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OFFICERS FOR 1957-58

President.....Mrs. Christine Boyd
2218 Crestmoor Road, Nashville, Tennessee

Vice-President.....Mrs. J. B. Smith
1407 Calvin Street, Nashville, Tennessee

Youth Chairman.....Mrs. Avis Sublette
2123 Abbott Martin Road, Nashville, Tennessee

Study Course Chairman.....Mrs. Esterlene Barnett
Chapmansboro, Tennessee

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman.....Mrs. Arthur Billows
Route 1, Joelton, Tennessee

Personal Service Chairman.....Mrs. Robert Shockey
Route 4, Ashland City, Tennessee

Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Robert Hill
124 Hart Lane, Nashville, Tennessee

Assistant Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Florence Parham
Route 1, Guthrie, Kentucky

Corresponding Secretary.....Miss Patsy Swann
3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

Treasurer.....Mrs. Audrey Felts
2825 Alhambra Circle, Nashville, Tennessee

Executive Secretary.....Mrs. Helen Inbody
3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

Proceedings

The thirty-seventh annual session of the Cumberland District Auxiliary Convention convened at the Ashland City Free Will Baptist Church on August 21, 1957 at 9:30 A.M. The convention was called to order by Mrs. Christine Boyd, President.

Theme: "Unlimited Opportunities"

Song Director: Rev. John Vick

Pianist: Mrs. Agnes Frazier

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing "Our Best" led by Bro. Vick. Rev. J. B. Fletcher offered prayer.

A welcome address to the convention was given by Mrs. J. B. Fletcher and the response by Mrs. Mabel Smith of Oaklawn.

Rev. Vick led in the singing of "Heavenly Sunlight" while an old-fashioned handshake was enjoyed and all "met our neighbors."

At this time, the following number from each auxiliary answered roll call:

Ashland City.....	8	Head's.....	7
Bethel.....	11	Loyal Chapel.....	6
Bethlehem.....	9	New Hope.....	13
Bible College.....	4	Oaklawn.....	11
Cofer's Chapel.....	3	Olivet.....	3
East Nashville.....	5	Shady Grove.....	8
Friendship.....	3	Sylvan Park.....	12
Good Springs.....	15	Trinity.....	2
Visitors.....	5		

The house was declared in order for business so that the credentials committee could be appointed and examine reports. Those appointed to this committee were Helen Inbody, Betty Shockey and Patsy Swann.

Those given special recognition at this time were Rev. Homer Will, National Board of Home Missions, and Rev. and Mrs. Huey Gower.

The following were present with us who have been auxiliary members for thirty-five years or longer: Mrs. Mary Welch, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Miss Mary Patton, Mrs. Mat Maxey, Mrs. Bobbett, Mrs. John Nicholson, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Mary Teasley and Mrs. J. B. Smith.

The report of the Credential's Committee was read and received with the change of delegates for Friendship Auxiliary and the correction of checks for representation fees.

The president recognized the following national and state officers present:

WNAC Officers

Mrs. Avis Sublette..... Youth Chairman

State Officers

Avis Sublette..... President

Agnes Frazier..... Treasurer

Nellie King..... Vice President

Christine Boyd..... Youth Chairman

The report of the executive committee was read and approved.

The following committees were appointed:

Digest:

Mrs. Nellie King
Mrs. Hyman Welch
Mrs. Nathan Barnett

Resolutions:

Mrs. Grace Brown
Mrs. Kenneth Albright
Mrs. Viva Lee Raymer

Registration:

Mrs. Nannie Smith
Mrs. Lillian Binkley
Mrs. Hallie Wall

Petitions and Requests:

Mrs. Esterlene Barnett
Mrs. Allan Smith
Mrs. Nelda Perry

Finance:

Mrs. L. O. Burroughs
Mrs. J. B. Bloss
Mrs. Clara Pickirilli

Plan of Work:

Mrs. Mabel Smith
Mrs. Elise Tomlin
Mrs. Fannie Polston

Appreciation: Mrs. Grace Wiley
Mrs. Lucille Read
Mrs. Joyce Whitworth

The Committee on Nominations was retained from last year per the Constitution. They were Mrs. Nannie Walker, Mrs. H. W. Christian, Mrs. Avis Sublette, Mrs. Richard Parnham and Mrs. Lucille Jinnette.

Bro. Vick led the congregation in singing a wonderful old hymn, "Higher Ground".

Mrs. Christine Boyd, President, gave her message entitled, "Opportunities through Leadership".

Reports of the departmental chairmen were given as follows:

"Unlimited opportunities through Enlistment", Mrs. Nannie Smith. Mrs. Smith asked that her full report be accepted later. Permission granted.

"Youth Abounds through unlimited opportunites", Mrs. Avis Sublette, who asked that her complete report be received later. Permission granted.

Solo by Mr. Ellis Cravens, "Wonderful Peace."

"Unlimited opportunities through study", Mrs. Esterlene Barnett. This report was received by the body.

"Unlimited opportunities through better planned programs", Mrs. Nellie King.

