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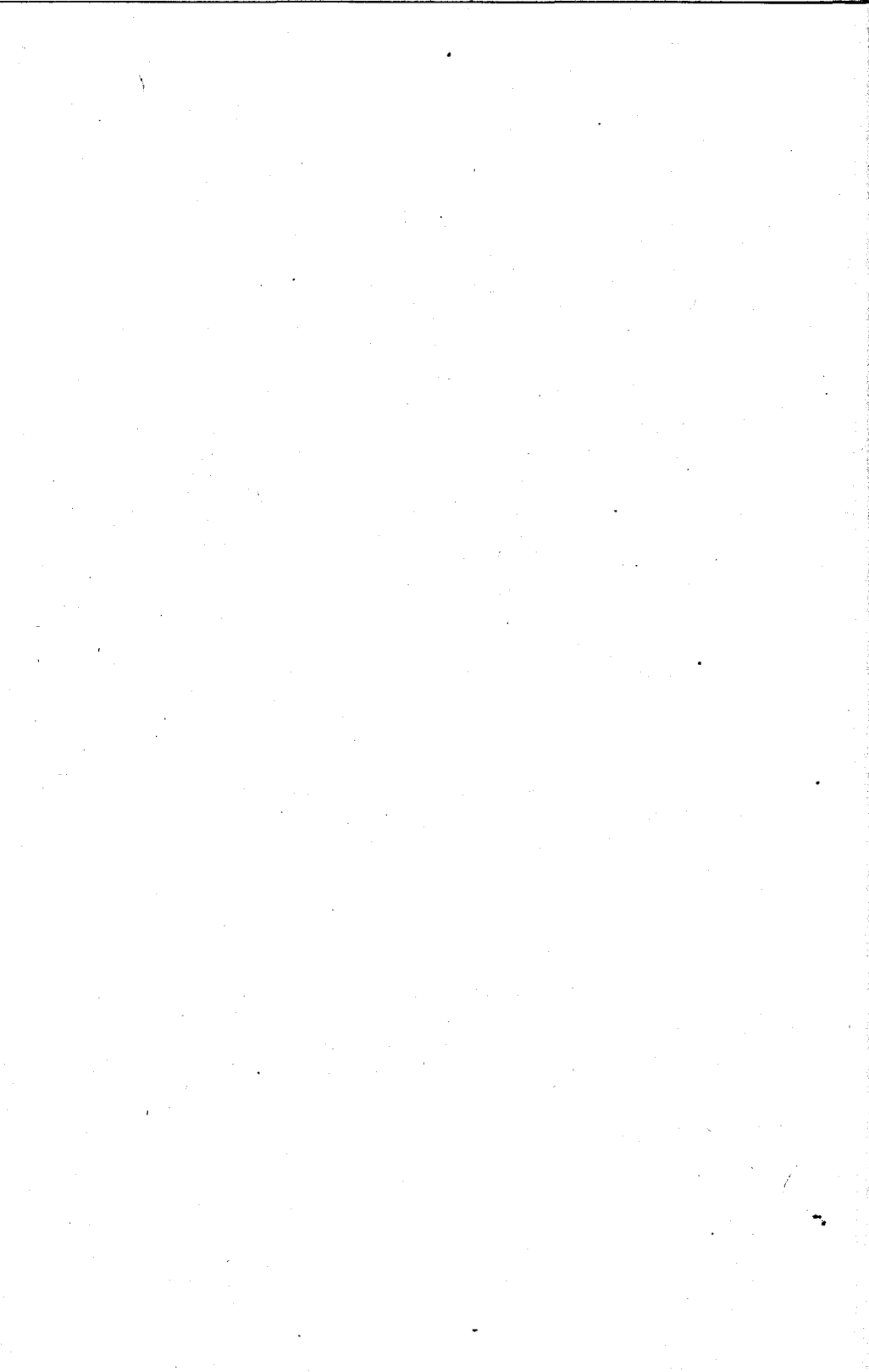
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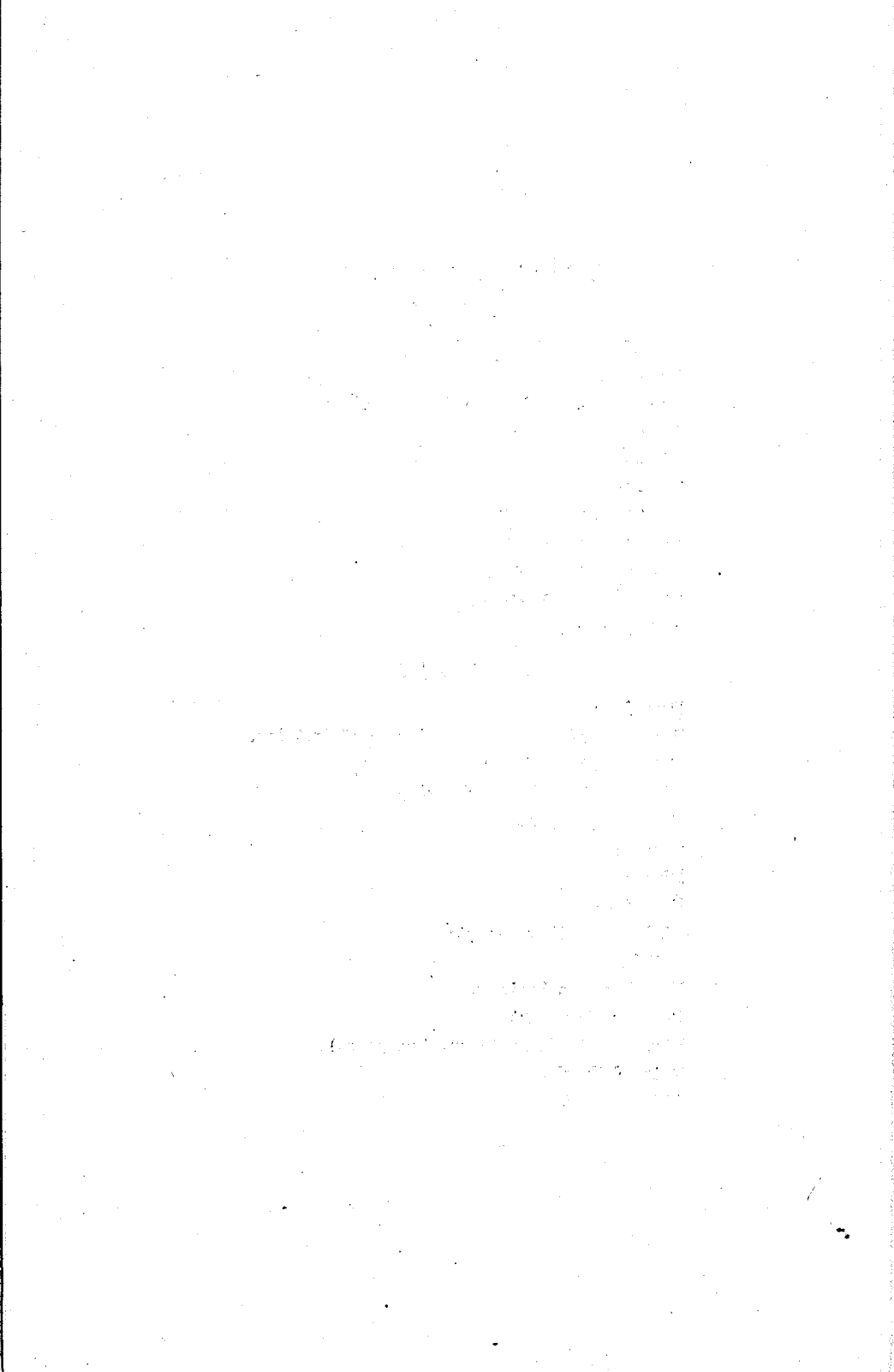
Order of Business

