adjournment for Lunch. Benediction by Bro. J. E. Hudgens.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Department of Sunday School and League in charge of Mrs. Mary Welch, Superintendent.

1:00.—Devotional, Miss Bernice Read.

(a) Hymn, "He Leadeth Me."

(b) Scripture Reading, Matt. 16:15.

(c) Topic, "Who Is the Church?"

(d) Prayer led by Mrs. W. E. Felts.

Roll called and a quorum being present the President declared the house open for business. The following societies were represented by letter or delegates: Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, East Nashville, Cofer's Chapel, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oaklawn, Rock Springs and Heads.

By motion the following committees were appointed:

Petitions and request: Mrs. Miles Gower, Chairman, Mrs. John Nicholson, Mrs. Walter Harris.

Obituaries: Mrs. Cleveland Groves, Chairman, Mrs. Bennie Smith, Mrs. J. H. Oliver.

Resolutions: Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Chairman, Mrs. George Walker, Mrs. Edd Parker.

Committee on plan of work for 1933: Mrs. Gladys Jackson, Chairman, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. Agnes Frazier.

A motion was made by Mrs. J. E. Frazier that a committee be appointed to work out a general schedule for all the societies to follow in order that the work may be more uniform throughout the Convention. The motion was carried.

The committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Chairman, Mrs. Fred Jackson, Mrs. Fred Polston.

A message was brought to us by Bro. Welch, concerning the plans of the General Conference. The plan is under consideration to establish a school at some central point for the training of Free Will Baptist Ministers and Church workers. We were encouraged to use our means and influence to secure the location of the school in Tenn.

Reports were called for and received as follows:

Report of Field Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Simpson. Report read by Mrs. J. E. Frazier.

By motion the report be received as read.

Report of Executive Committee. The report was adopted as read.

Report of Departmental Superintendent for Sunday School and League, Mrs. J. L. Welch, Superintendent.

Temperance by Mrs. Fred Polston.

By motion the reports be adopted as read. A motion was carried that the Convention discard Leagues, Sunday School and Temperance Departmental work.

Report of Stewardship and Mission work by the Superintendent Mrs. J. E. Frazier. For further information on this Department of work "see plan of work for 1933." *Report of National work, by National Dec 1932, Mrs. F. Polston*

The report was very encouraging. The Secretary urges each society to observe the week of prayer before Easter. Each Society is urged to send 10 cents per capita for General Conference funds. Each Society is asked to stress the need of Mission work for our denomination, during the year 1933.

Report of Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer, To Ladies Aid Convention For Year Ending August 17, 1932.

Orphanage Fund

Nov. 19, 1931, received from Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, retiring treasurer,	
for orphanage fund	\$5,873.83
Interest on deposit April 1, 1932	58.73
New Hope Ladies Aid, August 14, 1932	25.00
Oaklawn Ladies Aid, August 10, 1932	10.00
Ashland City Ladies Aid, August 17, 1932	12.11
Total amount on hand	\$5,979.67

Checking Account

Received from Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, retiring treasurer, Nov. 19, 1932.	\$149.74
From Ashland City Ladies Aid, Aug. 15, 1932:	
For convention dues	4.00
For minutes	2.00
For General Conference dues, June 10, 1932	1.80

From New Hope Ladies Aid, August 15, 1932:	
For convention dues -----	5.00
For minutes -----	2.00
From Bethlehem Ladies Aid, August 15, 1932:	
For convention dues -----	11.40
For minutes -----	2.00
For General Conference dues, June 10, 1932 -----	4.20
From Bethel Ladies Aid, August 1, 1932:	
For convention dues -----	3.00
For minutes -----	2.00
From Oaklawn Ladies Aid, July 8, 1932	
For convention dues -----	6.30
For minutes -----	2.00
From Heads Ladies Aid, July 8, 1932:	
For convention dues -----	3.00
For minutes -----	2.00
From East Nashville Ladies Aid, August 15, 1932:	
For convention dues -----	8.10
For minutes -----	2.00
From Cofer's Chapel Ladies Aid:	
For conventions dues -----	6.30
For minutes -----	2.00
From Rockspring Ladies Aid:	
For convention dues -----	3.00
For minutes -----	.50
Total receipts -----	\$222.34

