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ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Day

10 o'clock A. M., Devotions
Organize.
Read Minutes of Executive Committee.
Introductory sermon.
Dinner.
Devotions.
Enrollment of visitors.
Call list of ministers.
Call list of churches.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

Second Day

Devotions.
Reading and approval of minutes of first day.
Enrollment of visitors.
Finish calling list of churches.
Committee reports.
Sermon.
Dinner.
Devotions.
Finish committee reports.
Petitions.
Miscellaneous business.
Treasurer's report.
Election of officers (every two years).
Vote of thanks.
Adjournment.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR.

REV. LLOYD VERNON, Moderator	Kenansville, N. C.
REV. CLIFTON RICE, Asst. Moderator	Kinston, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD, Clerk	Columbia, N. C.
MANLEY MALLARD, Treasurer	Trenton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

REV. LLOYD VERNON, Chairman	Kenansville, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD, Clerk	Columbia, N. C.
REV. S. A. SMITH	Beulaville, N. C.
REV. J. C. GRIFFIN	New Bern, N. C.
H. M. MALLARD	Trenton, N. C.

EXAMINING BOARD:

REV. J. R. BENNETT, Chairman	Bridgeton, N. C.
REV. LLOYD VERNON, Secretary	Kenansville, N. C.
REV. D. W. HANSLEY	Jacksonville, N. C.
REV. K. W. GASKILL	Sea Level, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD	Columbia, N. C.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

K. W. GASKILL, LLOYD VERNON, CLINTON LUPTON,
W. A. GASKINS, H. M. MALLARD

TO REPRESENT THIS ASSOCIATION IN THE MEETINGS
OF THE PRINTING COMPANY:

REV. J. R. BENNETT	Bridgeton, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD	Kenly, N. C.

TRUSTEES

J. R. BENNETT	J. W. ALFORD	LLOYD VERNON
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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

I. W. Russell, Beaufort, N. C. (Retired).
L. C. Garner, Newport, N. C., R. 1. (Retired).
J. A. Ringgold, Bridgeton, N. C. (Retired).
J. W. Alford, Columbia; N. C.
Duffy Toler, Chocowinity, N. C.
Lloyd Vernon, Kenansville, N. C.
R. C. Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C.
W. B. Everett, New Bern, N. C.
A. C. Austin, Aurora, N. C.
Wesley Price, Seven Springs, N. C.
L. J. Potter, Snead's Ferry, N. C.
J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C.
F. E. Jones, Kenansville, N. C.
C. L. Bennett, Grantsboro, N. C.
Clifton Rice, Kinston, N. C. Box 216.
D. W. Hansley, Folkstone, N. C.
J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.
H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive, N. C., R-2.—(Retired).
B. F. Ringgold, New Bern, N. C., R. 1.
S. A. Smith, Beulaville, N. C.
J. R. Forest, New Bern, N. C.
Roy Miller, New Bern, N. C.
Kenneth Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
Clinton Lupton, Bayboro, N. C.
Sam R. Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C.
G. W. Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
J. R. Davenport, Deep Run, N. C.
F. R. Williams, New Bern, N. C.
Elmo Harper, Grantsboro, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Thurman Smith

L. L. Willis

PROCEEDINGS

The 51st Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina convened with the church at Smith's New Home, Lenoir County, North Carolina, October 23, 1946.

The opening devotions at 10 o'clock A. M., were conducted by Rev. W. E. Anderson, and prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Kennedy.

The following officers were present: Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Moderator; Rev. Clifton Rice, Assistant Moderator; J. W. Alford, Clerk; Rom W. Mallard, Reading Clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotions—Rev. Clinton Lupton, Wiley Avery, Jimmie Tyndal.

Finance—Wayne Heath, Lemmie Taylor, Chas. Herring.

Temperance—Rev. S. A. Smith, Miss Grace Pugh, J. K. Bryan.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. R. C. Kennedy, Thurman Smith, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard.

Ministerial Character—Revs. Clinton Lupton, J. R. Bennett, J. C. Griffin, D. W. Hansley, Bro. J. J. Blizzard.

To Apportion the Funds—J. W. Alford, Clifton Rice, S. A. Smith.

The following visitors were enrolled:

Western Conference—Revs. W. E. Anderson, M. L. Johnson, W. K. Jordan, F. A. Rivenbark.

Central Conference—Revs. M. A. Woodard, W. A. Dail, N. B. Barrow, L. B. Manning, D. W. Alexander, J. D. Vernelson.

Cape Fear Conference—Revs. T. E. Beaman, G. C. Joyner, W. H. Lancaster.

Albemarle Conference—Rev. W. A. Hales.

Pee Dee Association—Revs. W. L. Jernigan, C. B. Hansley.

South Carolina Conference—Rev. Lowell Hyman.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists of N. C. met at Kinston, N. C., on November 19, 1945.

Present: Lloyd Vernon, Chairman; J. W. Alford, Secretary; J. C. Griffin, J. W. Alford, proxy for Duffy Toler.

Prayer by Bro. Griffin.

The matter of Ruth's Chapel was discussed, and it was decided to leave the matter as it is, and have another meeting of this Committee at New Bern, N. C., on December 12, 1945, and Bro. J. C. Griffin be instructed to get the Trustees of Ruth's Chapel to meet with us for consultation.

On motion we request the State Mission Board to make an appropriation to this Committee to help supply a pastor for Russell's Creek and Oriental churches, and if possible, to meet with us on December 12th.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by the Chairman.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met at New Bern, N. C., December 12, 1945.

Present: Lloyd Vernon, Chairman; J. W. Alford, Secretary; J. C. Griffin, Duffy Toler, H. M. Mallard.

Prayer by Duffy Toler.

The matter of Ruth's Chapel was considered, and Bro. Griffin presented a deed from the Trustees of Ruth's Chapel to the Trustees of the Eastern Conference, duly executed.

It was decided that we would not dispose of the property at Ruth's Chapel; but rather work for it to be revived.

On motion Bro. J. R. Bennett be instructed to take charge, and have oversight of the services at Ruth's Chapel, with a view of trying to revive the organization.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the State Mission Board had made certain appropriations as requested for Russell's Creek and Oriental churches, also for Ruth's Chapel, which was not in the original request.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to express to the Mission Board our sincere appreciation for their co-operation.

On motion the Treasurer pay expense account of the Executive Committee at each meeting, if funds are available.

On motion the Secretary be instructed to procure cards certifying membership and good standing of our ministers, and issue same to each preacher of our Conference.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. W. B. Everett.

On motion these minutes were adopted.