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. S. A. SMITH, <i>Moderator</i>	Beulaville, N. C.
REV. CLINTON LUPTON, <i>Ass't. Moderator</i>	Bayboro, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD, <i>Clerk</i>	Columbia, N. C.
MANLEY MALLARD, <i>Treasurer</i>	Trenton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REV. S. A. SMITH, <i>Chairman</i>	Beulaville, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD, <i>Clerk</i>	Columbia, N. C.
REV. J. C. GRIFFIN	New Bern, N. C.
H. M. MALLARD	Trenton, N. C.
REV. LLOYD VERNON	Mt. Olive, N. C.

EXAMINING BOARD

REV. J. R. BENNETT, <i>Chairman</i>	Bridgeton, N. C.
REV. LLOYD VERNON	Mt. Olive, N. C.
REV. D. W. HANSLEY	Ayden, N. C.
REV. K. W. GASKILL	Sea Level, N. C.
REV. CLIFTON RICE	Kinston, N. C.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

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

TO REPRESENT THIS CONFERENCE IN THE MEETINGS
OF THE PRINTING COMPANY.

REV. D. W. HANSLEY Ayden, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD Columbia, N. C.

TRUSTEES

J. R. Bennett J. W. Alford Lloyd Vernon
Clifton Rice J. R. Davidson

List of Ordained Ministers

- I. W. Russell, Beaufort, N. C. (Retired) *Deed 1957*
a H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive, N. C. (Retired)
p L. J. Potter, Snead's Ferry, N. C. (Retired)
p J. W. Alford, Columbia, N. C., Phone 2606.
a Duffy Toler, Chocowinity, N. C. (Retired)
p Lloyd Vernon, Mt. Olive, N. C.
p R. C. Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C.
p A. C. Austin, Aurora, N. C.
a Wesley Price, Seven Springs, N. C.
p J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C.
p F. E. Jones, Kenansville, N. C.
a C. L. Bennett, Grantsboro, N. C.
a Clifton Rice, Kinston, N. C., Box 216.
p D. W. Hansley, Ayden, N. C., Box 176, Phone 329-6.
p J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C., 1409 Pasteur St., Phone 2249.
a B. F. Ringgold, New Bern, N. C., Route 1.
p S. A. Smith, Beulaville, N. C., Phone 2149.
p J. R. Forrest, New Bern, N. C., Phone 4813.
p Kenneth Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
p Clinton Lupton, Bayboro, N. C.
p Sam R. Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C.
p G. W. Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
p J. R. Davidson, New Bern, N. C., 826 Pollock St.
a F. R. Williams, New Bern, N. C.
a Elmo Harper, Grantsboro, N. C.
~~J. R. Davidson, Davis, N. C.~~
p E. E. Edwards, Chocowinity, N. C., Route 1.
p W. E. Stilley, New Bern, N. C., Route 1.
a W. H. Willis, Kinston, N. C., 1502 Hyman Avenue.
a J. T. Forrest, LaGrange, N. C., Route 1.
a Lee W. Whaley, Jacksonville, N. C., 416 Ann St., Phone 893.
a Clifton Styron, Davis, N. C.
a Leon E. Styron, Beaufort, N. C.

Licensed Ministers

a L. L. Willis

a Herbert Tripp

a Charlie Robinson

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. Tyndall, New Bern, N. C., R-1.
Brice's Creek—Mrs. Nellie Potter, New Bern, N. C., R-4.
Juniper Chapel—Wm. C. Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.
Spring Hope—Miss Daisy Caton, New Bern, N. C., R-1.
Macedonia—Mrs. Beulah Franks Best, Vanceboro, N. C.
Wintergreen—A. B. Tillman, Cove City, N. C.
Sts. Delight—Mrs. J. W. Stilley, New Bern, N. C., R-1.
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—O. C. Toler, New Bern, 614 Watson Ave.
Lane's Chapel—F. H. Gaskins, Vanceboro N. C.
Oak Grove—Mrs. M. W. Barrow, Vanceboro, N. C.
New Haven—Dicie Ipock, Ernul, N. C.
Ruth's Chapel—Mrs. J. W. Odum, New Bern, N. C.
St. Mary's—U. W. Daugherty, New Bern, N. C., Box 984.

WAYNE COUNTY

Northeast—Mark Mazingo, Dudley, N. C.
Indian Springs—Miss Jean Price, Seven Springs, N. C., R-2, Box 53.
Grant's Chapel—Mrs. Floyd Williams, Mt. Olive, N. C., R-1.
May's Chapel—Mrs. A. E. Rouse, Dudley, N. C.

DUPLIN COUNTY

Sarecta—Wilbert A. Jones, Kenansville, N. C.
Piney Grove—Paul Lee, Albertson, N. C.
Sandy Plain—Joel Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C.
Rooty Branch—Mrs. Pearl Amon, Mount Olive, N. C.
Beulaville—Eugene L. Exum, Beulaville, N. C.
Pearsall's Chapel—Daisy J. Wells, Kenansville, N. C.
Snow Hill—Mrs. Rotha Reardon, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Bethlehem—L. E. Jones, Chinquapin, N. C.
Long Ridge—John Kornegay, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Cabin—Calvin R. Mercer, Beulaville, N. C.
Lanier's Chapel—J. H. Dail, Chinquapin, N. C.
Warsaw—Miss Eleanor Taylor, Warsaw, N. C.

LENOIR COUNTY

Christian Chapel—J. B. Hill, Deep Run, N. C.
British Chapel—C. R. Thompson, Kinston, N. C.
Woodington—Mrs. Elbert Potter, Kinston, N. C.
Dailey's Chapel—Willie T. Shiver, Seven Springs, N. C.
Kinston—Jessie B. Taylor, Kinston, N. C., Box 521.
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—Linwood E. Smith, Deep Run, N. C.

CARTERET COUNTY

Holly Springs—Jessie W. Fulcher, Newport, N. C.
Sound View—Elmer Garner, Newport, N. C.
Beaufort—Mrs. W. H. Kirk, Beaufort, N. C.
Free Union—Mrs. Miriam Taylor, Sea Level, N. C.
Welcome Home—Mrs. Mary Belle Lewis, Beaufort, N. C.
Morehead City—Mrs. Ruby Barker, Morehead City, N. C.
Pilgrim's Rest—Mrs. Gladys Lupton, Lola, N. C.
Russell's Creek—Mrs. Mamie Merrill, Beaufort, N. C., R-1.
St. John's Chapel—Mrs. Mabel Fulcher, Stacy, N. C.
Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. Theodore Jones, Newport, N. C.
Edward's Chapel—Mrs. B. G. Hardy, Merrimon, N. C.
Davis—Leslie Styron, Davis, N. C.