Mrs. King asked that her complete report be received by the body later. Permission granted.

Bro. Ellis Cravens led the congregation in singing, "Launch Out".

Rev. Homer Willis, Executive Secretary of the National Board of Home Missions, brought the convention message using the theme, "Unlimited opportunities in all Fields."

Rev. Arthur Billows led the dismissal prayer of the morning session and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Ashland City Auxiliary entertained with a lovely luncheon at the High School. The tables were decorated with flowers of lavender and white. A huge cake commemorating the 50th birthday of the auxiliary was the center of attraction on the speakers table.

Those honored at this luncheon as fifty-year auxiliary members were Mrs. Mary Welch and Mrs. Fannie Polston. Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Polston are the only living members of the first Free Will Baptist Woman's Work which was organized at Cofer's Chapel December 17, 1907.

Also honored were Mrs. Lillie Bobbett, Mrs. Mat Maxey and Miss Mary Patton who are charter members of local auxiliaries.

The convention president, Mrs. Boyd, presented each of the ladies honored with a beautiful corsage.

The following ministers gave words of greeting: Bob King, Bob Shockey, J. O. Brown, Homer Willis, Arthur Billows, Huey Gower, John Vick, Luther Reed, Paul Inbody, E. A. Craft, William Hill, J. B. Fletcher, Ellis Cravens.

This occasion will be long remembered by those present.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by Bro. Vick leading the congregation in singing, "Sunlight, Sunlight."

Mrs. Betty Shockey gave the report of her department, "Unlimited opportunities through personal service." Motion carried that this report be accepted.

Miss Patsy Swann gave her report, "Unlimited opportunities through publicity".

Motion carried to accept this report.

The names of the delegates were called and delegates were seated.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Special music "'Tis Amazing" was rendered by Mrs. Inbody and Mrs. Boyd.

The highlights of the state convention were brought to us by Mrs. Eula Read.

The highlights of the National Convention were given by Mrs. Fannie Polston.

Mr. Cravens sang for us, "Open Mine Eyes That I May See".

BUSINESS SESSION

The report of the registration committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Petitions and Requests was called for but could not give a report at this time since there were no requests for workshops or convention.

The report of the digest committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Plan of Work was given. Motion carried to accept this report.

The report of the Appreciation Committee was given and properly received.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read. Motion carried to receive the report.

Motion made and sustained that the entire slate of officers as offered by this committee be accepted. Motion carried.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read. Motion carried to receive the report and vote on it item by item.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 1.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 2.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 3.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 4.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 5.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 6.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 7.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 8.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 9.

The report of the Finance Committee was given. Motion carried that this report be received to be adopted item by item.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 1.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 2.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 3.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 4.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 5.

Motion made and carried to amend item number 6.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 6 as amended (see report)

The Goodsprings Auxiliary was recognized as having all their officers persent.

The report of the Petition and Requests Committee was read and adopted by proper vote.

Motion carried that the Executive Committee secure a place for the District Convention in 1958 and this be placed in the minutes. (See report)

At this time an offering was received to help defray the convention expenses. This amounted to \$19.00.

Motion made and sustained that the Enlistment, Youth and Program Prayer Chairmen be granted permission to complete their reports with the secretary to be placed in the minutes. Motion carried.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Miss Rebecca Stewart. Deceased auxiliary members who were remembered in this service were:

Mrs. Docia Felts, New Hope.

Mrs. Lucinda Conatzer Craft, West Nashville.

Mrs. Marilyn Reed sang "Where the Gates Swing Outward Never" to close this service.

A suggestion was offered that the name and addresses of the CYA Officers, the District Chairmen and Treasurer be added to the mimeographed Plan of Work to be sent to each local president.

Motion carried that this convention be adjourned.

Mrs. Bob King dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT HILL,
Recording Secretary

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

REPORT OF ENLISTMENT CHAIRMAN

From August 1, 1956 to August 1, 1957

A. Enlistment and Promotion Statistics:	
1. Number members on roll beginning of year.....	351
2. Number new members.....	93
3. Number active members.....	390
4. Number members lost.....	46
B. Enlistment work in winning new members:	
1. Members making phone calls.....	149
2. Members making personal visits.....	299
3. Members mailing letters or cards.....	237
C. Enlistment work done to bring back absentees:	
1. Members making phone calls.....	231
2. Members making personal visits.....	208
3. Members mailing letters or cards.....	390
4. Number leaflets and paper distributed.....	408
5. Number on roll August 1, 1957.....	390
6. Average attendance.....	25
D. Convention report:	
1. Number of churches having auxiliaries.....	21
2. Number auxiliaries first of year.....	21
3. Number of new auxiliaries organized (did not join convention).....	2
4. Total number auxiliaries.....	21

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. B. SMITH,
Enlistment Chairman

