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PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-seventh Annual session of the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. B. Smith, on Wednesday, August 20, 1947, at Bethel Church.

Program Theme—"Faith Is the Victory"

Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers"

Prayer—Rev. Ernest Craft

Devotional—"Victory through Faith," presented by Mrs. J. L. Welch. First John 5:4 was used. The message was very interesting. Mrs. Welch explained that faith is our keyword and more important now than ever before.

Mrs. Floyd Swann extended a hearty welcome to all, to which Mrs. H. W. Christian very graciously responded.

Enrollment of the following societies: Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Cofer's Chapel, East Nashville, Olivet, Good Springs, Sylvan Park, by delegates, and West Nashville by letter.

Recognition of and greeting from the following ministers: Rev. R. L. Sanders, Rev. Ernest Craft, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Rev. Adam Scott, and Rev. Huey Gower.

Appointment of Committee on Committees: Mrs. J. L. Welch, Mrs. Theodore Dowlen, Mrs. Charles Sublett.

The Free Will Baptist College Auxiliary was welcomed into the convention.

Song Service conducted by Rev. Huey Gower.

Special Song—James Bennie Smith.

Convention message brought by Rev. T. G. Hamilton . . . very timely and inspiring. Scripture used: 1st Cor. 15:56-58.

Rev. Ernest Craft presented a plea for the cooperation of the Women's Auxiliary Convention in his work with the National Foreign Mission Board.

Benediction—Rev. R. L. Sanders.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us."

Duet—Mrs. N. V. Williams and Mrs. W. G. Boyd.

Devotional—Mrs. Jess Hayes. Victory through Love—Eph. 3:17, 19—was very thought provoking and timely.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Committees as follows:

Resolution: Mrs. Huey Gower, Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Mrs. Guy Frazier.

Plan of Work: Mrs. Polson, Miss Mary Patton, Mrs. N. V. Williams.

Petitions and Requests: Rebecca Stewart, Virginia Van Hook, Mrs. Fannie Smith.

Obituary: Mrs. W. E. Marshall, Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, Mrs. W. E. Felts.

Appreciation: Mrs. Jess Hayes, Mrs. Nell Eatherly, Mrs. W. M. Hunter.

Nominating: Mrs. H. W. Christian, Mrs. Smith Cockrill, Mrs. Floyd Swann.

Message of the President—Mrs. Smith.

The Auxiliary and respective representative in Stewardship readings are as follows:

New Hope, Bonnie Harris; Ashland City, Jean Chapman. This was a very entertaining part of the program and all auxiliaries are urged to be represented next year.

Highlights of the National Auxiliary Convention which met in Detroit, Michigan, was given by Mrs. Fannie Polston, Rebecca Stewart, Mrs. Virginia Van Hook, Rev. R. B. Crawford.

Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING

Hymn—"Near the Cross."

Devotional—Mrs. Adam Scott, Victory through the Cross. Gal. 6:14.

Report of First Vice-President, Victory through Enlistment and Literature—Mrs. H. W. Christian.

Report of Second Vice-President, Victory through Training Our Youth, given by Mrs. R. B. Crawford as requested by Mrs. Sublett.

Motion carried to discontinue reports until after lunch.

Recognition of and greetings from Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. Esther, Rev. Henry Oliver.

Song Service led by Rev. Henry Oliver followed by a solo by Rev. Oliver.

A very forceful and inspiring sermon was delivered by Rev. Welch. Lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song—"Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

Devotional, Victory Through Prayer—Mrs. Esther.

Report of Third Vice-President, Victory through Mission Study, and Prayer—Rebecca Stewart.

Report of Fourth Vice-President, Victory Through Stewardship—Mrs. Polston.

Report of Fifth Vice-President, Victory Through Personal Service—Mrs. W. E. Marshall.

Report of Treasurer, Victory through Gifts—Mrs. L. O. Burroughs.

Report of Corresponding Secretary read.

Motion made and carried to adopt entire group of reports.

Resolution Committee report read. Item No. 1 rejected, and Item No. 2 accepted.

Report of Committee on Plan of Work read and adopted.

Report of Nomination Committee read and adopted.

Report of Obituary Committee read and adopted.

Report of Petition and Request Committee read. Motion carried that the next Convention be at Good Springs next year.

Motion carried to accept Mt. Zion into membership of Convention.

Motion carried that the President appoint a delegate to represent this body concerning a state organization at the State Association in August. Mrs. Fannie Polston was appointed.

Rev. Welch was granted time for a few remarks concerning the Bible College.

Motion carried to list as unfinished business the committee for writing History of Our Work.