PAMLICO COUNTY

Arapahoe—Mrs. Fanny Swindell, Arapahoe, N. C.
Bethel—Mrs. Kathleen Slade, Whortonsville, N. C.
Trent—Mrs. W. G. Murphy, Merritt, N. C.
Mt. Zion—R. B. Newton, Cash Corner, N. C.
Oriental—Mrs. George Lee, Oriental, N. C.
Warden's Grove—W. T. Campen, Lowland, N. C.
Rock of Zion—Mrs. Lena Keel, Alliance, N. C.
New Bethlehem—H. S. Price, Grantsboro, N. C.

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Union Chapel—J. G. Warren, Chocowinity, N. C.
Dublin Grove—David Mayo, Royal, N. C.
White Hill—Jesse E. Cayton, Aurora, N. C.
Core Point Chapel—Mrs. Joseph Paul, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Smyrna—Joyce Rowe, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Ephesus—Mrs. Warren Gaskins, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Pamlica 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—Lemmie Taylor, Richlands, N. C.
Pilgrim's Home—W. A. Ipock, Kinston, N. C., 1009 E. King St.

ONSLOW COUNTY

Folkstone—Mrs. C. B. Hansley, 1206 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Henry Scott, Beulaville, N. C.
Snead's Ferry—Sudie Mae Brown, Snead's Ferry, N. C.
Jacksonville—P. H. Parker, Jacksonville, N. C.
Verona Mission—Mrs. Foy Norman, Verona, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the church at Antioch, Craven county, North Carolina, on October 18th, 1950, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. W. E. Anderson. He read the 23rd Psalm for the scripture lesson.

The following officers were in their places: Rev. S. A. Smith, Moderator; Rev. Clinton Lupton, Assistant Moderator; H. M. Mallard, Treasurer; J. W. Alford, Clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance—S. W. Jones, J. R. Forrest, R. G. Gillikin.

Temperance—Rev. Clinton Lupton, Ben Sutton, W. H. Lupton.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. Lloyd Vernon, G. M. Carraway, Mrs. E. M. Prescott.

Ministerial Character—J. C. Griffin, F. E. Jones, Lloyd Vernon, H. M. Mallard, J. E. Harris.

To Apportion the Funds—J. W. Alford, Clinton Lupton, Jimmie Tyndall.

Resolutions—J. R. Davidson, Harold Hawkins, Mrs. Ruth Carrawan.

Digest—D. W. Hansley, J. R. Davidson, Mrs. J. K. Bryan.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read as follows: The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina met in Ayden on August 28th, 1950. Members present: S. A. Smith, Chairman; J. C. Griffin, H. M. Mallard, J. W. Alford, Secretary.

Prayer was offered by J. W. Alford.

The program for the next session of the Conference was arranged.

On motion we have 1000 copies of the program printed for distribution at the Conference.

On motion we adjourned.

Closing prayer by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at Kinston on October 16th, 1950, at 10 o'clock A. M., with all members present.

Visitors present: Revs. T. H. Willey, D. W. Hansley, Clifton Rice, J. B. Naron, Bro. J. G. Noble.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Willey.

On motion we authorize the Chairman to appoint Rev. T. H. Willey to conduct the service at the Conference on next Wednesday night.

On motion the Chairman be authorized to give a personal summons to Rev. J. T. Forrest to appear before the committee on Ministerial Character at the Conference next Wednesday.

On motion this committee endorse the new Treatise that is being prepared and presented for the government of our church in North Carolina,

and we authorize Rev. D. W. Hansley to present the same to the Conference with our endorsement for its adoption.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned. Dismissed by Bro. Narron.

On motion the minutes of the Executive Committee were adopted.

The following visiting ministers were welcomed: Western Conference—W. E. Anderson, J. B. Narron; Central—L. B. Manning, J. E. Wooten; Cape Fear—Rashie Kennedy; Piedmont—Walter Carter.

The list of ministers was called and absentees noted.

On motion Mrs. Alice Lupton was appointed to write a sketch of the lives of Revs. L. C. Garner and J. A. Ringold, same to appear in these minutes.

On motion the name of Duffy Toler be placed on the list of retired ministers.

On motion Roy Miller be excommunicated for departing from the faith of the Free Will Baptist church.

On motion Bros. Russell Millard and T. C. Smith, WITHOUT THEIR REQUEST, be forgiven for the wrongs they have done, and they be welcomed as visitors.

On motion Rev. T. H. Willey be given the time assigned for the introductory sermon.

Rev. Lee Whaley conducted a short devotional service, and Bro. Willey brought a wonderful message on Missions, using 2 Timothy 2nd chapter for his scriptural foundation.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A very bountiful dinner was served, after which we re-assembled for business.

Devotions were conducted by Bro. L. E. Styron.

Rev. D. W. Hansley reported for the Educational program as follows:

Board of Christian Education

We, the Board of Christian Education, wish to report the following.

Received from Rev. J. C. Griffin—Balance brought forward from

N. C. State Convention last year	\$ 81.83
Received from Women's Auxiliaries	31.00
Received from Sunday Schools	246.55
Received from F. W. B. Leagues	47.71
Received from Union Meeting Districts	407.12
Received from Churches	560.20
Individual Gifts	49.75
Received from Conferences	150.83
Received from State Convention	100.00
Received for Special Student Fund	255.79

Grand Total Receipts—Oct. 18, 1949, to Sept. 12, 1950 . . . \$1,930.78

Disbursements

Sent to F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. . . .	\$1,363.92
Sent to Special Students	255.57
Expense of Board meetings, office supplies, and mileage	121.57

Total Disbursements—Oct. 18, 1949 to Sept. 12, 1950 1,741.06

Balance in Treasury September 12, 1950 \$ 189.72

After the report was made, he made a very earnest appeal for our faithful support of the educational work.

On motion the report was accepted.

On motion the new church at Warsaw, Duplin County, be placed on the list of churches.

The work of the committee on the revision of the Treatise, as it relates to the government of our church in North Carolina was presented by Rev. D. W. Hansley.

On motion we adopt the work as presented.

After some discussion, a motion to table the matter until 10:30 o'clock tomorrow A. M., was adopted.

The committee on Ministerial Character reported as follows: Rev. J. T. Forrest came before us and stated that if he has gone contrary to any rule of this Conference or the church, he is sorry, and will, in the future, do his best not to infringe on any rules hereafter. Therefore we recommend that he be now in good standing.

Nothing else coming before us, we conclude that all our ministers are in good standing. Signed by the committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws submitted their report, and same was adopted. (The Constitution and By-Laws are found in the back of these Minutes.)

Bro. Charlie Hines presented the S. S. address, which was very instructive and inspiring.

On motion we adjourned. Rev. W. E. Stilley was appointed to conduct the devotions tomorrow A. M. in the absence of Rev. E. E. Edwards. Benediction by Bro. S. W. Jones.

THURSDAY MORNING

The conference was opened according to program by Rev. W. E. Stilley.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Revs. L. E. Ballard and W. A. Dail of the Central Conferernce, and M. L. Johnson of the Western Conference were welcomed.

Bro. C. K. Dunn of the Free Will Baptist Press, was given time to present matters concerning the printing company, and he gave us a very good report of the work there.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows: We ask that the

Sunday School report of last year be put into effect as much as possible. Also we urge that our schools use our literature published at Ayden, N. C., and if it does not meet their needs, make such known to the Press, that they may bring it up to their requirements.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the next session of the Conference be held at Deep Run, Lenoir County, N. C. Rev. D. W. Hansley was selected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. S. A. Smith, alternate.