REPORT OF YOUTH CHAIRMAN

Total membership in YPA at beginning of Convention Year.....	255
Number members at close of Convention Year.....	297
Number YPA's aiding Bible College Students.....	6
Number YPA's assisting in Vacation Bible School.....	4
Number YPA's assisting in building church library.....	4
Number YPA's holding Study Courses.....	8
Number attending Study Courses.....	50
Prayer Seasons Observed.....	21
Number attending.....	79
Total membership in G.T.A. at beginning of Convention Year.....	111
Total membership at close of Convention Year.....	129
Number GTA's aiding Bible College Students.....	2
Number GTA's assisting in Vacation Bible School.....	3
Number GTA's assisting in building Church Library.....	1
Number GTA's holding Study Courses.....	3
Number members attending Study Courses.....	17
Number GTA's observing Prayer Seasons.....	4
Total membership in Y.A.A. at beginning of Convention Year.....	12
Total membership at close of Convention Year.....	17
Number YAA's assisting in Vacation Bible School.....	1
Number Study Courses held.....	1
Number attending.....	12
Prayer Seasons observed.....	2
Number attending.....	8

Fifteen of the 17 YPA's reported, 8 of the 9 GTA's reported and the 1 YAA (Olivet) reported. Last year a new organization called the YAA was welcomed into the youth work. This auxiliary has increased its membership by five and no members lost. It meets every two months and reports studying missions and assisting in Vacation Bible School and observed the Seasons of Prayer. The GTA and YPA report special activities as: purchasing organ for church; printing the church bulletins; fruit baskets to the aged; gifts for Lucy Wisehart; gift tea for Miss Filkins; Sweetheart Banquets; assisted in special programs; Shower for Children's Home; visits to shut-ins; visits to Veterans Hospital; sold place mats in amount of \$50.00 for Foreign Missions; offerings of \$27.60 for Bro. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks; sending birthday cards to missionaries; attended and participated in CYA programs.

I have written 87 letters, made 2 long distance telephone calls, attended 13 District Meetings connected with Youth Groups.

Respectfully submitted,
 MRS. AVIS SUBLETTE,
District Youth Chairman

REPORT OF STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN

Number auxiliaries reporting.....	16
Study classes held as follows:	
I. Manual of Methods.....	12
Youth Manual.....	3
Attendance.....	130
II. Prayer.....	9
Attendance.....	248
III. Missions.....	10
Attendance.....	317
IV. Stewardship.....	9
Attendance.....	204
V. Evangelism.....	9
Attendance.....	240

BOOKS STUDIED:

- I. Manual of Methods
 - Youth Manual
 - Guide book for Local Auxiliaries
- II. Prayer
 1. "Prevailing Prayer, What Hinders It" by Moody
 2. "The Prayers of Peter Marshall" by Catherine Marshall
 3. Bible
 4. "Try Prayer"
 5. "How to Pray" by Torrey
- III. Missions
 1. "How to Pray for Missionaries"
 2. "Within Our Reach" by Johnson
 3. "China Coast Family" by John Caldwell

V. Evangelism

1. The Meaning of Church Membership
2. "With Christ After the Lost"
3. "Bible Evangelism"
4. "How to Win Souls" by Fred Jordon
5. Film- "White unto Harvest"

V. Stewardship

1. Film- "Why do we Live"
2. Bible Stewardship
3. This World's Goods
4. "Your Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh"

Suggested Calendar of Study Classes for the Year:

August-September, Manual of Methods
October-November, Prayer
December-January, Missions
February-March, Stewardship
April-May, Evangelism

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ESTERLENE BARNETT,
Study Course Chairman

REPORT OF PROGRAM-PRAYER CHAIRMAN

1. Special programs held.	44
2. Number of weeks of Prayer held.	41
3. Total amount of self-denial offerings.	\$477.46
4. How many family altars.	116
5. How many observe Prayer Fellowship.	92

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. NELLIE KING,
Program-Prayer Chairman

REPORT OF PERSONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN

A. Soul-winning efforts	
1. Personal contacts.	412
2. Cottage prayer meetings attended.	333
3. Souls won (reported).	34
B. Community Missions	
1. Visited sick.	118
2. Cards sent.	442
3. Garments, trays, baskets to needy.	726
4. Participated in Red Cross 101; WCTU work.	32
5. Distributed Bibles 17; Tracts.	1,039
C. Orphanage work	
1. Clothing donated (Number of members, 69).	\$475.48
2. Furnishings.	\$ 50.83
3. Commodities.	\$702.30
4. Coupons.	157
D. Ministerial Relief	
1. Send cards or letters to aged ministers or families.	12
2. Given gifts.	\$15.83

Remarks:

Head's contributed forty-eight gallons of food to Bible College.

Goodsprings have an acre of garden for Bible College.

Trinity furnished mattress and springs to Rescue Mission.

Ashland City helped re-establish a needy family whose home and all contents burned.

Two auxiliaries adopted children to care for, one the Hersey's child, the other from the orphanage.