Motion was made to draw on fund in treasury for minutes.

Motion carried to pay Secretary of present convention and secretary of convention in 1945, and 1946, \$5.00 per year, plus mailing expenses, for transcribing minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn until Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1948, with Good Springs.

OFFICERS OF 1947-1948

President—Mrs. J. B. Smith, 1407 Calvin Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

First Vice-President—Mrs. J. L. Welch, 1409 10th Ave., No., Nashville, Tenn.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Sublett, 3204 Long Blvd., Nashville, Tenn.

Third Vice-President—Miss Rebecca Stewart, Ashland City, Tenn.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Fifth Vice-President—Mrs. W. E. Marshall, 310 Oceola Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Robt. B. Crawford, Ashland City, Tenn.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. B. Harris, 1730 Arthur Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Treasurer—Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, 4020 Colorado Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Delegate to Association—Mrs. Wm. Mentloe White, 1718 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

REPORTS

Report of First Vice-President

No. members on roll.....	145
No. new members	10
No. members suspended and died.....	2
No. of present enrollment.....	151
No. temperance leaflets distributed	37
No. temperance programs given.....	4
No. good tracts, leaflets, papers, etc.....	548
Total pieces of literature distribution.....	723
No. members making phone calls.....	30
No. members making personal visits.....	39
No. members mailing letters and cards.....	30

MRS. H. W. CHRISTIAN, 1st Vice-President.

Report of Second Vice-President

Activities sponsored for F. W. B. Bible College.....	32
Students in Bible College assisted.....	9
No. young women's auxiliary.....	5
No. of girl auxiliaries.....	1
No. Mission Study Classes for young people.....	25
No. of Vacation Bible Schools	4
Special study of Guide Book conducted.....	7

Olivet Church has organized an auxiliary of their young people composed of both boys and girls. Their report reveals much interest and activities in this young people's auxiliary. The report of the Bible College Auxiliary is for only four months since school adjourned in the Spring.

MRS. CHARLES SUBLETT, 2nd Vice-President,
in her absence given by Mrs. R. B. Crawford.

Report of Third Vice-President

Assistance given in making missionary program success.....	14
Tracts and missionary literature distributed.....	485
No. special missionary programs held.....	13
Special missionary offering in Auxiliary resulting from mission programs	\$104.00
Week of Prayer observed in Auxiliaries.....	6
Average No. attending	120
Special days of prayer conducted.....	12
No. Mission study classes.....	5
Average No. attending study classes.....	69

Books studied or used in reading circles

His Name Among All Nations

Missionary Lessons from the Bible.

Special gifts from East Nashville Auxiliary were sent to Miss Barnard, \$30.00; Cuban School, \$31.00; and Box to Cuba, \$20.00.

REBECCA STEWART, Third Vice-President.

Report of Fourth Vice-President

No. of tithers on roll beginning of year.....	59
No. of new tithers.....	5
No. Stewardship programs held.....	17
No. Stewardship study classes conducted.....	4
No. Stewardship reading circles.....	25
No. Stewardship books read.....	5
No. reading Stewardship books.....	31
No. enrolled in study classes.....	46
No. subscribing to Co-Labors Band.....	164
Amount received through Co-Labors Band.....	\$202.40

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON, 4th Vice-President.

Report of Fifth Vice-President

Special orphanage work done.....	2 gift boxes
Amount of orphanage donations.....	\$229.60
No. members engaged in personal service.....	78
Members assisting in cottage prayer meetings.....	44
Members making soul winning efforts.....	102
Members visiting the sick.....	142
Members distributing Bibles.....	12
Members distributing garments, trays and baskets to needy.....	124
Members helping in Red Cross, W.C.T.U. and community work.....	110

MRS. W. E. MARSHALL, 5th Vice-President.

Report of Corresponding Secretary

I received only one report, which was from East Nashville, and my report is incomplete. East Nashville reports 15 subscribers to F. W. B. papers; 3 letters and 15 postals mailed in interest of auxiliary work.

MRS. W. B. HARRIS, Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Obituary Committee

Since it has pleased our all wise God to call to their reward our beloved members, Mrs. Charles Leigh from Cofers Chapel, on Jan. 11, 1947, and Mrs. Ida Pemberton from New Hope Auxiliary, we submit the following resolutions: 1st: That we bow in humble submission to His holy will in calling the spirits of our beloved ones home. 2nd: That we extend to their families our deepest sympathy, and may they find comfort in Him who said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

MRS. W. E. MARSHALL
MRS. DOCIA FELTS

Report of Resolution Committee

We wish to submit the following:

1. Be it resolved that this convention complete its work in a one-day session next year, the date to be Wednesday following the third Sunday in August.