Rev. M. L. Johnson reported for the State Board of Superannuation as follows:

Report of Board of Superannuation

The Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist make the following report to the Eastern Conference.

The amount received from this district last year was \$1,218.83. This was a decrease of \$469.22 under the previous year.

The above amount was given as follows:

Churches	\$ 638.47
Auxiliaries	32.00
Sunday Schools	286.36
Leagues	2.00
Individuals	5.00
Conference	100.00
Union Meetings	155.00
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Total	\$1,218.83

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the people of this Conference for this past support, and to ask your continued support as we strive to reach the goal for this year.

M. L. Johnson, *Chairman-Treasurer*

On motion it was accepted as information.

The time having arrived for the special orders of the day, the question of the Treatise for North Carolina was again presented, with the result that the Treatise as offered, was adopted unanimously.

The Temperance Committee reported as follows:

We go on record as opposing the sale and use of alcoholic beverages in any form; but to be more specific

1. We recommend total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages, and those who persist in their use to be dealt with according to a rigid discipline by the church of which the violator is a member.

2. We further recommend that our church members not only abstain, but stay away from such places as sell intoxicants, and boycott them whenever possible, by purchasing needed items from places where intoxicants are not sold.

3. That the ministry use every available means, through the leadership

of the Holy Spirit, to discourage and condemn its sale and use, not only from the pulpit, but in government and society.

4. We solicit the prayers and support of every child of God to overcome this deadly evil in our church and country.

Now we beg you people to accept this report, and do something about it, for the sake of Jesus Christ and His kingdom on earth.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Examining Board reported as follows:

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina met in Kinston, August 31, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer by Bro. Clifton Rice. All members of the Board were present.

By invitation of the Board, Bro. J. W. Alford met with us. The list of questions for the examination of candidates was revised.

The Secretary was ordered to give notice to, and examine any candidates who may come up to the qualifications required by the Eastern Conference. Bro. Clifton Rice was appointed to work with the Secretary in said examination, the examination to be given in the Court House, Kinston, N. C., on Monday, October 16, 1950, 9 o'clock A. M.

The meeting was dismissed by Bro. J. W. Alford.

The Examining Board of the Eastern conference met in Kinston, N. C., October 16, 1950. Members present: Revs. K. W. Gaskill, Clifton Rice, D. W. Hansley and Lloyd Vernon.

Since the Chairman was absent, Bro. Gaskill was elected Chairman pro-tem.

We examined Bro. Leon Styron, and recommend that he be ordained at a time and place, and by a Council to be arranged by the Chairman of the Examining Board.

Dismissed by Bro. Hansley.

On motion the above reports were adopted.

The following was also offered by the Examining Board: We, the Examining Board of the Eastern Conference, hereby tender our resignation effective today. This done in a regular meeting October 18, 1950.

The resignation of the Examining Board was rejected, and following this rejection, the preachers and delegates stood and pledged their support to the Board in the future.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon was elected to succeed himself for a term of five years on the Examining Board.

Bro. H. M. Mallard brought greetings from the Orphanage, in the absence of the Superintendent, and an offering for the Home was made, amounting to \$107.69.

Rev. J. R. Bennett brought the Conference sermon at 11:30 o'clock. Text: Exodus 14:15. "Go Forward." It was a very inspiring message.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After a very fine dinner, the conference resumed its work at 1 o'clock P. M.

Rev. A. C. Austin conducted the devotions.

Revs. J. C. Moye of the Central Conference and R. H. Jackson of the Cape Fear Conference were welcomed.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President of the State Women's Auxiliary Convention gave a very fine report of the work of the women of the State, and it was received as information.

Bro. Walter Croom, Superintendent of the Orphanage, was recognized, and made a statistical report of the work of the institution for the year.

On motion his report was accepted as information.

The Resolution committee approved the following resolution: Realizing the danger facing our democracy and the form of free government of the United States, and to state our continued faith in the doctrine of "separation of church and state"; we therefore go on record as favoring the Barden bill which is before the United States Congress, as it pertains to Federal aid to our free school system.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Congressman G. A. Barden, and also a copy be given to the public press, and to our church paper, the Free Will Baptist.

Signed by Vause Gaskins, H. M. Mallard, J. C. Griffin.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The Digest committee submitted the following report.

Died—1949, 65; 1950, 78; gain, 13.

Received by letter—1949, 84; 1950, 119; gain, 35.

Baptized—1949, 367; 1950, 468; gain, 101.

Dismissed—1949, 55; 1950, 70; gain, 15.

Transferred—1949, 65; 1950, 97; gain, 32.

Excommunicated—1949, 8; 1950, 3; loss, 5.

Number of members—1949, 8,159; 1950, 9,157; gain, 998.

Contributions—1949, \$1,539.96; 1950, \$1,566.86; gain, \$26.90.

Churches reporting—1949, 66; 1950, 67; gain, 1.

New churches enrolled—1949, 0; 1950, 1; gain, 1.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Grand Total on hand last session \$1,615.28

Disbursements

For minutes	\$ 90.00
Clerk's fee	35.00
Treasurer's fee	20.00
Expenses	73.00
Orphanage	700.00
Educational fund	25.00
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	75.00
Home Missions	75.00

*Cragmont	25.00
Church Finance Association, Inc.	25.00
L. C. Garner	60.00
J. A. Ringgold	20.00
H. Pipkin	30.00
L. J. Potter	25.00
Eight Widows, \$20.00 each	160.00
National Association fee	5.00
Grant's Chapel	20.00
Ruth's Chapel	10.00
Verona Mission	10.00
Mission Car	25.00

Total paid out	\$1,608.00
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Balance in Bank	\$ 7.28
Foreign Mission Collection on Wednesday	86.53
Orphanage Collection today	107.69
Received today	1,563.86

Grand Total	\$1,765.36
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Respectfully submitted, this the 19th day of October, 1950.

H. M. Mallard, *Treasurer*

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee to Apportion the Funds reported as follows:

We have on hand to apportion	\$1,563.86
For Minutes	\$100.00
Clerk's fee	35.00
Treasurer's fee	20.00
Expenses	104.04
Orphanage	700.00
Bible College	25.00
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	75.00
Home Missions	75.00
Cragmont	25.00
Church Finance Association, Inc.	25.00
H. Pipkin	35.00
L. J. Potter	35.00
Ten Widows, \$20.00 each	200.00
National Association fee	5.00