Rev. Duffy Toler, because of his afflictions, tendered his resignation from all official positions in the Conference.

On motion his resignation be accepted, with deep regret, by the Conference.

On motion we extend to Bro. Toler a rising vote of thanks for his splendid and most efficient service during the years.

On motion Rev. S. A. Smith be elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Toler on the Executive Committee.

On motion Rev. D. W. Hansley be elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Toler on the Examining Board.

On motion Rev. Clinton Lupton be elected to fill the vacancy on the Grievance Committee, caused by the resignation of Bro. Toler.

The list of ministers was called.

Rev. J. C. Griffin was appointed to write a sketch of the life of Rev. B. W. Wells, same to appear in these minutes.

On motion the sketches of the life of Revs. M. C. Prescott and Luke Wetherington, already prepared, be included in these minutes.

The following Resolution was presented:

Taking note of the fact that in the past, certain individuals have come before the Examining Board of the Eastern Conference for examination and having failed to pass said examination, they then presented themselves to other Conferences or Associations for their examination, and that said Conferences or Associations did proceed to give the applicant an examination, ordained and enrolled said applicant as an ordained minister, after having failed utterly to pass the ordinary examination given by the Eastern Conference: We therefore feel that said Conferences or Associations are not giving to the Eastern Conference the consideration and respect due them in thus taking over and ordaining one whom we feel is not qualified for ordination. Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That we publicly protest such action on the part of any of our Conferences or Associations.

2. We pledge each and every Conference or Association that the Eastern Conference will never allow itself to treat any other Conference or Association in such an unbrotherly way.

3. That we request each Conference and Association to agree with us that such will not occur with us in the future, and we will be true brethren in all our work and relationships.

On motion it was adopted.

On motion the Moderator appoint a representative to present this resolution to the other Conferences and Associations, and ask them to adopt the same.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. R. Bennett as that representative.

On motion we allow 5c each mile to Bro. Bennett to take care of travel expense to these varied bodies.

At 11:30 o'clock J. W. Alford preached the introductory sermon; Text: Luke 10:31, "He passed by on the other side," and Matt. 26:39, "He went a little farther," after which we adjourned for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A very fine dinner was served, after which we again assembled for business.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. R. C. Kennedy.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator of the Albemarle Conference, and pastor of Fairmount Church, Norfolk, Va., was recognized, and he spoke to us about the work in Norfolk, making a very glowing report of the work there, and a moving appeal for help to enlarge the building.

His appeal was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee on Devotions reported: Tonight 7:30 o'clock, Rev. W. E. Anderson preach. Tomorrow 11:30 o'clock, Rev. Sam Kennedy open, Rev. W. L. Jernigan preach.

On motion the list of churches was called.

The question of the property of South River church was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Examining Board reported that they have examined Bro. Elmo Har-

per, Grantsboro, N. C., and find him qualified for ordination, and recommend the same. The Chairman of the Board is to set the time and place, and select the Council for the Ordination.

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, President of the State Association, was recognized, and he spoke to us about the Church Finance Association, Inc., also Superannuation; urging our continued support. He also submitted a financial report for our Conference for Superannuation.

REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION TO THE 1946 SESSION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

September 30, 1945 to October 1, 1946

- 1.—Total receipts from this District ----- \$1,002.09
This is an increase over last year of \$364.20.

This amount was given by the following groups:

Churches -----	\$574.79
Women's Auxiliary -----	210.30
Sunday Schools -----	30.00
Individuals -----	12.00
Union Meetings -----	75.00
Conference -----	100.00

Total ----- \$1,002.09

- 2.—Three of your Ministers now have Insurance Policies issued through the Superannuation Program. Other of your Ministers under the age of 50 years may apply for this Insurance at any time.
- 3.—Four of your Ministers are now on our Superannuated List and are receiving checks from this Board.
- 4.—We ask you to help us raise our Goal for this year which is \$7,500.00. The churches are asked to raise \$5,000.00 of this amount. All churches who send in as much as 50c per member will be placed on the "HONOR ROLL."

M. L. JOHNSON, Chairman-Treasurer.

On motion a request for help for Ruth's Chapel be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rev. J. C. Griffin was recognized and spoke concerning different publications and pamphlets for distribution.

On motion we adjourn until tomorrow A. M., 9:30 o'clock.

Rev. F. E. Jones was appointed to conduct the opening devotions.

Closing exercise by Rev. W. K. Jordan. Prayer by Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

THURSDAY MORNING

Conference met at 9:30 o'clock, and was opened by Rev. F. E. Jones with proper devotions. Prayer was offered by Rev. Calvin Bennett.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion Rev. J. R. Bennett be given charge and oversight of the property of Ruth's Chapel.

Rev. J. R. Bennett reported that he had demanded the license and credentials of Bro. F. R. Williams, as ordered by the last Conference, and same had not been received.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon also reported that he had demanded the license and credentials of Bro. J. R. Davenport, as ordered by the last Conference, and Bro. Davenport states that same have been lost.

On motion the reports of Bros. Bennett and Vernon be accepted, and they be discharged from these cases.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee to hear Bros. Williams and Davenport.

The Moderator appointed the committee on Ministerial Character to hear these brethren.

The Finance Committee was instructed to retire, settle with the Treasurer, and he make his report.

Rev. W. E. Anderson reported progress and good prospect for the reviving of the interest and work at Russell's Creek and Oriental churches.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy requested a letter to the Cape Fear Conference.

On motion the letter was granted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report: We, the Committee on Sabbath Schools recommend that the resolution adopted and recorded in the minutes of the last Annual Conference on pages seven and eight remain undisturbed; and we urge each and every one to live up to the standard stated therein.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Temperance Committee reported as follows:

Realizing that we can write no better resolution than that adopted by the Conference in 1945, and for fear that we have not lived up to that in detail, we recommend that we re-endorse and adopt, in its entirety, the 1945 Temperance resolution, and that we strive to attain to its heights and depths in Christian living.

On motion the report was adopted.