Disbursements

Dec. 5, 1931, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, field worker, -----	\$ 4.00
Dec. 7, 1931, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, field worker, -----	4.00
Feb. 8, 1932 W. T. Clark, Printing Co., minutes -----	27.50
Feb. 8, 1932, Miss Mary Patton, trans. -----	6.50
Feb. 8, Hicks, Brady Co., for bond -----	15.00
June 11, 1932, national dues -----	27.80
Total disbursements -----	\$ 84.80

Balance to date on checking account ----- \$137.54

Report adopted.

Song: "When we all get to Heaven."

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Thursday Morning. Benediction, by
Bro. J. L. Welch.

THURSDAY MORNING

9:00.—Department of Stewardship and Mission in charge of the Superintendent, Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier.

Devotional by Miles Gower.

- (a) Hymn, "I gave my life for Thee."
- (b) Scripture Reading, Matt. 9:37, 38.
- (c) Topic, "Recruiting Christian Workers."
- (d) Prayer, Mrs. W. E. Felts.

9:30.—Roll call. A quorum being present, the President declared the house open for business. Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

Reports from Societies called for as follows:

ASHLAND CITY

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members first of year	18
Number of members died	1
Number of members ceased to affiliate	2
Number of members in good standing	15

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 37.40
Collected during year	93.64
Total	\$131.04

Disbursements

General Conference funds	\$ 1.80
Orphanage Funds	12.14
Minutes of Convention	2.00
Convention dues	4.00
Other expenses	68.00
Total	\$87.94 87.94

Balance on hand at close of year	\$43.10
Visits to the sick	116
Baskets to the poor	2
Trays to the poor	4
Visits in the interest of Society	4

BETHEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number on roll first of year	12
Number enrolled	1
Number members in good standing	13

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of year	-----	\$44.52
Amount Collected	-----	18.00
Total	-----	<u>\$62.52</u>

Disbursements

Minutes of Convention	-----	\$ 2.00
Convention dues	-----	3.00
Other expenses	-----	21.60
Total disbursements	-----	<u>\$26.60</u> 26.60
Balance on hand	-----	<u>\$35.72</u>
Visits to the sick	-----	120
Visits in interest of society	-----	1
Trays to the sick	-----	10

BETHLEHEM

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members first of year	-----	42
Number of members died	-----	1
Number of members ceased to affiliate	-----	3
Number of members in good standing	-----	38

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of year	-----	\$ 36.72
Collected during the year	-----	100.72
Total	-----	<u>\$137.44</u>

Disbursements

General Conference funds	-----	\$ 3.80
Minutes of Convention	-----	2.00
Convention dues	-----	7.60
Other expenses	-----	104.39
Total disbursements	-----	<u>\$117.79</u> 117.79
Balance on hand close of year	-----	<u>\$ 19.66</u>

COFER'S CHAPEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members first of year	-----	43
Number of members enrolled	-----	7
Number members died	-----	1

Number members ceased to affiliate -----	28
Number members in good standing -----	21

Financial Report

Amount on Hand first of year -----	\$ 102.76
Collected during year -----	927.98
Total -----	\$1029.98

Disbursements

Minutes of Convention -----	\$ 2.00
Convention dues -----	6.30
Other. expenses -----	982.42
Total -----	\$990.72 990.72

Balance on hand at close of year -----	\$ 39.26
Visits to the sick -----	1567
Visits in interest of society -----	654
Chariy -----	436
Trays to the sick -----	141
Groceries to the poor -----	\$44.00
Cash to poor -----	\$44.50
Boquets to the sick -----	39
Calls in interest of church -----	636
Prayer meetings held during year -----	9

EAST NASHVILLE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members first of year -----	31
Number members enrolled -----	2
Number members ceased to affiliate -----	6
Number members in good standing -----	27

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of year -----	\$
Amount collected -----	1403.40

Disbursements

Minutes of convention -----	\$ 2.00
Convention dues -----	8.10
Other expenses -----	515.95
Total disbursements -----	\$526.05

Balance on hand at close of year was paid into church treasury.