1,559.04

Balance	\$ 4.82
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Name of Churches	County	Delegates	Died	Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Transferred	Excom.	No. Members	Contribution
Core Creek	Craven	I. L. Heath, L. H. Hawkins	2	0	3	0	7	0	278	\$ 85.60
Gethsemane	Craven	Charlie Hines, H. E. Stewart	1	0	6	0	0	0	105	24.50
Antioch	Craven	W. A. and Vause Gaskins	3	2	21	0	2	0	133	35.00
Brice's Creek	Craven	Mrs. W. C. Rivenbark, Mrs. W. Herring	0	4	22	0	0	0	97	16.00
Juniper Chapel	Craven	Liddell Tripp and wife	2	0	5	0	0	0	116	10.00
Spring Hope	Craven	Zeb Caton and wife							50	10.00
Macedonia	Craven	James Wetherington, Paul Gaskins	3	1	18	0	2	0	274	40.00
Wintergreen	Craven	W. J. Tilghman, R. M. Wood	1	6	25	0	1	0	189	16.00
St. Mary's	Craven	Joseph Smith, North Gaskins	4	7	20	22	0	1	1443	100.00
Sts. Delight	Craven	Mrs. Hazel Stilley, Mrs. Sadie Price	2	2	10	0	0	0	152	24.50
Moseley's Creek	Craven	Mrs. Carrie Norris, Mrs. Olive Griffin	1	1	6	0	3	0	156	50.00
Reunion Chapel	Craven	Mrs. Teddy Dunn, Miss Gracie Boyd	3	3	10	4	0	0	65	12.00
Palmetto Chapel	Craven	Mrs. B. R. and Mrs. H. D. Forrest	0	0	0	0	3	0	98	30.00
Bridgeton	Craven	Charlie Jones, Lee Griffin	1	0	0	0	0	0	175	20.00
Lane's Chapel	Craven									
Oak Grove	Craven	Levi Powers, George Nobles	2	0	0	3	0	0	140	10.00
New Haven	Craven	J. R. Toler	1	1	19	0	0	0	87	10.00
Ruth's Chapel	Craven	Mrs. A. C. Lamm, Mrs. Ruth Carraway	0	13	6	0	0	0	58	10.00
Northeast	Wayne	Henry Jernigan and wife	1	2	17	0	0	0	131	15.00
Indian Springs	Wayne	Albert Smith	0	0	1	2	2	0	87	10.00
Grant's Chapel	Wayne	Floyd Williams and wife	4	0	1	1	4	0	84	5.00
May's Chapel	Wayne	By Letter							54	5.00
Sarecta	Duplin	David F. and S. W. Jones	3	0	10	0	1	0	187	25.00
Piney Grove	Duplin	Walter Hill, P. W. Outlaw	0	0	2	0	1	0	185	20.00
Sandy Plain	Duplin	Mrs. A. Kennedy, Mrs. Claudia Sumner	1	1	25	4	0	0	160	30.00
Rooty Branch	Duplin	Oliver Edwards and wife	2	0	4	6	0	0	84	15.00
Beulaville	Duplin	Milton Edwards and wife	1	0	5	1	1	0	176	43.58
Pearsall's Chapel	Duplin	Miss Daisy Wells, J. H. Bryan	1	0	0	0	0	0	129	20.00
Snow Hill	Duplin	W. C. Hill, Henry Tyndall	1	1	9	0	0	0	122	20.00
Bethlehem	Duplin	S. Borden Fountain, Ervin Simpson	1	1	8	3	0	0	103	40.00
Lanier's Chapel	Duplin	By Letter	0	0	4	0	0	0	82	10.00
Long Ridge	Duplin	Ben Sutton and wife	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	10.00
Cabin	Duplin	George and Walter Rhodes	2	0	14	1	0	0	132	20.00

Kinston	Lenoir	J. E. Harris, A. C. Deaver	1	19	3	0	0	0	165	30.50
Smith's New Home	Lenoir	J. J. Blizzard and wife	0	3	9	0	5	0	156	60.00
Deep Run	Lenoir	Leslie Smith, Elton Harper	3	3	26	2	2	0	274	35.00
Gray Branch	Lenoir	Alvin Deaver, Walter King	1	0	8	0	3	0	151	10.00
White Oak Grove	Lenoir									
Holly Springs	Carteret	Cecil Pringle and wife	2	4	27	0	0	1	168	24.00
Sound View	Carteret	Mrs. E. I. Garner, Mrs. J. H. Lewis	0	2	2	0	0	0	48	13.15
Beaufort	Carteret	Mrs. Jenny Lewis, Mrs. Lucy Dudley	2	0	4	0	0	0	126	10.00
Free Union	Carteret	By Letter	1	0	0	0	1	0	48	4.00
Welcome Home	Carteret	Mrs. Annie Gillikin, Mrs. Heber Golden	2	2	2	0	1	1	80	10.00
Morehead City	Carteret	Mrs. Caddie Willis, Mrs. Nora Parker	1	5	2	1	2	0	134	25.00
Pilgrim's Rest	Carteret	Mrs. Gladys Lupton	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	5.00
Russell's Creek	Carteret	Mrs. Daisy Springle	2	1	3	0	1	0	52	10.00
Davis Shore	Carteret	A. J. Willis and wife	4	0	5	0	5	0	176	20.00
St. John's Chapel	Carteret									
Mt. Pleasant	Carteret	J. L. Small	0	2	2	0	0	0	35	2.50
Edward's Chapel	Carteret	G. M. Carraway, Mrs. B. G. Hardy	1	8	12	0	1	0	120	20.00
Arapahoe	Pamlico	Mrs. B. L. Andrews, Mrs. V. J. Daniels	2	2	6	5	1	0	258	50.00
Trent	Pamlico	I. W. Swindell	0	4	8	0	0	0	80	10.00
Bethel	Pamlico	T. R. and Mrs. E. S. Lupton	1	0	4	0	2	0	67	28.00
Mt. Zion	Pamlico	Mrs. W. A. and Mrs. H. C. Barnes	1	0	1	5	0	0	95	20.00
Rock of Zion	Pamlico	Mrs. E. M. Prescott, Mrs. Eula Brinson	6	2	7	0	0	0	221	20.00
Oriental	Pamlico	By Letter	0	0	9	0	0	0	77	5.00
Warden's Grove	Pamlico	W. H. Lupton and wife	0	1	2	0	0	0	71	15.00
New Bethlehem	Pamlico									
Union Chapel	Beaufort	J. H. Dixon and wife	3	0	11	0	15	0	510	73.38
Dublin Grove	Beaufort	David Mayo, W. C. Bonner	1	4	20	0	1	0	198	29.00
White Hill	Beaufort	S. N. Hodges, R. G. Gillikin	0	2	4	4	0	0	183	15.00
Core Pt. Chapel	Beaufort	By Letter							27	3.00
Smyrna	Beaufort	Mrs. Rudolph Rowe, Mrs. R. C. Bell	3	0	8	0	4	0	144	10.00
Bethlehem	Beaufort									
Ephesus	Beaufort	Ernest and A. C. Cutler	0	0	19	0	2	0	80	10.00
Mt. Olive	Beaufort									
Friendship	Jones	C. J. Banks and wife	1	2	5	0	8	0	190	50.00
Whaley's Chapel	Jones	C. M. Whaley, G. M. Marshburn	2	2	4	0	0	0	226	50.00
Pilgrim's Home	Jones	E. S. Andrews	0	0	9	0	3	0	148	10.00
Folkstone	Onslow	M. F. Duff							185	10.00
Mt. Zion	Onslow									
Snead's Ferry	Onslow	By Letter	0	0	0	0	3	0	46	6.75
Jacksonville	Onslow	Mrs. Willis Parker, Mrs. J. K. Rhodes	1	6	13	1	0	0	49	8.00
Verona Mission	Onslow	By Letter	0	0	0	0	6	0	10	3.00

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. M. L. Johnson brought a report concerning the Church Finance Association, Inc., as follows:

Report of Church Finance Association, Inc.