At this time we called off for the preaching service. At the close of the service an offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$161.60.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A very fine and bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all, after which we assembled for the closing session. The devotions were conducted by Rev. L. J. Potter. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Disbursements

For Minutes	\$ 75.00
Clerk's fee	35.00
Orphanage	1,100.00

Educational fund -----	500.00
Treasurer's fee -----	20.00
L. C. Garner -----	60.00
J. A. Ringgold -----	20.00
B. W. Wells -----	50.00
H. Pipkin -----	25.00
Six widows, \$20.00 each -----	120.00
Foreign Missions -----	75.00
Home Missions -----	75.00
Assembly Ground -----	250.00
National Association fee -----	5.00
Expenses of delegates -----	25.00
Superannuation -----	100.00
Expenses Executive Committee -----	35.50
Church Finance Association -----	50.00
Anna Phillips Loan Fund -----	25.00
Expenses Executive Committee -----	44.90
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Total paid out -----	\$2,690.45
Grand Total on hand last session -----	\$2,653.45
Received since last session -----	40.00
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Total -----	\$2,693.45
Total paid out -----	2,690.45
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Balance in Bank -----	\$ 3.00
Orphanage Collection -----	161.60
Received today -----	1,691.72
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Grand Total -----	\$1,856.32

H. M. Mallard, Treasurer.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have minutes published costing \$75.00, and distributed as usual.

On motion we place the names of all licensed ministers on the roll, and they be designated as Licensed Ministers, and that all such have the privilege of voting on matters pertaining to the Conference.

The report of the committee on Ministerial Character was presented: Bros. F. R. Williams and J. R. Davenport both promised that, if they are reinstated, they will abide by the rules and regulations of the Conference, and its Christian doctrines and program. We therefore recommend that they be restored to full fellowship.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we express our appreciation to this church and the good people of this community for their kindness and hospitality to us while we have been in session.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. R. Bennett as delegate to all Conferences and Associations.

The following were appointed delegates to the State Association: Bros. Wayne Heath, Claude Benson, H. M. Mallard, Fred Silverthorn, C. O. M. Daugherty, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Lemmie Taylor.

A motion was made by Rev. J. C. Griffin that we adopt the National Treatise, and a further motion was made that it be referred to the Executive Committee. The last motion prevailed.

Petitions for the next session of the Conference were presented from Core Creek Church. Rev. Clinton Lupton was selected to preach the introductory sermon; alternate Rev. Sam Kennedy.

The Committee on Appropriations reported as follows:

We have on hand to apportion -----	\$1,844.32
For Minutes -----	75.00
Clerk's fee -----	35.00
Treasurer's fee -----	20.00
Expenses of Executive Committee -----	20.70
Orphanage -----	661.60
Educational fund -----	200.00
Superannuation -----	100.00
National Association fee -----	5.00
Foreign Missions -----	100.00
Home Missions -----	100.00
Assembly Ground -----	100.00
Church Finance Association, Inc. -----	50.00
L. C. Garner -----	60.00
J. A. Ringgold -----	20.00
H. Pipkin -----	30.00
7 Widows—\$20.00 each -----	140.00
For repairs to Ruths Chapel -----	75.00
Fairmount Church, Norfolk, Va'. -----	25.00
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Total apportioned -----	\$1,817.30
Balance -----	\$ 27.02

On motin the report was adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Closing exercise by Rev. S. A. Smith.

Lloyd Vernon, Moderator,
Clifton Rice, Assistant Moderator,
J. W. Alford, Clerk,
Rom W. Mallard, Reading Clerk.

CHURCH LETTER

To the Eastern Original Free Will Baptist Conference to be held with the church at Smith's New Home, Lenoir County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1946.

We, the church at _____
County, N. C., send our beloved brethren _____
as delegates to your honorable body.

The condition of our church is as follows: Died _____, Received by letter _____, Baptized _____, Dismissed _____, Transferred _____, Excommunicated _____, Whole number of members _____, Contribution \$ _____.

Elder _____ was our pastor from 19____ to _____ 19____ and filled _____ of his appointments. Eld. _____ is our present pastor. _____ Clerk.

Post Office _____, N. C.

WRITE PETITION BELOW IF CONFERENCE IS WANTED

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Craven County

- Core Creek, S. W. McCoy, Jr., Cove City, N. C.
Gethsemane, C. J. Hines, New Bern, N. C., R. 2.
Antioch, J. M. Tyndal, New Bern, N. C., R. 1.
Brices Creek, Mrs. Nellie Potter, New Bern, N. C., R. 4.
Juniper Chapel, Wm. C. Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.
Spring Hope, Mrs. Bessie Banks, New Bern, N. C., R. 1.
Macedonia, Miss Anna B. Franks, Vanceboro, N. C.
Wintergreen, A. B. Tillman, Cove City, N. C.
Sts. Delight, Mrs. Earl Hanson, Bridgeton, N. C.
Moseley's Creek, Mrs. Carrie Norris, Dover, N. C.
Reunion Chapel, E. C. Laughinghouse, Vanceboro, N. C.
Palmetta Chapel, Snodie Lewis, Vanceboro, N. C.
Bridgeton, Grover C. Pate, Bridgeton, N. C.
Lane's Chapel, F. H. Gaskins, Vanceboro, N. C.
Oak Grove, Mrs. M. W. Barrow, Vanceboro, N. C.
New Haven, C. H. Toler, 141 Broad St., New Bern, N. C.
Ruth's Chapel, Katie Bell Morris, New Bern, N. C., R. 2.
St. Mary's, U. W. Daugherty, New Bern, N. C., Box 984.

Wayne County

- Northeast, Mark Mozingo, Dudley, N. C.
Indian Springs, Mrs. F. C. Kilpatrick, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Grant's Chapel, Mrs. S. M. Davenport, Seven Springs, N. C.
May's Chapel, Mrs. A. E. Rouse, Dudley, N. C.

Duplin County

- Sarecta, Wilbert A. Jones, Kenansville, N. C.
Piney Grove, Paul Lee, Deep Run, N. C.
Sandy Plain, Joel Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C.
Rooty Branch, Mrs. Arthur Outlaw, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Beulaville, Eugene L. Exum, Beulaville, N. C.
Pearsalls, Chapel, Daisy J. Wells, Kenansville, N. C.
Snow Hill, Mrs. Rotha Reardon, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Bethlehem, L. E. Jones, Chinquapin, N. C.
Lanier's Chapel, J. H. Dail, Chinquapin, N. C.
Long Ridge, John Kornegay, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Cabin, Calvin R. Mercer, Beulaville, N. C.

Lenoir County

- Christian Chapel, J. B. Hill, Deep Run, N. C.
British Chapel, Mrs. Willie D. Bogey, Kinston, N. C., R. 3, Box 126.
Woodington, Mrs. Elbert Potter, Kinston, N. C.
Daileys Chapel, Willie T. Shiver, Seven Springs, N. C.
Kinston, Jessie B. Taylor, Snow Hill, N. C.
White Oak Grove, Ben D. Herring, LaGrange, N. C., R. 3.
Smith's New Home, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C.