I wish to thank each local chairman for their co-operation and I desire your prayers that I may be of better service this next year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BETTY SHOCKEY,
Personal Service Chairman

REPORT OF PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

1. Articles sent to religious or secular papers, bulletins, etc.....	81
2. How many posters made 25. Personal invitations sent.....	193
3. Denominational papers subscribed to:	
1. Contact.....	85 (one auxiliary 100%)
2. Free Will Baptist.....	53
3. Free Will Baptist Gem.....	6
4. Others.....	20
Day of Prayer and Fasting Programs Printed.....	150
Workshop Programs Printed (2).....	300
Programs mailed to persons on program.....	30
Convention programs printed.....	200
Quarterly report blanks printed.....	200
Quarterly report blanks mailed to local Corres. Secretaries.....	48
Money spent for paper, stamps, etc.....	\$8.14

Remarks:

Two auxiliaries have taken outstanding projects for the year. Sylvan Park has adopted Philip Hersey, son of our missionaries in Japan. Ashland City has undertaken to publish a monthly newsletter to be sent to every member and prospective member.

Respectfully submitted,

PATSY SWANN,
Publicity Chairman

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Number auxiliaries reporting 18.

Number "A-1" Standard auxiliaries—3, No. "B" 3, No. "C" 1.

I. Enlistment Department

1. Enrollment at beginning of convention year 389, present enrollment 436.
2. Number new members 93, number lost 46, average attendance 253.

II. Youth Department

1. Number youth organizations: GTA 9, YPA 17, BA 0, YAA 1.
2. Total membership: GTA 129, YPA 297, YAA 17.
3. Number stewardship declamation contests held 0.
4. Number vacation Bible schools assisted 14.

5. Number active church libraries 4.
6. Number Bible College students assisted 205.
7. Other activities: cookies to missionaries, shower for Merch's, donation to Lucy Wischart, Valentines to Junior League Home, sponsored New Convert Class, sponsor church newspaper, parents banquet.

III. Study Course Department

1. Courses conducted Attendance
 - Missions, 15. 278
 - Stewardship, 10. 155
 - Manual, 14. 187
 - Evangelism, 12. 213
 - Prayer, 10. 193
2. Reading circles 15.
3. Number Daily Bible readers 152.

IV. Program-Prayer Department

1. Number special programs held 44.
2. Number weeks of prayer conducted 41.
3. Total amount self-denial offerings resulting from weeks of prayer \$477.46.
4. Total number family altars 116.
5. Total number members observing prayer fellowship 92.

V. Personal Service Department

1. Number making soul-winning efforts 221.
2. Number souls won 68.
3. Number active in community missions 219.
4. Total value of contributions to children's homes \$904.50.

VI. Publicity Department

1. Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers 185.
2. Number articles written for publication 79.
3. Other publicity work done: Monthly reminders, 16 posters, church bulletins, cards, one auxiliary mimeographs a monthly newspaper called "Look".

VII. Personal Gifts (Contributions through other channels)

Special Offerings:

Missions.....	\$539.76
Free Will Baptist Bible College.....	347.40
Children's Homes.....	236.00
Superannuation.....	29.00
Other.....	181.86
Student Loan Fund.....	500.00

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. BOB KING
MRS. NATHAN BARNETT
MRS. HYMAN WELCH

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL'S COMMITTEE

We, your committee on credential's, have examined the reports and find the following auxiliaries eligible for seats in this convention: Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bible College, Cofer's Chapel, East Nashville, Goodsprings, Friendship, Head's, Loyal Chapel, New Hope, Oaklawn, Olivet, Shady Grove, Sylvan Park and Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. HELEN INBODY
MRS. BETTY SHOCKEY
MISS PATSY SWANN

REPORT OF PETITIONS AND REQUESTS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Petitions and Requests, submit the following:

1. That the Fall workshop be at Bethlehem.
2. That the Spring workshop be at Goodsprings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ESTERLENE BARNETT
MRS. ALLEN SMITH
MRS. NELDA PERRY

Note: The 1958 District Convention will convene at Head's Free Will Baptist Church per invitation received by executive committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved:

1. That each local auxiliary close its books on or before July 30th and only those reports sent to chairmen to whom they should go by August 10th, appear in the annual convention report.
2. That at least one standard study course be held, preferably on the Manual of Methods before an auxiliary may be "A-1".
3. That at least two workshops be held during the next year. These to be in the Spring and in the Fall, date to be decided by executive committee.
4. That the quarterly report blanks be sent to each local officer quarterly this year.
5. That each auxiliary send an appointed representative to our district workshops.
6. That we keep for a united orphanage project, the supplying of towels and sheets to the Home for Children at Greeneville, Tennessee along with an offering sent monthly for groceries, etc. The towel and sheet shower should be given at our prayer season held for Home Mission work in November.
7. That a mimeographed copy of the 1958 Plan of Work as adopted by this body be mailed to each auxiliary president not later than September 10, 1957 and that the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to do this mailing. The recording Secretary will prepare the reports for mimeographing.
8. That this convention give a rising vote of thanks to the Ashland City Church for its generous hospitality.
9. That a committee of three be elected to judge the Standard of Achievement Charts. This would be a separate contest of W.A., GTA and YPA's to be judged on grade, neatness and originality.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GRACE BROWN
MRS. KENNETH ALBRIGHT
MRS. VIVA LEE RAYMER

REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Delegates.....	19	Members.....	107
Charter members.....	2	Officers.....	8
Ministers.....	13	Total.....	149

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. NANNIE SMITH
MRS. HALLIE WALL
MRS. LILLIAN BINKLEY

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

Be it resolved:

1. That each local auxiliary be asked to send \$5.00 annually for minutes.
2. That each district officer be reimbursed the amount spent for stationery and postage in promoting the district work and that the enlistment chairman be given 5c per mile for travel expenses in promoting the enlistment of new auxiliaries.
3. That each local auxiliary sponsor a special program during the month of September emphasizing the Memorial Student Loan Fund and honoring Pioneer Auxiliary Women, that a special offering be taken at this program and sent to the District Treasurer earmarked for the Memorial Student Loan Fund; that each member of the local auxiliary be asked to give \$1.00 for this fund.
4. That each GTA and YPA receive a special Missionary offering, the GTA money to be used for Visual Aid Equipment for mission stations and the YPA money to be used for the purchase of bicycles for the missions stations, the money to be sent through the CYA Treasurer in the month of February.
5. That we set October as the Bible College Month and that each local auxiliary receive an offering for the Bible College Expansion Program.
6. That we adopt as our proportionate share of the WNAC Project, the \$500.00 which is half of the amount allocated to Tennessee, to be used to establish a mission station in Africa. That each local auxiliary be responsible for \$25.00 of this amount.

Note: This item was amended to read:

That we adopt our proportionate share of the WNAC Project, the quota allocated to Tennessee being \$100.00 to be used to establish a mission station in Africa. (Allocations will be made later).

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS
MRS. ROBERT PICIRILLI
MRS. J. B. BLOSS

REPORT OF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, your committee on appreciation, wish to express our sincere thanks to the host church and its auxiliary for the wonderful way in which we have been entertained during this setting of the district convention. Various chairmen of Ashland City Auxiliary were Miss Mary Patton, hospitality; Mrs. Paul Morris, decorations; Miss Rebecca Stewart, foods; auxiliary president, Mrs. Agnes Frazier. We include, also, those who so ably assisted these in preparing of the luncheon and the host pastor, Rev. Fletcher. Our thanks to Mr. Massey and Board of Education for use of High School lunch room and facilities, to Hillside Garden Florist and its owner, Mrs. Jewell Boyte for the beautiful decorations, to Miss Norma June Travis and Mrs. Marilyn Read for special music during our lunch period and to the five faithful members who have helped in the convention work these number of years; and to Miss Patsy Swann for the nice job in printing the programs for this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GRACE WILEY
MRS. LUCILE REED
MRS. JOYCE WHITWORTH

PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Plan of Work, recommend the following:

That we adopt as our plan, the auxiliary plan of work as outlined in the Manual and in the Yearbook of Programs; that we support, as far as possible, the resolutions adopted at the WNAC, July, 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MABEL SMITH
MRS. ELISE TOMLIN
MRS. FANNIE POLSTON

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your nominating committee, wish to submit the following names for district officers to fill the vacancies for the coming year:

Treasurer: Mrs. Edwin Felts
Stewardship-Prayer: Mrs. Arthur Billows
Executive Secretary: Mrs. Helen Inbody
Assistant Recording Secretary: Mrs. Florence Parham
Delegate to Cumberland Association: Mrs. Grace Brown
Delegates to State Convention: Mrs. Alvin Moore
Mrs. Sarah Miller
Mrs. Nannie Smith
Mrs. J. B. Fletcher
Mrs. Esterlene Barnette
Mrs. Kenneth Walker
Mrs. Hallie Wall
Mrs. Luther Reed

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARVIN WALKER
MRS. H. W. CHRISTIAN
MRS. AVIS SUBLETTE
MRS. FLORENCE PARHAM
MRS. LUCILE JINETTE

LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Ashland City..... Mrs. H. W. Christian, Route 3, Ashland City, Tenn.
Bethel..... Mrs. Isaac Clifton, Chapmansboro, Tenn.
Bethlehem..... Mrs. Sam Sanders, Ashland City, Tenn.
Bible College.. Miss Mary Ruth Wischart, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Cofer's Chapel..... Mrs. Hattie Pack, 1718A Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Donelson..... Mrs. Herbert Pepper, Woodbury Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
East Nashville..... Mrs. Wm. Suffridge, 2502B Acklen, Nashville, Tenn.
Friendship..... Mrs. Lucille Reed, Route 5, Ashland City, Tenn.
Goodsprings..... Mrs. Lillian Binkley, Joelton, Tenn.
Head's..... Mrs. Esterlene Barnett, Route 1, Chapmansboro, Tenn.
Loyal Chapel..... Mrs. J. B. Bloss, 311 W. 15th, Columbia, Tenn.