Visits in interest of society -----	281
Trays to sick -----	12

Baskets to the poor -----	2
Prayer meeting held -----	12
Observed week of prayer.	

ROCK SPRINGS

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members first of year -----	29
Number of members enrolled -----	6
Number of members died -----	0
Number members ceased to affiliate -----	5
Number members in good standing -----	30

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of year -----	\$23.08
Collected during year -----	65.45
Total -----	\$88.53

Disbursements

Minutes of Convention -----	\$.50
Convention dues -----	3.00
Other expenses -----	1.60
Total disbursements -----	\$ 5.00 5.00

Balance on hand at close of year -----	\$83.43
Visits to the sick -----	754
Trays to sick -----	295

OAKLAWN

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members first of year -----	28
Number of members enrolled -----	1
Number of members ceased to affiliate -----	11
Number members in good standing -----	18

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of year -----	\$105.75
Collected during year -----	41.21
Total -----	\$146.96

Disbursements

General Conference -----	\$ 1.80
Orphanage campaign -----	10.00
Minutes of convention -----	2.00

Convention dues	4.50
Other expenses	89.36
Total disbursements	\$107.66 107.66
Balance on hand at close of year	\$ 39.30
Visits to the sick	607
Trays to sick	18
Garments to the poor	7
Donations for a widow	\$5.00

NEW HOPE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members first of year	22
Number enrolled	1
Number members in good standing	23

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of year	\$15.91
Amount collected	39.30
Total	\$55.21

Disbursements

Orphanage fund	\$25.00
Minutes of convention	2.00
Convention dues	5.00
Other expenses	8.91
Total disbursements	\$40.91 40.91

Balance on hand at close of year	\$14.30
Visit to the sick	266
Trays to sick	37
Garments to the poor	95

11:00.—Address, "Your Orphanage in your church," Mrs. Agnes Frazier.
Song by congregation.

11:30.—Address, "Christian Efficiency", Mrs. Gladys Jackson.

Both addresses were well received by the convention.

Declamation contest led by Mrs. Agnes Frazier which was very interesting and highly approved by the Convention.

Special song, by Jean Welch.

We were favored by talks at this time from the following Ministers: J. H. Oliver, J. L. Welch, W. B. Davenport, and J. R. Carroll.

Adjourned for lunch. Benediction by Bro. J. H. Oliver.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Department of Orphanage in charge, Mrs. W. E. Felts, Superintendent.

1:00.—Devotions by Mrs. C. H. Groves.

- (a) Song, "Saviour Like a Shepherd."
- (b) Scripture reading, Mark 10:13-18.
- (c) Topic, "Uplifted Hands."
- (d) Prayer, Mrs. W. E. Felts.

Report of Orphanage work by the Superintendent, Mrs. W. E. Felts. By motion this report be received as read and Mrs. W. E. Felts be appointed Superintendent of Orphanage Work for the ensuing year.

Report of committees called for and received as follows:

Obituaries.—We your committee on obituaries submit the following: Since it has pleased God to take from our midst two of our beloved aid members, Mrs. Cynthia Pomeroy from Ashland City Society and Mrs. Martha Harrison from Cofer's Chapel; we extend our heart-felt sympathy to their families and members of societies, and point them to one who does all things well. We trust our loss is Heavens gain.

MRS. C. H. GROVES, Chairman.

MRS. J. B. SMITH.

MRS. J. H. OLIVER.

Resolutions.—We your committee submit the following resolutions: 1st. Be it resolved that we, the Ladies Aid Convention, express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the members and well-wishers of Oaklawn Church and community for their splendid hospitality and courtesy shown us during the setting of this Convention.

2nd. Be it resolved that we express our thanks to Mrs. J. E. Frazier and Mrs. Gladys Jackson for their splendid addresses.

3rd. Be it resolved that we, the Ladies Aid Convention, continue this Declamation contest. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FLOYD SWAN, Chairman.

MRS. GEORGE WALKER.

MRS. EDD PARKER.