Deep Run, Mrs. John Harper, Deep Run, N. C.
Gray Branch, Elwood Harper, Deep Run, N. C.

Carteret County

Holly Springs, Jessie W. Fulcher, Newport, N. C.
Sound View, Elmer Garner, Newport, N. C.
South River, Willie Pittman, Lukens, N. C.
Beaufort, Mrs. W. H. Kirk, Beaufort, N. C.
Free Union, Mrs. Miriam Taylor, Sea Level, N. C.
Welcome Home, Mary A. Gillikin, Beaufort, N. C.
Morehead City, H. P. Scripture, Morehead City, N. C.
Pilgrims Rest, Mrs. Gladys Lupton, Lola, N. C.
Russell's Creek, L. L. Springle, Beaufort, N. C.
Davis Shore, Leslie Styron, Davis, N. C.
St. John's Chapel, Wilbert Lewis, Stacy, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Theodore Jones, Newport, N. C.
Edwards Chapel, Mrs. B. G. Hardy, Merrimon, N. C.

Pamlico County

Arapahoe, Mrs. Fanny Tyndall, Arapahoe, N. C.
Bethel, Fred Silverthorn, Whortonsville, N. C.
Trent, Mrs. W. H. Harris, Merritt, N. C.
Mt. Zion, R. B. Newton, Cash Corner, N. C.
Oriental, Mrs. Minnie Goodwin, Oriental, N. C.
Warden's Grove, W. T. Campen, Lowland, N. C.
Rock of Zion, E. M. Prescott, New Bern, N. C., R-1.
New Bethlehem, H. S. Price, Grantsboro, N. C.

Beaufort County

Union Chapel, R. B. Taylor, Chocowinity, N. C.
Dublin Grove, David Mayo, Royal, N. C.
White Hill, Jesse E. Cayton, Aurora, N. C.
Core Point Chapel, W. J. Smithwick, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Smyrna, Malachi Jones, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Ephesus, Nathaniel Cox, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Pamlico Chapel, W. W. Potter, Ransomville, N. C.
Mt. Olive, James L. Jarvis, South Creek, N. C.

Jones County

Friendship, H. M. Mallard, Trenton, N. C.
Whaley's Chapel, J. I. Sanderson, Richlands, N. C.
Pilgrim Home, W. G. Ipock, Dover, N. C.

Onslow County

Folkstone, Mrs. C. B. Hansley, 1206 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.
Mt. Zion, Mrs. J. C. Andrews, Beulaville, N. C.
Snead's Ferry, Sudie Mae Brown, Snead's Ferry, N. C.
Jacksonville, J. K. Rhodes, Jacksonville, N. C.
Verona Mission, Bryant Pittman, Verona, N. C.

Names of Churches	County	Delegates	Died	Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Transferred	Excom.	No. Members	Contribution
Core Creek	Craven	W. A. Avery, C. W. Heath	1	1	8	0	5	0	281	\$176.00
Gethsemane	Craven	By Letter	0	3	6	0	4	0	87	10.00
Antioch	Craven	Vause and Elizabeth Gaskins	0	0	15	2	1	0	74	20.00
Brice's Creek	Craven	By Letter	0	0	0	1	0	0	69	10.00
Juniper Chapel	Craven	Mrs. Steve Powers, Mrs. Delma Morris	1	3	9	0	0	18	78	10.00
Spring Hope	Craven	By Letter	0	0	2	0	1	0	55	4.00
Macedonia	Craven	Hardy, Willis, Ralph Spruill	3	0	7	4	0	0	232	50.00
Wintergreen	Craven	W. J. Tillman, D. S. Heath	0	0	20	2	1	0	145	35.00
St. Mary's	Craven	M. D. Fulcher, Roy A. Miller	6	12	36	5	0	1	370	102.00
Sts. Delight	Craven	By Letter	3	0	9	0	0	0	90	22.25
Moseley's Creek	Craven	Mrs. Ed Skinner, Mrs. Carrie Norris	1	0	0	0	4	0	145	52.00
Reunion Chapel	Craven	Willie Dunn, W. E. Ipock	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	15.00
Palmetta Chapel	Craven	Mrs. J. E. Forest, Mrs. B. R. Forest	3	0	0	0	0	0	80	16.63
Bridgeton	Craven	L. W. Griffin, Miss Grace Pugh	1	3	12	4	1	0	139	37.00
Lane's Chapel	Craven									
Oak Grove	Craven	A. B. Barrow							145	40.00
New Haven	Craven									
Ruth's Chapel	Craven									
Northeast	Wayne	N. L. Tadlock, David Whitman	1	0	20	0	2	0	102	25.00
Indian Springs	Wayne	Wilber T. Kilpatrick	0	0	0	0	1	0	78	18.00
Grant's Chapel	Wayne	Floyd William, S. M. Davenport	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	10.00
May's Chapel	Wayne	Mr. and Mrs. David Wilkins	1	0	3	0	2	0	23	7.00
Sarecta	Duplin	George and C. A. Benson	1	1	7	0	0	0	156	25.00
Piney Grove	Duplin	Melvin Stroud and wife	1	1	14	0	1	0	175	12.00
Sandy Plain	Duplin	Chancey Sumner and wife	0	0	4	1	0	0	136	30.00
Rooty Branch	Duplin	Mr. and Mrs. Herman Quinn	2	0	4	0	0	0	62	10.00
Beulaville	Duplin	C. V. Thomas, Mrs. Bertha Smith	1	1	9	0	0	0	154	41.50
Pearsall's Chapel	Duplin	Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Bryan	0	3	2	0	0	0	108	15.00
Snow Hill	Duplin	Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill	1	0	12	0	2	2	96	25.00
Bethlehem	Duplin	Mrs. Josephine Brown	0	0	3	0	1	0	105	17.50
Lanier's Chapel	Duplin	Roy Lanier and wife	0	0	1	0	0	0	55	10.00
Long Ridge	Duplin	Jonas Dail	1	0	0	0	1	0	87	10.00
Washington	Duplin	Mrs. Walter Rhodes	0	1	0	0	0	1	102	20.00
Dalley's Chapel	Lenoir	Chas. Stroud, Daniel Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	151	20.00
Kinston	Lenoir	Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Herring	2	0	6	0	0	0	110	25.00
Smith's New Home	Lenoir	Mrs. Gladys Wiggins, Mrs. Della Buck	0	8	5	0	0	0	110	25.00
Deep Run	Lenoir	Blaney Blizard, Grainger Hill	1	2	15	3	0	0	117	50.00
Gray Branch	Lenoir	Elton Harper, J. C. Cunningham	5	2	9	5	0	0	245	29.50
White Oak Grove	Lenoir	Mark Smith, Ashley Heath	0	0	18	3	0	0	108	10.00
Holly Springs	Carteret	L. S. Howell, Mrs. Seth Dawson	1	1	23	0	0	0	123	20.00
Sound View	Carteret	R. T. Garner, Mrs. Loula Quinn	1	0	9	0	1	0	146	40.00
South River	Carteret	Mrs. J. H. Lewis, Mrs. Joe Barnes	0	0	1	0	0	0	26	12.00
Beaufort	Carteret	Chas. Robinson	1	2	3	0	0	1	101	10.00
Free Union	Carteret	By Letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	5.00
Welcome Home	Carteret	L. L. Willis	2	0	2	0	0	0	68	10.00
Morehead City	Carteret	Mrs. Caddie Willis, Mrs. Myrtle Simpson	1	0	6	0	0	0	111	21.00
Pilgrim's Rest	Carteret	By Letter	0	2	0	0	0	0	46	5.00
Russell's Creek	Carteret	By Letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	15.00
Davis Shore	Carteret	By Letter	4	2	6	0	0	0	168	20.00
St. John's Chapel	Carteret									
Mt. Pleasant	Carteret	By Letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	3.00
Edward's Chapel	Carteret	Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hardy	0	9	0	0	0	0	83	15.15
Arapahoe	Pamlico	Mr. and Mrs. Noah Rice	0	0	1	5	0	0	261	50.00
Bethel	Pamlico	Fred Silverthorn and wife	1	1	5	0	0	0	120	35.00
Trent	Pamlico									
Mt. Zion	Pamlico	Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Mrs. H. C. Barnes	0	0	0	0	1	0	114	35.00
Rock of Zion	Pamlico	Mrs. E. M. Prescott, Mrs. Mattie Lane	1	0	1	1	1	0	175	20.00
Oriental	Pamlico	By Letter	0	4	0	0	0	0	40	10.00
Warden's Grove	Pamlico	F. A. Lewis, W. T. Campen	0	0	2	0	0	0	49	20.00
New Bethlehem	Pamlico									
Union Chapel	Beaufort	Mrs. F. A. Edward, Miss Macie Taylor	3	4	16	0	6	0	546	112.00
Dublin Grove	Beaufort	A. C. Austin, W. B. Willis	1	2	8	0	2	0	187	24.75
White Hill	Beaufort	Coley Rowe, S. N. Hodges	1	0	1	2	0	0	156	15.00
Core Point Chapel	Beaufort									
Smyrna	Beaufort	R. R. Jones, R. L. Rowe	3	1	5	0	0	0	140	12.50
Bethlehem	Beaufort									
Ephesus	Beaufort	Ernest Cutler and wife	0	0	12	2	0	0	100	10.50
Mt. Olive	Beaufort									
Friendship	Jones	L. T. and H. C. Mallard	4	3	4	1	1	0	202	50.00
Whaley's Chapel	Jones	A. I. Taylor, Mrs. Eunice Pike	2	1	8	0	1	0	222	35.00
Pilgrim's Home	Jones									
Folkstone	Onslow		1	0	5	12	0	0	100	7.75
Mt. Zion	Onslow	Mrs. Archie Rouse, Mrs. Henry Scott	1	1	5	0	0	0	40	10.00
Snead's Ferry	Onslow	Mrs. Carrie Lanier, Mrs. Willie Davis	0	0	11	5	1	0	39	10.26
Jacksonville	Onslow									
Verona Mission	Onslow	N. E. Foy	0	12	1	0	0	0	19	5.00