New Hope.....Mrs. Viva Lee Raymer, Joelton, Tenn.
Oaklawn.....Mrs. Nathan Barnett, Chapmansboro, Tenn.
Oakwood.....Mrs. Austin Seay, Route 2, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Olivet.....Mrs. Hyman Welch, Route 1, Guthrie, Ky.
Portland.....Mrs. Mary White, North St., Portland, Tenn.
Shady Grove.....Mrs. Kenneth Albright, 509 Commerce, Clarksville, Tenn.
Sylvan Park.....Mrs. Grace Brown, 4611 Elkins, Nashville, Tenn.
Trinity.....Mrs. T. T. Williams, 1109 Meridian, Nashville, Tenn.
West Nashville.....Mrs. Ruth Simpson, 6012 Louisiana, Nashville, Tenn.
Woodbine.....Mrs. Jean Gibbs, 2204 Foster St., Nashville, Tenn.

WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

	Fall 1956	Spring 1957
Ashland City.....	6	5
Bethel.....	6	—
Bethlehem.....	5	9
Bible College.....	3	3
Cofer's Chapel.....	1	—
Donelson.....	1	—
East Nashville.....	4	7
Friendship.....	—	4
Goodsprings.....	2	11
Head's.....	5	5
Loyal Chapel.....	5	—
New Hope.....	6	18
Oaklawn.....	2	10
Oakwood.....	2	—
Olivet.....	8	3
Portland.....	3	—
Shady Grove.....	10	8
Sylvan Park.....	10	11
Trinity.....	16	9
West Nashville.....	1	2
Woodbine.....	—	3
Springfield.....	—	2

WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

TREASURER'S REPORT

1956-1957

Balance on hand August 1, 1956.....		\$ 520.37
August 29, Mrs. Frazier.....	\$ 95.50	
September 14, Foreign Mission Board for Miss Barnard from CYA.....	35.00	
October 25, Avis Sublette, expense for Adair Boyd to State Convention.....	10.00	
November 18, Baptist Book Store for rental of film.....	10.10	
October 23, Representation fee to Mrs. Frazier (didn't send enough).....	9.40	
August 29, Mrs. Sublette for CYA treasury.....	25.00	
April, Home Missions from Sylvan Park Auxiliary for denial offering from week of prayer.....	14.21	
April, for Evelyn Hersey's baby from Sylvan Park to Foreign Mission Board.....	15.00	\$ 214.21
Balance received from former treasurer, July, 1957.....		\$ 306.16

RECEIVED by present treasurer:

Co-Laborer Fund.....	\$ 399.42	
Tennessee Children's Home.....	203.82	
College Library Fund.....	66.00	
African Babies Milk Fund.....	26.72	
India Bible Woman.....	132.00	
Foreign Missions.....	208.38	
Free Will Baptist Bible College.....	90.70	
Home Missions.....	134.84	
Tent Project.....	45.00	
Superannuation.....	29.00	
Robert Wilfong (for him from Heads Auxiliary).....	5.00	
Convention Dues.....	98.30	
Convention Minutes.....	68.00	1,507.18
Total deposited and received.....		\$1,813.34

DISBURSED:

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, State Treasurer.....	\$1,239.61	
Barbara Read, expense to state convention.....	8.50	
Foreign Mission Board.....	7.25	
Burrough's Florist.....	15.45	
Curley Printing Company (1956 Minutes).....	140.00	
Baptist Book Store (film rental).....	5.10	
Trinity Auxiliary.....	5.00	1,420.91
BALANCE in First American National Bank, Centennial Branch, August 20, 1957.....		\$ 392.43

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SAMMY WILKINSON, *Treasurer*

CONSTITUTION
of the
CUMBERLAND DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
of the
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Preamble

We, the women of the churches connected with the Cumberland District Association of Free Will Baptists, desirous of developing and stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of the local churches within this association, and wishing to aid in promoting more effectively the cause of Christ along all lines of Christian women's endeavors, do organize and adopt the following constitution:

Article I.—Name

This organization shall be known henceforth as the Cumberland Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists.

Article II.—Purpose

The twofold purpose of this organization shall be:

Section 1. To distribute missionary information and to stimulate by prayer, study groups, and missionary activities a greater united effort for missions in the local communities.

Section 2. To secure the earnest, sympathetic, and systematic cooperation of women and young people in collecting and raising money for missionaries and their work.

Article III.—Membership

Section 1. The membership of this convention shall consist of all local auxiliaries that, from time to time, upon approval by the district credentials committee, shall become members of this body.

Section 2. Representation:

Each local woman's auxiliary holding membership in this convention shall be entitled to one delegate. The officers of this convention together with the local presidents and the delegates duly accredited by the district credentials committee, shall be entitled to vote.

Article IV.—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this convention shall be a president, a vice-president, executive secretary, treasurer, recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, corresponding secretary, youth auxiliary chairman, study course chairman, stewardship-prayer chairman, and personal service chairman. These shall constitute the district executive committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. All officers and duly accredited delegates shall be members in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church and active members of a local woman's auxiliary.

Article V.—Elections

All officers shall serve from a term of two years. They shall be nominated by a nominating committee and then elected by acclamation unless there are other nominations. In case of more than one nominee for any particular office, a vote will be taken on each. All elections shall be held at the closing business session of the convention.