Petitions and requests.—We the committee on petitions and requests submit the following: We have received one petition from the Ladies Aid Society at Beach Grove, Neptune, Tenn., asking for admission into the Convention. We have had no petition asking for the Convention at its annual setting.

MRS. MILES GOWER, Chairman.

MRS. JOHN NICHOLSON.

MRS. WALTER HARRIS.

By motion the society at Beach Grove be received into the Convention, and a committee appointed to envestigate a place for the next annual setting.

Committee is as follows: Mrs. J. H. Oliver, Chairman, Mrs. Lillian Lee, Mrs. Floyd Swan.

Committee on plan of work for 1933. The report was read and adopted and is as follows:

I. Educational Plan of Work.

- (a) Standard of achievement for Women's Work.
- (b) Encourage Orphanage Work by special programs and donations
- (b) Encouraging movement for Free Will Baptist Training School for Ministers and Christian Workers. Encourage Orphanage Work by special programs and donations.
- (c) Preparation of leaflets, stories and plays for Stewardship and Mission Work.
- (d) Preparation of programs for week of prayer.
- (e) Distribution of Temperance literature.
- (f) At least one Temperance program given during a year.
- (g) Distribution of any good literature that will encourage F. W. B. Work and promote God's Kingdom on earth.
- (h) Distribute or see that Presidents of each Ladies' Aid Society has a copy of achievements.

Mrs J. L. Welch was appointed Superintendent of the Department work for 1933.

II Plan of work for Personal Service.

Each Society Chairman keep an accurate record of the following:

- (a) Cottage Prayer meetings.
- (b) Soul-winning efforts made.
- (c) Clean up campaigns.
- (d) Visiting to get new members for church, Sunday School and Ladies Aid Society.
- (e) Visits to see sick, crippled and shut-ins.
- (f) Service held.
- (g) Garments, trays and baskets to the poor.
- (h) Bibles given.
- (i) Conversions resulting from personal service.
- (j) Having a personal Service committee.

Each personal service chairman send to the Departmental Superintendent, on or before Aug. 1, 1933, a complete record of work done.

A personal service chart will be presented at the Annual Convention by Superintendent of Personal Departmental work.

Recognitions

A banner will be awarded the Society reporting first to the Convention President 100% in "Standard Achievement."

A banner will be awarded to the Society gaining highest per cent in the following:

- (1) Largest number enrolled in Stewardship class—20%.
- (2) Largest number of new members for 1933—20%.
- (3) Largest number of tithers for 1933—20%.
- (4) Payment of Mission dues by every member—20%.
- (5) Co-operation in report to Department Superintendent—20%.

Mrs. Fred Jackson was appointed Superintendent for this Department for the ensuing year.

III. Plan of work for Stewardship Department.

- (a) Each stewardship chairman conduct a stewardship contest among young people selecting winners for the Convention, where awards of medals will be made by the Convention President.
- (b) One book on Stewardship studied this year.
- (c) One talk on stewardship each quarter.
- (d) Four months tithing campaign (from March 1st to June 30th).
- (e) One program devoted entirely to Stewardship.
- (f) Each Stewardship Chairman send to department Superintendent on or before Aug. 1st 1933, a complete report of the work.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier was appointed Superintendent of this Department for the ensuing year.

Mission Plan of Work

I. That a week of prayer be held the week preceeding Easter.

II. Mission Study class having three fourths of active members enrolled, not less than four hours spent in class work. All enrolled must read the text book.

III. Each Mission Chairman to keep a complete record of classes and awards of her Society and report her work on or before Aug. 1st, 1933, to the Department Superintendent.

IV. Each Mission Chairman to collect a mission dollar from each member and report amount collected to Department Superintendent on August 1st, 1933.

V. A special program devoted entirely to Missions, either home or foreign, and a special offering for missions.

Mrs. J. H. Oliver was appointed Superintendent for the ensuing year.

Standard of Achievement for Ladies' Aid Societies: To be an A-1 Society you must observe the following ten points:

- (1) At least 12 meetings of the Society during the year.
- (2) An increase of active membership of 10% of the number enrolled at the beginning of the year.
- (3) 100% payment of Convention dues.
- (4) Participation in the observance of week of prayer.
- (5) One Mission study class.
- (6) Personal service work reported to Convention.