OBITUARIES

WETHERINGTON. Our hearts are made sad when we attempt to record the death of a brother minister. The soul of Brother L. H. Wetherington returned to God December 28, 1944. He was born at Tuscarora in 1890 and became a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at the age of 14. For four years Brother Wetherington attended the Free Will Baptist Seminary at Ayden, N. C.

He was married to Miss Alice Dickerson of Spring Hope, N. C., August 11, 1915 and to this union was born three sons. On October 25, 1912 he was ordained to the gospel ministry.

Brother Wetherington capably filled some of the most important positions in our denomination. He served as superintendent of our orphanage, president of our printing press and secretary of the Church Finance Association. During his ministry he was very active in our church and its various auxiliaries, attending the conferences and union meetings regularly. We the members of the Free Will Baptist Church extend our deepest sympathy to his family in their great loss. It may well be said of him that he served and served well.

PRESCOTT. It is with sadness that we record the death of a brother minister, Rev. M. C. Prescott. He passed from this earth April 1, 1943, at the age of 71. In his early twenties he united with the Free Will Baptist Church and obtained his license for the ministry at White Hill Church November 25, 1911, being ordained to preach October 25, 1912.

Brother Prescott was married Christmas, 1894, to Miss Minnie Rowe and to them was born three sons and a daughter.

He was one of the pioneers who first saw an orphanage owned and maintained by Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and served as pastor of many of our leading churches. At the time of his death his membership was at Rock of Zion Church, Grantsboro, N. C. We the members of the Free Will Baptist Church join the family in their deep grief and extend our heart-felt sympathy in this sad hour. He sowed bountifully; he will reap bountifully.

REV. BRYANT W. WELLS. The subject of this sketch was born at Bettie, Carteret County, December 3, 1870, and passed to his eternal reward on November 19, 1945, at his home in New Bern, N. C.

Brother Wells was married three times. First to Candice Saulter, second to Nora Cherry and last to Elida Harris. There are six living children by the first marriage, of which this writer knows but very little of their whereabouts. There were no children by the second marriage. There were three children by his last marriage, of which only one survives, namely, James Wells, with whom the widow, and mother abides.

Brother Wells united with the church at Welcome Home in young manhood, and was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1903, thus serving in this

high and worthy cause for about 42 years. He served churches in Carteret, Craven and Jones counties. He organized Pilgrim's Home church in Jones county. He served this church as pastor for some time.

Brother Wells, was a great lover of his denomination, even though he came along when education was not stressed in the denomination but little, he managed to get sufficient knowledge to intelligently present the message of salvation to the lost and to admonish the believer to "walk worthy of the vocation" of true Christian living. He was loved much by a number of his fellow servants in the Lord.

This writer loved to fellowship the departed Brother Wells.

Written by J. C. Griffin, for the Eastern
Conference of Free Will Baptist.