Article VI.—Annual Meeting

This convention shall hold its regular meeting annually at a time and place fixed by the previous session, or by the executive committee. Special meetings may be held providing the president of each local woman's auxiliary has been properly notified at least 15 days before the date set for the meeting. Two-thirds of the local auxiliaries legally represented shall constitute a quorum for any special meetings. Semi-annual workshop meetings may be held at the discretion of the president.

Article VII.—Finances

Section 1. Thirty cents (.30) per active member shall be paid yearly to the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention for membership and representation fee.

Section 2. The desired plans for giving in the Woman's Auxiliary are (1) Mission offerings following each of the three special weeks of prayer, and (2) the Co-Laborer offerings received and disbursed monthly.

All auxiliary offerings for *every cause* should be sent promptly and regularly through the prescribed auxiliary channels; that is, local treasurer to district treasurer, district to state, and state to W.N.A.C.

Article VIII.—Reports

Record of all work done shall be kept by each officer of this convention and a report of same sent to the district recording secretary on a statistical blank like those printed in the annual W.N.A.C. year book, at least ten days before the annual convention meets in regular session.

Article IX.—Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment be presented in writing at the first official session of the convention and acted on during the closing session.

BY-LAWS

Article I.—Duties of Officers

Section 1. The *president* shall plan for and preside over all executive committee meetings and regular meetings of this convention; appoint committees as needed; be ex-officio member of all standing committees; call for quarterly reports of all standing committee chairmen; stay in close touch with the executive secretary and through her with each local auxiliary, keeping the local auxiliary up to date on state and national promotional plans for all committees. She shall highlight the annual district meeting to the state Woman's Auxiliary while in session.

Section 2. The *vice-president* acts for the president in her absence; performs the duties of enlistment chairman, helping to organize new auxiliaries in the convention district. During the district convention, the vice-president serves as chairman of the registration committee.

Section 3. The *executive secretary* is the convention "saleslady", the contact woman between the convention as a whole and the local auxiliary. She keeps the convention and local auxiliaries mutually informed of activities. She advises and confers with the local auxiliaries on policies and plan of work which she is obligated to keep constantly before the women of the convention area by means of standard charts or other devices she may arrange. She should know every phase of W.N.A.C. work thoroughly, yet not act as a "know-all".

The executive secretary is chairman of the Plan of Work Literature Committee. As such it shall be her duty to collect and arrange as a tentative plan of work, all the plans and recommendations sent in to her by each district department chairman prior to the regular annual meeting of executive committee. If and when approved by the executive committee, they then become a recommended plan of work to be presented to the convention for adoption. Her duty as literature chairman is to subscribe to and read W.N.A.C. publications, denominational papers and magazines and devise ways and means (1) for arousing local auxiliary interest in W.N.A.C. publications, and (2) for securing every subscription possible to F.W.B. papers and magazines. Strive for 100% Manual and Year Book subscribers in every local auxiliary.

Section 4. *Recording Secretary* keeps accurate minutes of all meetings; prepares the annual statistical report of this convention which she sends to the State Auxiliary Recording Secretary at least ten (10) days before the date of the state meeting; preserves all valuable papers and turns them, along with all convention records, over to her successor in office.

Section 5. *Assistant Recording Secretary* serves as chairman of the Credentials Committee, and in the absence of the recording secretary, she shall serve in her place.

Section 6. *Corresponding Secretary* is chairman of publicity and has charge of all correspondence pertaining to the work of the convention; sends public notice of all meetings to the public presses serving the district; reports items of interest to the W.N.A.C. column in "Contact" and other denominational publications as desired; prepares attractive posters for convention displays and exhibits on the plan of work, F.W.B. missionary fields and workers, T.P.A. declamation contest and essay, etc.

Section 7. *Treasurer* keeps accurate records of all money handled, disbursing it promptly as authorized by the convention; keeps before each local auxiliary the convention's financial plans and the goals set for the year. Reports progress toward these goals frequently. The treasurer must be bonded and her accounts and all funds must be audited annually.

The convention year shall terminate and all books of the treasurer shall be closed on July 30th.

Section 8. *Youth Auxiliary Chairman* shall have general oversight of the youth auxiliary organizations within the district. She shall devise ways and means of enlisting and promoting youth auxiliary work throughout the district. She shall work these plans through the local youth chairman with whom she cooperates in annual youth camp work and daily vacation Bible schools among the unchurched. Whenever possible, she should visit every church in the interest of the missionary

education of Free Will Baptist young people, and also to enlist them for Free Will Baptist colleges for Christian training. She shall have charge of the annual declamation and essay contests as set up by the W.N.A.C.

Section 9. *Mission Study Chairman* devises plans and sets goals for convention study courses, workshops, etc. She shall study duties as outlined in the W.N.A.C. Manual and follow suggestions; study books that are suggested in the W.N.A.C. Year Book; inform local study course chairman on mission study goals and plans for year; read current mission books and plan attractive ways to keep them before local auxiliaries as an incentive for more reading circles.