Report of the Church Finance Association, Inc., to the Western North Carolina Conference of Free Will Baptist, October 18, 1950.

The following is a statement of the Membership and Business of the Church Finance Association, Inc., as of September 1, 1950.

Number members of the Association	243
Number of \$25.00 Certificates now held	320
Membership Fees Collected this year	\$716.84
Total Membership Fees now held	\$9,042.26
Number Loans made to date	23
Total of these 23 loans	\$64,447.45
Number loans now on our books	13
Total amount of loans now on our books	\$26,772.14

This Eastern Conference has \$475.00 in the Association for which they hold nineteen (19) \$25.00 Certificates.

We continue to invite inquiries, by those interested in this Association, as to the purpose and services of the Association. Copies of the Annual Report may be had after January 1 by writing the Secretary-Treasurer.

We continue to have applications for more loans than our resources will permit us to make. We urge our people to make more money available for this work, by giving a greater support to this program.

The next Annual Meeting will be held at Pleasant Grove church, in Wayne County on January 16, 1951, at 10:00 A. M.

Church Finance Association, Inc.

R. N. Hinnant, *President*

M. L. Johnson, *Secy.-Treas.*

On motion it was accepted as information.

On motion the Moderator at the time, represent this Conference in the meetings of the Church Finance Association.

Mrs. J. C. Moye was requested to sing something for us, and she very feelingly and beautifully sang, "I Am Satisfied with Jesus."

Rev. K. W. Gaskill was re-elected to succeed himself on the Grievance Committee for a term of five years.

Rev. J. R. Bennett was re-elected for a term of five years on the Board of Trustees. Revs. Clifton Rice and J. R. Davidson were added to the Board of Trustees.

On motion we extend to this church a standing vote of thanks for their very fine entertainment while we have been here.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

Closing exercise by Rev. Clifton Rice.

S. A. Smith, *Moderator*

Rev. Clinton Lupton, *Asst. Moderator*

H. M. Mallard, *Treasurer*

J. W. Alford, *Clerk*

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Constitution

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Denomination of North Carolina, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a Church or Conference; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and co-ordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better conference government.

ARTICLE I

Name—This organization shall be known as the EASTERN CONFERENCE OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE II

Purpose—The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of this body which is made up of the various churches composing the Eastern Conference, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various Churches of this Conference district, or that may hereafter be represented therein.

ARTICLE III

Composition—This Conference shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the Church they represent, and of all ordained Free Will Baptist Ministers who are of good repute in the Free Will Baptist Church in the district embracing the Eastern Conference.

ARTICLE IV

Representation—Representation to Eastern Conference is to be by the Churches composing the Conference district, and each church in said district shall be entitled to two delegates.

Sec. 2. This Eastern Conference shall have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any church representing, except it be a regular member from the said Church being in attendance at the said session, and that in the absence of the regularly appointed delegate.

ARTICLE V

Finance—Each church representing in this body shall make their do-

nations as liberal as they can, and if possible conform to the custom established some years ago of contributing .50c per member of the Church membership.

Sec. 2. The Secretary is to be paid the sum of \$35.00 annually and the Treasurer to be paid the sum of \$20.00 annually, all other expenditures not specified herein shall be made at the discretion of the body.

ARTICLE VI

Discipline—This Eastern Conference shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the churches composing said Conference, or act on any special appeal that may be made by any Church belonging to this Conference. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, and its decision shall be final.

Sec. 2. All appeals coming before the Eastern Conference may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the Conference when sitting in a committee of the whole. (2) By a special committee, whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

ARTICLE VII

Officers—The Officers of the Eastern Conference shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each two years regular session.

Sec. 2. Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VIII

Boards—All standing Boards shall be composed of five members, exclusive of the Executive Committee. Standing Boards exclusive of the Executive Committee shall be an Examining Board, Grievance Committee, Trustees, and two representatives of the Conference for meetings of the Printing Press. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the Executive Committee, shall be elected as follows: The first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years. Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the Eastern Conference from one regular session to another, and shall also have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the Eastern Conference.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and two members to be elected same as the other officers. These shall have the power to fill any vacancies that may occur between sessions of the annual conference,

same to be approved or rejected by the following session of the annual Conference. And it shall be the duty of this committee to make written reports of its work to each annual session of the Conference.

ARTICLE IX

The Eastern Conference, shall hold its regular meetings annually beginning on Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October and remaining in session until the business has been finished. The place of meeting shall be agreed upon in regular session; however, where a necessity may arise the Executive Committee may at its discretion change the place of meeting.

ARTICLE X

Should necessity arise, from war, pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular session, whether such condition is of local or general condition, then the Executive Committee shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Eastern Conference and the Church as a whole, provided that every transaction passed shall be by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the said Executive Committee, provided such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceeding articles.

ARTICLE XI

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Eastern Conference by a two-thirds vote of members or representatives present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

By-Laws

1. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the conference into session, and, if a quorum is present, the Moderator, or in his absence the Assistant Moderator, shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as Moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegates to the Conference, who shall present themselves with the proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Conference. In case of a questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this Conference to send a letter to every annual session of the Conference, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any church belonging to this conference which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the conference by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by the reading of a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the Moderator can be overruled.

6. This Conference may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This Conference shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

8. Any person not a member of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all the members of this conference to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain permission of the moderator.

10. No members shall absent himself from the Conference during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

18. All other By-Laws in conflict with the above By-Laws are hereby repealed.

19. These By-Laws shall be in force from and after they are ratified.

U. W. Daugherty

J. C. Griffin

S. R. Kennedy

Committee

OBITUARIES

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Elder L. C. Garner, of Newport, N. C., passed into the eternal world on June 15, 1950, after many years of service and suffering. He was born November 5, 1873, at Newport, Carteret County.

Feeling a divine call to the ministry of the gospel of Christ, he applied and was granted license to preach by his church, Holly Springs, in September, 1896, the Pastor being Elder W. H. Slaughter, Clerk, R. C. Garner. At the 1897 session of the Eastern Conference of original Free Will Bap-

tists, he passed his examination and was granted ordination. The ordination took place in the home of Elder Henry Cunningham, who with Elders R. F. Stilley, V. G. Britton, and R. F. Daugherty, conducted the ceremony, on November 19, 1897.

He was married to Miss Emma Swain, daughter of Elder E. L. Swain, July 4th, 1899. To this union was born three sons and two daughters, who survive him. He was a willing servant of the Lord, always ready to sacrifice and labour in the cause of righteousness. He was faithful to every task and loyal to the Christ whom he delighted in holding up to a lost world. In 1914 he was stricken with a malady which eventually led to the end, after long years of patient suffering and resignation.

The funeral services were conducted by Elders J. W. Alford and J. Randall Bennett the latter his pastor, at Holly Springs Church, after which the body was laid to rest in the family cemetery under a bank of beautiful flowers, tokens of the love and respect of his church and community. Truly it can be said of him, "He was faithful unto death." To his widow and children, we would say that "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning," and may the Father of mercies comfort and sustain each troubled heart.