MINUTES
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Women's Auxiliary Convention
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IN ITS ANNUAL SESSION MEETING
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WINTERGREEN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Thursday, March 21, 1946

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PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE MARCH, 1946, EASTERN AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The 34th annual session of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention, met with Macedonia Church, Thursday, March 21, 1946.

Rev. J. R. Bennett, pastor, welcomed the Convention and led the devotions.

The President, in her opening remarks, stressed the need that we be faithful stewards of the Lord, by assuming our responsibilities in the work He has given us to do.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance—Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Chairman and Treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Mrs. Robert Godley.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Mrs. Elbert Edwards, Mrs. A. I. Taylor.

Petitions—Mrs. H. D. Potter, Mrs. Dora Gaskins, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy.

Nominating—Mrs. Marie Gaskins, Mrs. Rom Mallard, Mrs. Rhoda Prescott.

A message on "Witnessing Stewards," was given by Mrs. Marie Gaskins, who presented the need of more efficient and better standards of Christian living.

Reports of the 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents were heard at this time, after which Rev. Bennett brought a message on the Educational Program for the State, in which he urged and emphasized the great needs of our Bible Schools in Nashville, Tenn., and in Cuba.

The 3rd Vice-President, in making her report for Missions, also made a plea in behalf of the pastors of our various churches, and our duty toward them. She also stressed the Biblical plan of "tithes and offerings, and urged that we be more obedient to God's plan, and become recipients of the "Blessings" He has promised.

A Missionary Play, by the Bridgeton Missionary Society was given in a very impressive and inspirational manner, after which the Convention recessed for lunch. Prayer by Rev. James A. Evans.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a bountiful dinner, the Convention re-assembled at 1:30 for the afternoon session. Devotions were led by Mrs. Dorothy Thigpen. The 6th Vice-President made report of activities for Superannuation, after which Rev. Griffin made an announcement, and showed pictures of the new building needed by the Bible College. An offering for Missions was taken and amounted to \$45.67.

Rev. W. B. Everett spoke very impressively on "Our Privileges and Opportunities—"Be ye doers of the word."

After congregational singing, led by Rev. J. Albert Harris, with Mrs. Clarence Marshburn, at the piano, Rev. Griffin brought a very inspiring and

enlightening message on "The Youth of our Church today, the Stewards of our Church of tomorrow."

Reports were heard from the Secretary and Field Worker.

Rev. Evans reported that there were 85 children in the Orphanage, with 11 pending admittance, and new requests coming. He also stated that the Chapel funds were a little over \$15,000, that some material was bought and paid for. He gave explanation of the Annuity Bonds, and made a plea for continued support of the work as a whole, also thanking the Convention for its liberal support and co-operation in the past.

An offering was taken at this time, amounting to \$38.15, for the Orphanage. The name and age of the adopted girl of the Convention was given as Joyce Taylor, aged 13, birthday January 21st.

Delegates from the Central Auxiliary, Mrs. M. A. Woodard and Mrs. J. J. Carroll, who had been welcomed by the President earlier in the day, were called on for remarks, with Mrs. Woodard responding.

Delegates to the various Auxiliary Conventions were appointed as follows: Central, Mrs. Robert Godley; Western, Mrs. Elton Harper; Cape Fear, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard; Albemarle, Mrs. Parker Taylor; State, Mrs. S. A. Smith; National, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.

The Petitions Committee reported that three petitions for the next Convention had been presented, Arapahoe, Mosley's Creek and Deep Run. There was a standing vote that the September Convention be held with the Arapahoe church, and that thanks be extended to the other two churches.

Finance Committee report was heard, and on motion was accepted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was made and on motion was received as read.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton was named chairman of a committee of her choosing, to review report blanks for the Vice-Presidents. She selected Mrs. J. R. Bennett and Mrs. J. C. Griffin to serve with her.

The Treasurer's report was made, and it was moved and carried that it be accepted.

At this time, Mrs. J. C. Griffin spoke in behalf of the Cragmont Assembly, giving some of the pre-mature plans, and asking the full support of these plans when completed and sent out to the various auxiliaries. It was moved and carried that the Fifth Vice-President purchase Christmas and Birthday gifts from now on, for our adopted girl, Joyce Taylor, and that she draw on the Treasurer for funds to pay for them.

The president declared all offices vacant, after hearing report of the Nominating Committee.

The report of the Nominating Committee was received by motion and the officers named for the ensuing year were all re-elected, except that of the 3rd Vice-President, who is Mrs. Marie Gaskins, of New Bern. A reading on Temperance, together with some vital statistics was rendered by Mrs. Lupton, who appealed to the voting women to be sure who they were helping to put in office during the coming election. She made a motion that this Convention go on record as being opposed to the liquor traffic, both by sale and drinking, and that we oppose placing any man or woman in office who

upholds the sale and use of intoxicant beverages. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Griffin stated that there were some plans being considered whereby all funds turned in to the District Conventions of the State be sent to the State Auxiliary Convention, and that these funds be allocated to the different Departmental work that we sponsor. The plans have not been worked out, she said, but she hoped that we would eventually accept this idea and make plans accordingly.

Rev. Bennett asked for time in which to express his appreciation for the prayers and other kindnesses shown during his wife's illness, which was granted, and he asked a continuance of our prayers, and again solicited our co-operation in the Educational campaign.

The Secretary was asked to send cards to several of our ministers who are ill.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to the local church for its splendid entertainment and hospitality. Motion to adjourn. Closing hymn, "God be with You 'Til We meet Again." Closing prayer by the President.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, President,
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

REPORTS

I have heard from thirteen Auxiliaries, with a membership of 350. Average attendance 217. Number of pieces of Religious Literature distributed 6,124. Temperance programs given 8. Number of subscribers to the Baptist paper 181, Gem 4, and The Young People's Friend 7.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, 1st Vice-President.

Number of Societies reporting 10. Amount on Anna Phillips Loan Fund \$72.00. Amount sent to Bible College \$173.00.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett, 2nd Vice-President.

Number of Societies reporting activities 16. Number of Mission programs given 27. Mission services sponsored 15. Number sponsoring Week of Prayer 7, joining the "9 o'clock Prayer Hour," 3.

Amount contributed to Home Missions -----\$236.54

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions ----- 377.92

Total for Missions -----\$614.46

Study classes conducted 3. Names of books studied, Stewardship and Missions, and Fine Art in Soul Winning.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 3rd Vice-President.

Three Auxiliaries contribute monthly to the Orphanage, Deep Run, Winter Green and Davis. Eleven have adopted children, two at St. Mary's, New Bern. Total amount raised and reported, \$1,095.06.

