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PROCEEDINGS

Theme: Abiding in Christ.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Woman's District Auxiliary Convention of Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists in Tennessee, was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. B. Smith, at Olivet Church, Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock, August 24, 1949.

The opening hymn, "O Jesus, I Have Promised," was led by Billy Melvin, with Mrs. W. M. White at the piano. Mrs. J. L. Welch led in prayer.

Mrs. George Head had charge of devotions and spoke on "Abiding in Christ Through the Woman's Auxiliary."

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Richard Parham.

Auxiliaries answering the roll call were: Ashland City, Bethlehem, Cofer's Chapel, East Nashville, New Hope, Olivet. Those represented by letter were: Good Springs, Sylvan Park, Trinity, and West Nashville.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee were read by the secretary.

Appointment of committees:

Resolutions: Mrs. George Van Hook, Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Mrs. C. F. Bowen.

Petitions and Requests: Mrs. Bettye Simpson, Mrs. Smith Crockerel, Mrs. Hattie Pack.

Digest: Mrs. Richard Parham, Miss Nola Eatherly, Mrs. R. L. Ray.

Plan of Work: Mrs. Oscar Todd, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Mrs. T. B. Felts.

Nominating: Miss Rebecca Stewart, Mrs. Christine Boyd, Mrs. W. E. Coville.

Mrs. J. B. Smith, president, brought her message from the Convention theme; and in it gave honorable mention to some who had pioneered in the work of Woman's Auxiliary. They were: Mrs. E. D. Parker, Mrs. W. E. Felts, Mrs. Rose Nunley, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Mrs. W. D. Ray, Mrs. Wilmoth Walker, Mrs. J. L. Welch, and Dr. Dell Upton, who organized the first auxiliary.

Reports of vice-presidents were given as follows:

First vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Brannon

Second vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Sublette

Third vice-president, Miss Rebecca Stewart

Fourth vice-president, Mrs. Christine Boyd

Fifth vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Marshall

Mrs. W. E. Coville, corresponding secretary, gave her report.

The following ministers were recognized: Rev. W. E. Marshall, Rev. C. F. Bowen, Rev. Wm. Mishler, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. B. Parsons; also Billy Melvin and Benito Rodriguez from Cuba—ministerial students.

A quartet from New Hope Church—Mrs. N. V. Williams, Mrs. Christine Boyd, Mrs. Bettye Simpson and Mrs. Wilmuth Milliken sang "That Blessed City on High," accompanied by Mrs. Stella Felts.

"When We All Get to Heaven," was sung by the congregation.

Benito Rodriguez, of Cuba, gave an inspiring testimony—his first in English—and sang, in English and Spanish, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone."

Billy Melvin, recently graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College, gave report of the summer's itinerary—the first for the College and which was very successful.

New Hope quartet sang, "It's Wonderful."

The Convention sermon was brought by Rev. C. F. Bowen, who used the Convention theme.

The meeting adjourned for lunch with prayer by Rev. Wm. Mishler.

AFTERNOON

Meeting was called to order by the president. Hymn, "Trust and Obey," was sung. Mrs. Fannie Polston conducted the devotional service using Numbers 13 to speak of "Encouragement in the Face of Difficulties." Mrs. W. E. Felts led in prayer.

Rev. Wm. Mishler spoke briefly to urge that rural auxiliaries take, as a project, the support of Benito Rodriguez in school.

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. L. O. Burroughs and adopted.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier gave "Highlights of the National Auxiliary Convention."

Mrs. N. V. Williams reported on the meeting of the State Convention.

A memorial service, in honor of the three members who died during the year: Mrs. Hattie Lane, of Sylvan Park Church. Mrs. Agnes McCool Read and Mrs. Mary Maxey of Bethlehem Church was arranged by Mrs. W. E. Marshall.

Billy Melvin conducted this service, with a beautiful poem.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was accepted and adopted as read.

The report of Committee on Plan of Work was adopted.

The report of Committee on Petitions and Requests was adopted. A vote on the two invitations for the next session of the

Convention gave a majority to East Nashville Church.