By Alice E. Lupton

Elder J. A. Ringgold was born January 17, 1866. He united with the Free Will Baptist Church at the age of 24 years, at what was then known as "Liberty" Church, but now as Gethsemane, in Craven County. He was baptized by Elder B. B. Albritton. Two years later he was given license to preach by his church, with Elder W. W. Lewis as Pastor. He was granted ordination by the Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists in the Fall of the same year, 1892, being ordained by Elders R. F. Stilley, Henry Cunningham and A. E. Rouse.

During his years as a Minister of the gospel of Christ, he made many sacrifices that the work might move on and the Lord's name be exalted above every name. He baptized about 600 during his active ministry, serving several churches from time to time, until his health necessitated his retirement. Elder Ringgold was married first to Miss Mary Wetherington. There were five children born to this union, three of which survive. He married Miss Carrie Price in 1914, who survives. There was no children to this union. Children surviving are J. S. Ringgold, of New Bern, N. C., B. F. Ringgold, of Bridgeton, and Mrs. Elvin McDaniel. There are also ten grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

He answered the last call on July 30th, 1950, when the Master called him from his earthly tabernacle to that of the heavenly kingdom.

The funeral was conducted in the Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church by Elders Clinton Lupton, J. Randall Bennett and J. C. Griffin. Many tokens of respect were given, especially in the large and beautiful floral offering. He was laid away in the Bridgeton cemetery until the great resurrection morn, when the "dead in Christ shall rise first," to meet the Saviour in the air, and forever be with the Lord." May the God of peace, comfort

the bereaved ones and lead them to a closer walk with Him." "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

By Alice E. Lupton

Church Letter

To the Eastern Original Free Will Baptist Conference to be held with the church at Deep Run, Lenoir County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1951.

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 WAITED

MINUTES

OF THE

Eastern Auxiliary Convention

March 23, 1950

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention met in its semi-annual session with Friendship Church, Jones County, Thursday, March 23, 1950.

The Theme for the day, "*Advancing with Christ.*"

Mrs. S. A. Smith, the president, led the devotions. Mrs. J. R. Davidson gave the Scripture lesson from verses in the 5th and 6th chapters of Ephesians. The Lord's Prayer was prayed in concert.

Rev. J. R. Davidson led in singing "Lead Me Saviour, Lest I Stray," after which Rev. J. C. Griffin led in prayer.

The President charged the delegates regarding their duties through the day, after which greetings from the local church were given by Mrs. Clyde Banks, with response by Mrs. Arthur Kennedy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

The following committees were appointed: *Resolution*: Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, Mrs. Mary McCotter, Mrs. Bertha Harper. *Petition*: Mrs. A. C. Tilghman, Mrs. Maggie Overman, Mrs. Calvin Mercer. *Finance*: Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Grace Sumner, Mrs. W. F. Thigpen.

The President, in her message on "Advancing with Christ," based her remarks on "Lift up your eyes and look on the field."

Mrs. Clara Jones, 2nd Vice-President gave her report, accompanied by a talk on "Advancing with Christ," through the Youth of our Church. Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 1st Vice-President, made her report, and stressed in her talk the importance of "Advancing with Christ," through a more concerted effort to enlist all of our church women in auxiliary work.

The President welcomed all ministers present, and called for remarks, which were made by several. Ministers from other districts were Rev. C. L. Patrick, Rev. D. W. Alexander, Central; Rev. James A. Evans, Rev. J. Albert Harris, Western; Delegate from Central Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks; from the Western, Mrs. James A. Evans.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard gave the report of the 3rd Vice-President, and made a talk on Missions, using Isaiah 54:2 for the base of her remarks.

Mrs. Fannie Swindell, 4th Vice-President, made her report, and spoke on "Consecration," in connection with "Advancing with Christ."

Rev. D. W. Alexander made a plea for the Baptist paper, stating that a prize of a nice Bible will be given to the one who sent in the largest number of subscriptions by June 1st, this he said, applies to Church, Sunday School, League, Auxiliary or person.

Congregational singing, led by Rev. J. Albert Harris, with prayer by Rev. Patrick. A duet, "The Many Mansions," was sung by Misses Barbara

and Agnes Faye Mallard. Remarks and announcements were made by Mr. Manly Mallard.

Congregational singing, "When We All Get to Heaven."

Mrs. Ethel Whaley brought the Convention message. She used Luke 19:10, and John 20, 21, as a foundation for her remarks on "Advancing with Christ in personal soul-winning. She stressed the fact that Jesus came solely to "Seek and to save the lost," and that He said "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you also."

An offering was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$62.05.
Recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30—Devotions were conducted by the Secretary, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton. She brought out in her remarks that "there can be no advancement with Christ, only through the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit, of whom there is so little known. That we read and hear about Him, but many of us do not know Him and His office work in the lives of all true believers."

Superintendent, Walter Croom, of the Orphanage made a talk in behalf of the Institution, giving some inspiring information relative to the progress. He reported that 7,921 Coupons had been received from district, and added that we may look upon coupons as being a very little thing, but that they meant dollars and cents to the Orphanage. He asked that each Auxiliary try to raise 500 coupons by the next Convention, stating that it would mean \$800 to \$1,000 for the Home.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Fifth Vice-President, made a report of the Orphanage work, and in her talk, urged that we Rise! Advance!

Mrs. Ballard made a talk on the Woman's Conference at Cragmont last August, and said that plans were being made to have Mrs. Willey and Miss Barnard with us in August this year when the women meet in their annual Conference.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, the Sixth Vice-President, made a report of the activities in behalf of our aged and retired Ministers. Her talk on "Advancing with Christ," could and should mean to us, that we cannot hope to call down the blessings of heaven upon us, unless we give our sympathy and support to our aged Ministers who have given their lives in sacrificial service to the Master.

Reports from the several Committees were heard at this time.

There was a rising vote of appreciation given the local church for the fine spirit of co-operation and for the bountiful lunch served at the noon hour. The Petition Committee reported only one, which came from St. Mary's Church in New Bern for the next session of the Convention. The report of the Finance Committee showed the amount of funds received, including dues to State and National Conventions, \$396.25. These reports received and adopted by motion.

The Treasurer gave her report, and on motion was received as read.

Rev. David Hansley gave interesting and encouraging information on the Bible College. He informed us that North Carolina has 22 students in the College.

The Secretary, Mrs. Lupton, gave an informative talk to the delegates relative to the duties of Officers in seeing that the 30cts per capita dues were collected, reports be more accurate and prompt, and that local Secretaries could save the day by recording the work of their auxiliaries properly. Mrs. J. C. Griffin, the State Field Worker, made an interesting talk on "News from the Field." Mrs. J. H. Oglesby made a short talk in the way of a testimony, which was very inspiring.

Mr. Taylor, Treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., was recognized and made a short talk on some of the needs of Cragmont, among which was a note for \$1,000 due in April. He asked the co-operation of all present in behalf of this indebtedness.

The following delegates were appointed to the various Conventions: Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Central; Mrs. Fanny Swindell, Western; Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Piedmont; Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Cape Fear; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, French Broad; Mrs. Griffin, Pee Dee and Albemarle.

Mrs. Ballard spoke in behalf of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, asking the Auxiliaries to secure a Poster and fill it by the next Convention, if possible. Mrs. Griffin gave a short talk in behalf of the Week of Prayer to be held during pre-easter week. She urged the use of the little booklet, "Footprints of Jesus in His last Week," during the week.