Mrs. S. A. Smith, 5th Vice-President.

Amount raised and reported for Superannuation and Retired Minister's Fund \$312.55. Number of flowers, trays and milk donated 246. The first

six months of Convention year, \$85.20 was reported raised for Superannuation, and 145 baskets of flowers, fruit and milk.

Mrs. Dorothy Thigpen, 6th Vice-President.

Sec. Note—The 5th Vice-President reported five Retired Ministers in the District, and gave an estimate thus, as to distribution of funds. If the amount sent in the past six months were equally divided amongst these, each would receive \$58.46 for six months, or \$9.60 per month, or about 40 cents per day.

The Petition Committee reported three petitions for the next Convention in September.

Resolutions Committee.

The following officers were named by the Nominating Committee: Mrs. Walter Rhodes, President, re-elected; Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Secretary, re-elected; Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treasurer, re-elected; Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, 1st Vice-President, re-elected; Mrs. J. R. Bennett, 2nd Vice-President, re-elected; Mrs. Marie Gaskins, 3rd Vice-President, new; Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, 4th Vice-President, re-elected; Mrs. S. A. Smith, 5th Vice-President, re-elected; Mrs. Dorothy Thigpen, 6th Vice-President, re-elected.

Nominating Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

Total number of members, 947; New members received, 111; Number suspended, 49; Number deaths reported, 3; Number tithers, 159; Number Daily Bible readers, 170.

Funds Raised

Anna Phillips Loan Fund	\$ 112.00
For Superannuation	303.00
For Bible School, Nashville, Tenn.	1,414.52
For Foreign Missions	564.12
For Home Missions	447.22
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	\$2,840.86
For Co-Labourer's Fund	158.00
For Orphanage	1,584.65
For Benevolences	1,199.03
Total amount sent to Conventions	266.47
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Total	\$3,128.15
Total amount of funds raised	\$5,969.01
This March 21, 1946.	

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Received at this Convention and turned over to the Treasurer:

Contributions from 38 Auxiliaries \$137.30

Free Will Offering for Orphanage	38.13
Free Will Offering for hospital expense of Tommy Willey, Cuba	45.67

Total amount received	\$221.10
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The following recommendations were made: Contributions—the Orphanage, \$50.00; on Tommy Willey's hospital expense, \$50.00; Missions, \$10.00; Cragmont Assembly, \$10.00; Bible School, \$10.00; Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$10.00; Clothing for Orphan girl at Middlesex Orphanage, \$30.00.

Finance Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount in treasury from last Convention	\$ 9.64
Received at last Convention, General funds	95.00
Received at last Convention, Special for Orphanage	34.40

Total received	\$139.40
Total on hand	\$149.04

Disbursements

To Free Will Baptist Press	\$ 5.75
To Secretary's expense	4.10
To F. Worker's expense	1.20
To Funeral Design for Mrs. Ed Smith	5.00
To Secretary's Service	10.00
Clothing for Orphan child	30.00
Assembly Grounds (Cragmont)	15.00
Co-Labourer's Fund	20.00
Orphanage, including the Offering	40.00

Total amount disbursed	\$131.05
Balance in treasury	\$ 17.99

Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treasurer.

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT

Number of Societies reporting on Stewardship, 18; Number of Societies reporting Talks made, 22; Number of Societies reporting programs given, 26; Number of Societies reporting Classes conducted, 14; Average attendance at Classes, 102; Number of tithers reporting, 126. Books used for study: "Call to Christian Stewardship," "He that Giveth," "Stewardship applied in Missions," "This World's Goods."

Louise Bedsworth, 4th Vice-President.

PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER, 1946, SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention met in its September, 1946, session, with the Free Will Baptist Church at Arapahoe, N. C., Thursday, September 19, 1946. Mrs. D. W. Hancock led the devotions. The Theme for the day was "We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us."

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Walter Rhodes, the First Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, presided over the day's session.

The first business taken up was that of accepting the program, which was accepted by motion.

Greetings from the local church were given by Mrs. David Taylor, and the response by Mrs. Rom Mallard.

The following Committees were appointed:

Finance—Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treas.; Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Mrs. D. W. Hancock, Mrs. H. C. Barnes.

Resolution—Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. J. W. Overman, Mrs. L. S. Howel.

Petitions—Mrs. Frankie Register, Mrs. Julia Kornegay, and Miss Eleanor Jenkins.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President of the Central Auxiliary Convention, and Mrs. Jas. A. Evans, a delegate from the Western Auxiliary Convention, were given a welcome, and each brought greetings from their Conventions.

Splendid reports were made by Mrs. J. R. Bennett, 2nd Vice-President, and Mrs. Blizzard, 1st Vice-President. Mrs. Bennett stressed a more concerted effort on the part of the Auxiliaries in establishing Vacation Bible Schools in their churches, and Mrs. David Taylor rendered a very inspiring report of the Vacation Bible School held at the local church during the summer. Mrs. Blizzard emphasized the help to be derived from the printed page, and the use of our literature in all phases of our work, also urged that we pay more attention to the un-enlisted women in our churches.

News from the Orphanage was made by the Superintendent, Rev. Jas. A. Evans, who said in part, that "Applications for entrance of little children are increasing, but sad to say, the most of them were coming from broken down homes, that it used to be that orphaned children were only considered, but that children of delinquent parents were taking the lead. "He gave a glowing report of the Orphanage work and plans for future activities, especially the "Chapel that is under construction is calling for our best efforts."

The report of the 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Marie Gaskins, was given by the Secretary, as illness prevented the attendance of Mrs. Gaskins.

A special selection in music was rendered by the local choir, after which Mrs. J. C. Griffin gave a report of the National Auxiliary Convention that was held in Oklahoma City in July. Inspirational talks were made by Revs.

J. C. Griffin, J. R. Bennett and others, stressing our National and State progress and needs, especially the Educational and Mission programs.

In the absence of Miss Alethea Etheridge, who was scheduled for the Convention message, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, of Goldsboro brought a very stirring sermon on "Realizing our Missionary Obligations at Home and Abroad." Text: Rom. 1:16. He encouraged the establishment of "Kindergarten schools in our churches, as a means of educating our children to the cause of missions, and other phases of our church life, and urged that we acknowledge that we are "debtors both to the Home and Foreign fields." At the noon recess, a very appetizing and delicious dinner was served by the local ladies.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby led the devotions, at which time special prayers were offered for Rev. Duffy Toler and family, whose son had been accidentally killed the evening before, also for the families of those bereaved in the Beulaville section in the school bus accident. Absent officers were also remembered.