The report of the Digest Committee was adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted.

Delegates to the State Convention, meeting in October, were elected—Mrs C. F. Bowen and Mrs. C. E. Taylor. A motion carried to send five dollars from the Convention to the State Convention.

Benito Rodriguez expressed gratitude for plans to assist him through school.

A motion carried to adjourn. The next meeting will be on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in August 1950, at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church. Mrs. Florence Parham led the closing prayer.

MRS. J. B. SMITH, President

MRS. J. L. WELCH, Secretary

OFFICERS FOR 1949-1950

President—Mrs. Avis Sublette—3404 Long Blvd., Nashville, Tenn.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Florence Parham, Guthrie Ky., Route 1.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Rose Bowen, 616 Russell St., Nashville, Tenn.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. Virginia Van Hook, Ashland City, Tenn.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. Myrtle Felts, Joelton, Tenn.

Fifth Vice-President—Mrs. Vera Parsons, Joelton, Tenn.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Nadine Scott, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Gertrude Deming 148—41st Ave. No., Nashville, Tenn.

Treasurer—Mrs. Ethel Burroughs, 4020 Colorado Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Delegate to Cumberland Association—Mrs. Nannie Smith.

REPORTS**REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT**

On roll July 1, 1948.....	167
New members	8
Active members	90
Members suspended or died	12
Present enrollment	163
Average attendance	62
Temperance leaflets distributed	6
Temperance programs given	0
No. miscellaneous tracts, leaflets, etc.....	1806
Enlistment work to win new members:	
1. Number making phone calls	203
2. Number mailing cards and letters.....	73
3. Number making visits	165
Enlistment work to bring back absentees:	
1. Number making phone calls.....	130
2. Number making visits	108
3. Number mailing letters and cards.....	73
Societies reporting	7

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. BRANNOM, First Vice-President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Activities sponsored for Free Will Baptist:	
Young people in your church.....	70
Activities for Bible College sponsored.....	4
Students in F. W. B. College assisted.....	20
Number young Women's Auxiliaries.....	5
Number of Girls' Auxiliaries sponsored.....	2
Number Mission Study classes conducted for...	
young people	2
Number programs for Auxiliary meetings planned	
in advance	36
Number Vacation Bible Schools assisted in conducting.....	3
Number of special studies of 1947 Guide Book conducted.....	
Membership in Go-Tells.....	26
Membership in Girls Auxiliary.....	10
Stewardship Study Classes	1
Offerings reported	\$32.05
Auxiliaries reporting: New Hope, Olivet, Cofer's Chapel, East Nashville	

MRS. AVIS SUBLETTE, District Second Vice-President

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

Number of Mission Study Classes conducted.....	10
Books studied:	
His Name Among All Nations,	
Twilight or Dawn,	
Stewardship in the New Testament	
Number attending classes	151
Mission Reading Circles Held.....	13
Books Read: Missionary Letters from "Baptist,".....	1
Stewardship Study Classes conducted.....	3
Books studied: Stewardship in the New Testament,	
Number of tithers as result of study classes.....	2
Total number of tithers in auxiliaries.....	70
Stewardship Reading Circles held.....	3
Stewardship Declamation Contests held.....	1
Manual of Methods Studies conducted.....	4
Evangelism classes conducted	2
Books studied: Evangelism in Local Sunday School.	
Other Study Courses held.....	5
Special plans made for conducting successful study courses.....	

These reports also showed special days of prayer observed, including Week of Prayer, 247 leaflets and tracts distributed.

This includes reports from Ashland City, East Nashville, Bethlehem, Olivet, New Hope and Cofer's Chapel.

REBECCA STEWART, Third Vice-President

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

1. Subscribers to Auxiliary Manual.....	49
2. Subscribers to Year Book.....	73
3. Subscribers to F. W. B. Paper.....	51
4. Special Missionary Programs	16
5. Special Stewardship Programs	6
6. Special prayer programs conducted.....	18
7. Week of prayer programs held.....	18
8. Number B. Auxiliaries	2
9. Number attending prayer meeting.....	41
10. Programs for auxiliary planned.....	24
11. Articles sent to church bulletins.....	3
12. Other special programs: Co-Laborer Band 1,	
Orphanage 2, Evangelism 1.	
Amount of Special offerings from Mission Programs.....	\$171.00
Self Denial offering	21.10
Auxiliaries reporting 5, Cofer's Chapel, East Nashville, New Hope, Ashland City, Olivet.	