2. We recommend that each local auxiliary make a contribution toward the National Headquarters that is to be set up in Nashville.

MRS. HUEY GOWER
MRS. J. W. MAXEY
MRS. GUY FRAZIER

Report of Nominating Committee

We recommend the following people as officers for the coming year:

President.....	Mrs. J. B. Smith
1st Vice-President.....	Mrs. J. L. Welch
2nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Charles Sublett
3rd Vice-President.....	Miss Rebecca Stewart
4th Vice-President.....	Mrs. Fannie Polston
5th Vice-President.....	Mrs. W. E. Marshall
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Robert Crawford
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. W. B. Harris
Treasurer.....	Mrs. L. O. Burroughs
Delegate to Association.....	Mrs. W. M. White

MRS. H. W. CHRISTIAN
MRS. FLOYD SWANN
MRS. SMITH CROCKAREL

Report of Appreciation Committee

On behalf of our convention we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the Bethel Church and Auxiliary members for the hospitality, and delicious food, to the officers and program committee, and to every one who has had any part in making the convention a success.

MRS. JESS HAYES

MRS. WALTER HUNTER

MRS. NELLYE EATHERLY

Report of Petitions and Request Committee

We, your committee, wish to submit the following:

Mt. Zion Auxiliary requests admittance to the Convention. Good Springs asks for the Convention next year.

REBECCA STEWART

VIRGINIA VAN HOOK

MRS. FANNIE SMITH

Report of Committee on Plan of Work

We recommend that our convention adopt the plan of work as given by the National Auxiliary Convention in the revised manual of methods which is now ready for sale.

FANNIE POLSTON

MRS. N. V. WILLIAMS

MARY PATTON

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 7, 1946 to Aug. 21, 1947

Receipts

Received from Mrs. Huey Gower.....	\$101.76
Received for Free Will Baptist Home for Children.....	265.90
Received for Home Missions.....	26.00
Received for Foreign Missions.....	64.00
Received for Co-Laborers Bank.....	217.80
Received for Jehoiada Chest Fund.....	26.00
Received for Minutes.....	26.50
Received for Convention dues.....	50.90
Total Receipts	<u>\$778.86</u>

Disbursements

Paid for Co-Laborers Band.....	\$217.80
Paid for F. W. B. Home for Children.....	265.90.
Paid for Jehoiada Chest Fund.....	26.00
Paid for Home Missions.....	26.00
Paid for Foreign Missions.....	64.00
Paid for National Convention Dues.....	19.70
Paid for Minutes, Duty Printing Co.....	60.00
Paid for bank handling charges.....	2.60
Paid for printing and mailing convention programs.....	2.00
Paid for postage.....	1.05
Total Disbursements	<u>\$685.05</u>
Balance in Treasury	93.81

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Name and Address	Aug. 1, 1946 Membership	New Members	Aug. 1, 1947 Membership	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Co-Laborers	Total Disbursements
Auxiliary Presidents								
ASHLAND CITY -----16	1	17	----	52.20	49.60	29.80	271.95	
Mrs. Melvin Eatherly, Ashland City								
BETHEL -----13	3	16	----	----	58.00	34.00	140.67	
Mrs. Floyd Swann Neptune, Tenn.								
BETHLEHEM -----31	1	31	----	----	22.00	----	54.75	
Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Ashland City, Tenn.								
COFER'S CHAPEL ---37	1	30	----	----	24.00	50.00	210.91	
Mrs. Oscar Davis, 2005 12th Ave., No., Nashville, Tenn.								
COLLEGE-----ORAL								
5609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.								
EAST NASHVILLE ---15	--	15	----	51.00	24.00	44.00	225.71	
Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.								
GOOD SPRINGS -----	--	--	----	10.00	12.00	----	64.60	
Mrs. Ervin McMahan, Pleasant View, Tenn.								
MT. ZION -----ORAL								
Ashland City, Tenn.								
NEW HOPE -----33	2	35	24.00	24.00	24.00	35.00	261.13	
Mrs. W. E. Felts, Joelton, Tenn.								
OLIVET -----12	--	12	2.00	40.00	45.00	----	143.30	
Mrs. Joe Reding, Adams, Tenn., Rt. 2								
SYLVAN PARK ----- 9	--	11	----	----	----	----	5.00	
Mrs. J. S. Wall, Nashville, Tenn.,								
WEST NASHVILLE --23	11	23	----	----	20.00	20.00	150.88	
Mrs. Lou Conatser								