Mrs. J. C. Moye gave a very vivid report of the Woman's Conference held at Cragmont Assembly the last week in August, and that she hoped more of our women would attend the next year's session, as it would mean so much in spiritual development and a keener desire to have a part in all of our work.

Mrs. Evans, who is the 6th Vice-President of the State Auxiliary, made a report of what was done during the year for our aged ministers, and gave information that the women of North Carolina had been asked to raise \$900 to finish out the quota of \$7,500 that the State Association had set for its goal for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, 3rd Vice-President of the National Auxiliary, made a short talk on the needs of our Missionaries in Cuba and in India, and stressed co-operation in raising funds with which to purchase some personal Christmas gifts for them, and also to help buy a piano for the Cuban Bible School.

Mrs. Lizzie McAdams was heard at this time in a strong appeal for more zealous activities in Stewardship, in which our tithes, time, talents and our lives be laid on the altar for God, and that we strive to enlarge the membership of our \$50,000 Co-Labourer's Band.

Reports from the 4th, 5th, and 6th Vice-President, who were absent, were given by the Secretary. An offering of \$30.00 was received for the Orphanage, also one of \$25.75 was taken for Miss Zalene Lloyd, who is preparing to go to India as a Missionary.

Mrs. Moye, who is the 5th Vice-President of the State Auxiliary, gave an itemized statement of some of the urgent needs of the Orphanage at this time, and asked that the matter be taken up in the local Auxiliaries and that a united effort be made to supply these needs.

The Resolution Committee offered the following:

Wheres, the local Auxiliary of Arapahoe Church, together with the Community at large, has extended to this Convention such a wonderful reception, together with the greatest hospitality possible, in serving a bountiful dinner and in their friendliness and fellowship, That we show our appreciation for these acts of delightful hospitality and other favors, by a rising vote of thanksgiving, pledging our continued gratitude for all they have done, and that while standing in silence, we breathe a prayer in behalf of Rev. Duff Toler and family, after which Rev. Jas. A. Evans will close the prayer with thanksgiving and with a petition to our heavenly Father for the bereaved family.

By the Committee.

The Resolution was adopted by motion, the Committee dismissed, and the resolution put into execution by a standing vote of thanks, and prayer, as solicited.

A motion for adjournment was heard and the session adjourned, to meet with Core Creek Church in its annual meeting in March, 1947.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Acting President,
Alice E. Lupton, Recording Secy.

REPORTS

First Vice-President

Only thirteen Auxiliaries made any report. These reported a membership of 417, average attendance 251, Temperance programs given 24, Pages of religious literature distributed 17,130, Number of subscribers to Baptist paper 253, the Gem 15, Young People's Friend 10. Mosley's Creek Auxiliary reported that a library had been started, with several choice books already, and that they hoped to enlarge the number very soon.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard.

Second Vice-President

Total number of churches reporting 14, Total amount raised for the Nashville Bible School \$118.50, Total amount raised for the Anna Phillips Loan Fund \$90.00, Total amount reported raised for Cragmont Assembly \$38.00, Total amount given to assist students in Bible School \$30.00, Amount given to send pastors to the Ministers Conference at Cragmont \$45.00. Number of Vacation Bible Schools conducted 6. Young People's organizations and activities conducted 7. Number of Study classes conducted for Youth 7. Number daily Bible readers 126. Number of special studies of the Manual conducted 10.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett.

Third Vice-President

Number of Auxiliaries reporting 17. Mission programs given 11. Mission services sponsored 7. Number new members joining Prayer Band 6.

Amount contributed to Home Missions \$98.41, to Foreign Missions \$229.95. Number observing Week of Prayer 12. Mission Study classes conducted 28.

Mrs. Marie Gaskins.

Fourth Vice-President

Number of churches reporting 15. Number Stewardship talks made 26. Programs on Stewardship 17. Classes conducted 7. Average attendance 78. Number Stewardship books used 7. Number Tithers reporting 180.

Mrs. Louise Bedsworth.

Fifth Vice-President

Total amount reported for Superannuation during the past six months \$92.18. Number members distributing flowers and giving trays 192. Only 12 churches reported, and all of these are active among the sick and shut-ins, also in furnishing supplies to the needy.

Mrs. W. F. Thigpen.

Sixth Vice-President

There are 11 adopted children in the district, according to the reports sent in. Amount of funds raised and reported for the Orphanage \$422.30. The needs of the Orphanage, as stressed at our last Convention by Mrs. J. C. Moye, 5th Vice-President of the State Auxiliary work, is being kept before our women, and we trust that we shall have a cheerful response from all of our Auxiliaries in behalf of these needs.

Mrs. S. A. Smith.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Total amount received at this Convention, including free-will offerings, \$168.15.

We recommend the following appropriations:

Secretary's service	\$ 10.00
Secretary's expense	5.43
Orphanage	30.00
Clothing for Orphan	35.00
Printing Minutes	30.00
For Missions	10.00
Christian Education	10.00
Cragmont Assembly	7.35
State Field Worker, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams	5.00
Miss Zalene Lloyd (Free will offering)	25.75
Total	\$168.53

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby,

Mrs. H. C. Barnes,

Mrs. D. W. Hancock,

Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treasurer.

REPORT OF PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Three petitions have been received for the March, 1947 Convention, namely: Core Creek, Beulaville and Cabin. On motion, the report be received, and a vote taken. The next Convention will be held with the Core Creek Church.

Petitions Committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total number of members reported in the District for the six months ending September, 1946, 649. New members received 60. Number of tithers 118. Daily Bible readers 139. Suspended members 32. Bibles and Testaments given away 24, Tracts and other religious literature distributed 15,999 pages. Number of Societies reporting to this Convention 31. Total amount of funds raised for all purposes \$3,710.03. No new Society reported.

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount in treasury March, 1946, \$7.99. Total amount received at last Convention \$137.30. Offering for Orphanage \$38.13. Offering for Missions \$50.00. Total \$233.42.

Paid out at last Convention—Clothing for Orphan \$30.00. Printing Minutes \$30.00; Secretary's service and expenses \$15.33; Nashville Bible School \$10.00; Cragmont Assembly \$10.00; Missions \$10.00; Anna Phillips Loan Fund \$10.00; Missions for Bro. Willey \$50.00; Orphanage, including free-will offering \$50.00; Birthday gift for Orphan \$5.00; Total paid out \$220.33. Amount left in treasury \$13.09.

Mrs. Cal Sawyer, Treasurer.

This September 19, 1946.

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