MRS. CHRISTINE BOYD, Fourth Vice-President

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT**Auxillaries Reporting:**

Ashland City, Bethlehem, Cofer's Chapel, East Nashville, New Hope, Olivet, West Nashville.	
Special Orphanage work done.....	9 gift boxes
Amount of Orphanage donation.....	\$344.02
Number of members engaged in personal service.....	111
Members assisting in cottage prayer meetings.....	13
Members making soul-winning efforts.....	85
Members visiting the sick.....	129
Members distributing Bibles	11
Members distributing garments, trays and baskets to the needy	98
Members helping Red Cross, W. C. T. U. and community work	74

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. MARSHALL, Fifth Vice-President

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I have written and mailed 32 cards and 20 letters.

I have received 3 standards from the following:

Two were A-1; Olivet and New Hope

One was B-1; East Nashville

Expense as follows:

Stamped Envelopes	\$1.22
Cards	.25
Programs	2.00
Mailing	.50
Total	\$3.97

MRS. W. E. COVILLE, Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN OF WORK

We recommend that our Convention adopt the plan of work as given by the National Convention in Revised Manual of Methods.

MRS. OSCAR TODD

MRS. EUGENE TAYLOR

MRS. T. B. FELTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

1. That we try to create a stronger spirit of loyalty to our Woman's work by enlisting all local auxiliaries in our District Auxiliary Convention.

2. That we give an award of \$5.00 to the auxiliary with the largest number of representatives in attendance at next year's meeting of the District Auxiliary Convention.

3. That we urge our Auxiliaries, Leagues, and Sunday Schools to contribute regular financial support to Benito while in our Bible School.

4. That all reports be in the hands of the proper officers by August 10th in order to be recorded in the year's work.

5. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to this church for its fine hospitality.

Respectively submitted:

MRS. GEORGE VAN HOOK

MRS. J. W. MAXEY

MRS. CLARENCE BOWEN

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

We, your Committee, wish to submit the following:

The Auxiliaries of New Hope and East Nashville request that the Convention meet with them at the setting of the next Convention, which request we refer to the delegated body.

Respectfully submitted:

MRS. BETTYE SIMPSON

MRS. SMITH CROCKARELL

MRS. HATTIE PACK

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Statistical Report to: Woman's District Auxiliary Convention.

Convention Year 1948-49

Membership Report

Number of auxiliaries.....	9
Number of members.....	209
Number of new members.....	10
Number of members reinstated.....	0
Total Number of members received.....	16
Number inactive members.....	51
Number members suspended.....	14
Number members died	1
Total loss of members.....	15
Total present membership	209
Increase in membership over last year.....	3

Financial Report

Received for:

Fifty Thousand Co-Laborer fund.....	\$ 133.30
Special offering	621.27
Convention dues	75.00
Total Receipts	829.57

Paid out for:

Fifty Thousand Co-Laborer fund.....	516.45
Convention dues and minutes.....	59.70
Other purposes	555.58
Total disbursements	\$1,131.73

Digest Comm. MRS. RICHARD PARHAM

MISS NOLA EATHERLEY

MRS. R. L. RAY

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend these for officers for the year 1949-50:

President—Mrs. Avis Sublette

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REBECCA STEWART

CHRISTINE BOYD

IRENE COVILLE

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL REPORT

Auxiliaries	Presidents	Addresses	No. Members 1st of Year	New Members	Dropped	Deceased	No. Members Close of Year
Ashland City	Mrs. George Van Hook.....	Ashland City, Tenn.....	20	1	3	...	18
Bethel			...	...	...	...	...
Bethlehem	Mrs. J. W. Maxey.....	Ashland City, Tenn.....	32	1	...	1	32
Cofer's Chapel	Miss Bertha Midgett.....	1718-A Arthur Ave., Nashville 8, Tenn.....	31	...	8	...	23
East Nashville	Mrs. Clarence Bowen.....	616 Russell St., Nashville 6, Tenn.....	...	4	...	...	29
Friendship			...	...	...	...	...
Goodsprings	Mrs. Sallie Ford.....	Pleasant View, Tenn.....	13	...	...	...	13
New Hope	Mrs. Bettye Simpson.....	Joelton, Tenn.....	35	2	...	...	37
Olivet	Mrs. Richard Parham.....	Guthrie, Ky., Route One.....	14	...	...	...	14
Sylvan Park			...	...	...	...	...
Trinity	Mrs. C. B. Thompson.....	Grapevine Ave., Nashville, Tenn.....	...	...	...	...	16
West Nashville	Mrs. W. E. Dycus.....	5606 Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tenn.....	31	8	11	...	27

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION, August 24, 1949

Auxiliaries	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Co-Laborer Band	F. W. B. Home for Children	F. W. B.	Special Gifts	Education	Mission Car To India	Superannuation	Minutes	Convention Dues	Total of Each Auxiliary
Asland City			\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00						\$ 5.00	\$ 5.40	\$ 70.40
Bethel		\$10.00		48.00	\$10.00					2.00	4.20	74.20
Bethlehem			3.00	20.00						2.00	3.00	28.00
Cofe's Chapel			40.00	24.00	11.50					5.00	6.90	87.40
East Nashville		22.90	50.00	24.00						5.00	8.10	110.00
Friendship												
Goodsprings										2.00	3.60	5.60
New Hope	\$ 6.00	6.00	74.00	49.00			7.50	\$23.41		2.00	11.10	179.01
Olivet	6.27	34.40	28.00	25.00	5.00		2.53		\$3.13	1.00	3.90	109.23
Sylvan Park												
Trinity												
West Nashville			5.00	24.00							1.60	1.60
TOTALS	\$12.27	\$73.30	\$230.00	\$244.00	\$26.50	\$10.03	\$23.41	\$3.13	\$24.00	\$55.80	\$702.44	

Receipts

Received for Home Missions	\$ 12.27
Received for Foreign Missions	73.30
Received for Co-Laborer Band	230.00
Received for F.W.B. Home for Children	244.00
Received for F.W.B. Home Christmas Gift	10.00
Received for F.W.B. Home for Home Furnishings	11.50
Received for F.W.B. Home for Play Equipment	5.00
Received for Education	10.03
Received for Superannuation	3.13
Received for Mission Car to India	23.41
Received for Minutes	24.00
Received for Convention Dues	58.80
Total receipts for the year	\$702.44
Balance on hand August 18th, 1948	103.56
Total	\$806.00
Total Disbursements for year	716.34
Balance on hand August 24, 1949	\$ 89.66

Disbursements

To Mrs. W. B. Harris, Printing and Mailing Convention Programs	\$ 3.00
To Mrs. L. O. Burroughs for Postage and Treasurer Book	
To Mrs. Huey Gower for State Dues	3.02
To Vandy Printing Co. for 200 Minutes	5.00
To Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, Transcribing and Mailing Minutes	52.02
To Mrs. Huey Gower for Home Missions	5.41
To Mrs. Huey Gower for Foreign Missions	12.27
To Mrs. Huey Gower for Education	73.30
To Mrs. Huey Gower for Co-Laborer Band	10.03
To Mrs. Huey Gower for Mission Car to India	23.41
To Mrs. Huey Gower for Superannuation	230.00
To Mrs. Huey Gower for National Convention Dues	3.13
To F.W.B. Home for Children	20.60
To F.W.B. Home for Children Christmas Gift	244.00
To F.W.B. Home for Children for Home Furnishings	10.00
To F.W.B. Home for Play Equipment	11.50
To American National Bank for Handling Charges	5.00
Total Disbursements	4.65

Total Disbursements

\$716.34

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, Treasurer