- (7) An average attendance at the Society meetings of one half of the active members.
- (8) One Stewardship study class.
- (9) Participation in the annual Stewardship Declamation contest.
- (10) One Free Will Baptist religious paper or magazine subscribed for in one half of the families represented in your Society.

"Let's be A-1 in 1933 and not be a-shamed."

By motion Mrs. Nannie Smith was elected delegate and Mrs. E. Parker alternate to represent the Ladies' Aid Convention at the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Head's Church, on Oct. 1933.

By motion the Secretary was directed to transcribe and superintend the printing and distributing of minutes and she be paid \$6.50 for her service and expense to be paid out of the treasury.

By motion the Convention pay for bond and insurance for the treasurer.

By motion we go into election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected: President—Mrs. Edd Parker, Vice-president—Mrs. C. H. Groves, Rec. Sec.—Miss Mary Patton, Asst. Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Alexine Slack, Cor. Sec.—Mrs. Nannie Smith, Treas.—Mrs. Fred Polston, Field Worker—Miss Bernice Reed, Executive Committee—President, Vice-pres., Treasurer, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. T. Harris, Mrs. Walter Maxey.

Departmental Superintendents:—Stewardship—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Missions—Mrs. J. H. Oliver. Personal Service—Mrs. Fred Jackson, Orphanage—Mrs. W. E. Felts, Education—Mrs. J. L. Welch.

By motion we adjourn to meet with Bethel Church on Wednesday before 3rd Sunday in Aug. 1933. Benediction.

Mrs. Edd Parker, President, 2118 Scott Ave. Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Mary Patton, Sec. Ashland City, Tenn.

LADIES AID DIRECTORY

Societies, Presidents and their Addresses

Ashland City, Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.
Bethlehem, Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Ashland City, Tenn., Route 1.
Bethel, Mrs. Floyd Swan, Neptune Tenn., Route 2.
Coffer's Chapel, Mrs. L. O. Burros, Colorado Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
East Nashville, Mrs. Fred Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.
Heads, Mrs. Miles Gower, Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. F. D.
Mt. Zion, Miss Bernice Reed, Ashland City, Tenn., Route 1.
New Hope, Mrs. W. E. Felts, Joelton, Tenn.

Oaklawn, Mrs. Lillian Lee, Thomasville, Tenn., Route 1.
Rock Springs, Mrs. Maude Justice, Neptune, Tenn, Route 1.
Royals Chapel, Mrs. Willie Shepherd, Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 2.
Shady Grove, Mrs. James Bagwell, Clarksville, Tenn., Route 4.
Oak Wood, Mrs. Laura Settle, Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 2.
Oak Grove, Mrs. Ella Garrett, Charlotte, Tenn., Route 2.

Departmental Superintendents

Stewardship.—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1304 Fatherland St. Nashville, Tenn.
Missions—Mrs. J. H. Oliver, 1600 10th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.
Personal Service—Mrs. Fred Jackson, Ashland City, Tenn.
Orphanage—Mrs. W. E. Felts, Joelton, Tenn.
Field Worker—Miss Bernice Reed, Ashland City, Tenn., Route 2.

FORM OF LETTER

We, the Ladies Aid Society of _____
Church at _____ the state
Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee,
when convened with _____
Church on August _____ 193_____

We have chosen our delegate to wit:

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of the year. _____
Number of members enrolled during the year _____
Number of members who died during the year. _____
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate. _____
Total number in good standing _____

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year _____
Collected during the year _____

Disbursements

General Conference Funds _____
E. and O. Campaign _____
Minutes of Convention _____
Convention Dues _____
Mission Money _____
Other Expenses _____
Total disbursements _____

Balance on hand at the close of the year _____
Visits to see sick _____ Visits in interest of society _____
Charity calls _____, Trays to sick _____, Baskets to poor _____
Observe Week of Prayer _____
Our day of meeting _____

This done by order of Ladies Aid Society at _____
_____, on this _____ day of _____ 193_____

_____, President.
_____, Secretary.