Section 10. *Stewardship-Prayer Chairman* sets goals for the three seasons of prayer offerings and Co-Laborer offerings; cooperates with local chairman in planning challenging seasonal weeks of prayer programs and in collecting the mission offerings requested with each; plan with study chairman for the study of a stewardship book. Tithe and enlist other women and young people in tithing. Plan with local chairman for a fine minutes presentation of stewardship of possessions at local meeting quarterly. Promotes family altars.

Section 11. *Personal Service Chairman* plans and directs through the local P.S. chairman the assigned benevolent activities; leads the local chairman in helping make survey of community to see needs there for Christ; assists them in directing the local women in mission activities according to their needs and talents, planning definitely for each month's activity; keep the purpose of soul-winning-giving self and not money paramount in the lives of the members; keep constantly in touch with local personal service chairmen and work in cooperation with their plans.

Article II.—Committees

Section 1. *Executive Committee*

1. *Membership* of the executive committee is made up of the general officers, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. *Duties* of the executive committee are as follows:

- (1) Be responsible for formulating policies and programs of the convention.
- (2) Be responsible for the conduct of annual meeting and the preparation of the program for same.
- (3) Bring recommendations and a yearly plan of work to the regular annual session of the convention for consideration and adoption.
- (4) Make written reports through each of its committee chairmen at the annual session of the convention, what has been done toward carrying out through the local auxiliaries the objects of this organization.

3. *Meetings* of the executive committee shall be held at least twice during the year. The first meeting held as soon after the annual convention as possible at which plans are made for carrying out the convention's plan of work adopted for the ensuing year. The second meeting held at least ten (10) days preceding the annual convention at which yearly reports, recommendations, etc., are prepared. At such other times during the year as the welfare of the cause may demand extra meetings may be called at the discretion of the president. Any member absenting herself from three meetings in succession may be dropped from the committee and her successor elected. No meeting of the executive committee shall be legal unless at least seven (7) members or their proxies are present. All members must have had 10 days' written notice of the meeting.

4. *Proxy* cannot be another officer of the convention, but any officer may send a proxy who shall be an active member of a local woman's auxiliary. Proxy must be written authority from the member for whom she acts.

Section 2. *Nominating Committee* shall be composed of three members from different local auxiliaries. All are to be nominated from the floor and elected by the body at each annual meeting. This committee is retained for the entire year to fill any vacancy occurring during the year. Each interim nomination will, of course, be upon approval of the executive committee. It shall be responsible for nominating officers at the time of the regular election and for making nominations of vacancies occurring during the year. It shall meet at least one month before the annual convention, at which meeting each committee member submits a list of nominees for each office. The committee chooses from this list one person well qualified for each office. Then the consent of each person to serve is obtained before presenting the committee's report at the annual convention. Nominations from the floor are always permissible.

Section 3. *Credentials*—The assistant recording secretary shall be chairman of the credentials committee and other members may be appointed by the president. This committee shall study the district reports and make its report to the state body before delegates are seated.

Section 4. *Finance*—The treasurer shall be chairman of the finance committee, and other members may be appointed by the president. The members appointed by the president audit the financial records of the year and report on same to the Body. All appropriations and expenses of the officers may be decided upon by the finance committee, and passed upon by the convention.

Section 5. *Registration*—The vice-president shall be chairman, and other members may be appointed by the president. This committee registers every convention officer, every delegate, auxiliary, minister, visitor, and any other the convention may desire. The report shall include this and other information as desired.

Article III.—Departmental Promotional Work

At the earliest possible date following the adjournment of the annual convention, each district department, or committee chairman shall call all like chairmen of each local auxiliary within the convention to come together at some central location for a meeting at which plans and policies and goals are set up for the year's work in harmony with those adopted at the convention. Together there they devise ways and means of presenting and carrying out their plan of work for the ensuing year.

For instance, it shall be the duty of the district convention's vice-president to share enlistment ideas and plans with the vice-presidents of local auxiliaries whom she has called together in a committee meeting as soon as possible after the convention adjourns. This same principle applies to all other departments of the convention.

The district chairmen shall originate and direct the plan of work in their respective departments in harmony with the W.N.A.C. chief aims and the district and state convention's adopted plans of work. These plans shall be arranged and presented to the executive secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the regular annual meeting of the district executive committee. Approved plans will then become recommendations to the convention for consideration and adoption by the Body while in session.

Each department chairman shall devise ways and means of promoting her respective department of work throughout all the local auxiliaries within the

district securing materials and helps from the state and national chairmen of her department; shall have charge of all work pertaining to, or necessary to the promotion of her special phase of the convention's plan of work; shall be expected to attend all executive committee meetings.

For the annual report, each department chairman will secure and compile informative and inspirational facts from local chairmen concerning her department's activities during the year that will make interesting and helpful historical records to be printed in the district minutes. A second district wide committee meeting held at a central location at which achievements, etc., for the year are presented and together compiled by the committee for its annual convention report, could prove to be a most revealing and helpful session. This meeting should be held as soon after July 30th as is possible or at least 15 days before the annual session of the convention.

Article IV. —Amendment

These by-laws may be amended according to article IX under the Constitution.