Closing hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Benediction by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE DAY

Balance on hand from last Convention	\$ 52.61
Receipts today	334.20
Offering for the Orphanage	62.05
 Total received	 \$403.25
Total on hand	\$455.86

Disbursements

State and National dues	\$100.00
Clothing for orphan child	30.00
Expense of Secretary	6.80
Collection for Orphanage	62.05
Gift to Orphanage	\$37.95— 100.00
To Secretary, for service	15.00
Co-Labourer Band Fund	25.00
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.	50.00
Superannuation	25.00
Home Missions	25.00
Christian Education	25.00
Contribution to State Auxiliary Convention	10.00

For Orphan girl	8.00	
Total disbursed		449.80
Balance on hand		\$ 6.06

Mrs. Rom Mallard

REPORT OF FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT FOR SIX MONTHS

Amount of dues collected	\$1,561.03
Amount for Co-Labourer Fund	89.00
Amount of Home Missions	234.11
Amount of Foreign Missions	74.44
Amount to Superannuation	117.27
Amount of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.	145.00
Amount of Orphanage	968.06
Amount to F. W. B. College	39.00
Amount of Convention dues	140.56
Amount used for local work	4,418.40
Amount of Auxiliary Literature	141.99
Amount of Gifts to retired Ministers	63.50
Amount of Gifts to Miss Lloyd and Miss Barnard	15.00
Total amount raised	\$6,206.58
Balance in local treasuries	\$1,260.80

Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*

Four new Auxiliaries have been organized during the past 6 months.

Minutes of the Annual Eastern Auxiliary Convention, September 21, 1950

The annual session of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention was held at St. Mary's F. W. B. Church, New Bern, N. C., on Thursday, September 21, 1950.

The Theme for the day was "*The Stewardship of Life*."

The morning devotions were given by Miss Sara Gibble. Rev. J. R. Davidson led the morning prayer. Mrs. L. E. Ballard was in charge of the music.

BUSINESS SESSION

Calling list of officers. Greetings from the local Church by the Auxiliary President, Mrs. C. D. Pigott. Response was made by Mrs. J. B. Freeman.

The President's remarks on "Being a Good Steward" were very timely and appropriate. After congregational singing, the following Committees were appointed: *Finance*, Mrs. Cedric Boyd, Mrs. Lila Willis, Mrs. Mordie Fulchur, to work with the Treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard, Chairman; *Petition*: Mrs. Bessie Rhodes, Mrs. Herman Quinn, Mrs. Jas. Wetherington; *Resolution*: Mrs. J. W. Overman, Chairman, Mrs. D. F. Chambers, Mrs. Chris Lupton.

Mrs. S. A. Smith, President, recognized the Ministers present and gave them a welcome. The report of the First, Fourth and Fifth Vice-Presidents were given, after which Mrs. Ballard led a Chorus, "All Because of Calvary."

Mrs. Ethel Whaley made report of the Woman's Conference at Cragmont in August, and gave a very inspiring talk on the Women's work in general and the priceless advantages gained through these annual Conferences at Cragmont. A special musical selection was rendered by Miss Mildred Setzer, "May I Do Something for Thee."

A talk and a report of the Orphanage was given by the Superintendent, Mr. Croom, which was encouraging throughout. He congratulated the women of the Eastern Auxiliary district for their loyal support and for their sacrificial efforts in behalf of the Home. During his remarks, he said the children were all adopted except one little girl. He gave in detail some of the pressing needs of the Home at this time. An offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$73.37.

At this time a Monologue on "Superannuated Ministers," by the Pastor, Rev. L. E. Ballard, was given. This was very solemn and impressive, and brought complimentary remarks from all.

The President asked for delegates and visitors from other districts, but there were none.

Announcements by the Pastor. Adjourned for lunch and recreation.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention resumed the business at 1:15. Devotions were given by Mrs. Vaughn Hill. At this time an explanation was given relative to a table of dolls that had been on display all day, and which were dressed in various costumes of the nations they represented. They belong to Miss Sarah Lou Gaskins, a local girl, who is collecting these dolls.

Three new Auxiliaries were reported, one at Verona, by Mrs. J. K. Rhodes and one at New Bethlehem, by Mrs. Swindell. These were both represented. The other one is at Bettie, Carteret County, and was reported by Mrs. Beatrice Lewis, of Beaufort, R.F.D.

Reports were heard from the Second, Third and Sixth Vice-Presidents.

Report of Secretary was given for the year.

The Petition Committee reported only one petition received which was from Long Ridge, Duplin County. On motion the invitation was accepted and the March, 1951 Convention is scheduled to meet there.

The Resolution Committee made report as follows:

"Realizing the benefit of Executive sessions between Conventions, and believing that the Officers of the Convention would be able to keep in closer touch with the needs of the Woman's work, and be in position to promote all Departmental work and interests between sessions, Therefore Be it Resolved:

That the officers of this Convention be requested to hold two Executive sessions a year, namely, a short time prior to each Convention in the Spring and Fall. That the time of meeting be subject to the call of the President and the place designated where most convenient.

2nd. Be it resolved that this Convention extend to St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, its Auxiliaries and to neighboring churches, a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown us, and for the wonderful spirit of fellowship existing during the session.

Committee:

Mrs. J. W. Stilley
Mrs. Chris Lupton
Mrs. D. F. Chambers

The report of Treasurer was given, and on motion was received as read, together with the financial report.

The following delegates were appointed to attend other Conventions: Mrs. Ethel Whaley, Central; Pee Dee, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, who was also asked to represent us in the Cape Fear Convention.

Closing hymn, "O, Zion Haste." Closing prayer in behalf of the Whaley baby.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand from last Convention	\$ 6.06
Offering for Orphanage this Convention	73.37
Received from Auxiliaries	184.90

Received for Special dues	47.00
Total amount on hand	<u>\$264.33</u>
<i>Disbursements</i>	
Paid to Orphanage \$73.37, plus \$26.63	\$100.00
Set aside for Dues	47.00
Expense of Secretary	5.39
Secretary's service	15.00
Minutes	25.00
For Missions	15.00
For Co-Labor Band	5.00
Graduation gift for Orphan	5.00
Total paid out	<u>226.38</u>
Balance in treasury	\$ 36.94
Mrs. Rom Mallard, <i>Treasurer</i>	

Vice-Presidents

FIRST

No. members enrolled at beginning of Convention year, 1024; New members during the year, 45; Present enrollment, 1039; Average attendance, 553.

Enlistment Work—Phone calls, 131; Personal visits by members, 277; Members mailing letters and cards, 152.

Work to bring back absentees—Members making phone calls, 150; Members making personal visits, 222; No. members sending letters and cards, 192.

No. papers and leaflets distributed, 5077.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin

SECOND

No. Young People, between 16 and 25 years, 347, district; No. Junior and Intermediates, 8 to 16, 220; Total No. girls auxiliaries, 8; Study classes conducted, 4; No. Vacation Bible Schools, 14; Amount reported sent to Bible College, \$138.61; To students, \$202.00; Co-Labourer's Band, \$96.10; Cragmont Assembly, Cash \$27.00, two sheets; Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$238.45.

Mrs. Clara Jones

THIRD

Mission Study Classes conducted, 17; Names of Books studied: "This World's Goods, Larger Stewardship, Climbing, His Name Among All Nations, Personal Soul Winning, Helping Others to Become Christians; No. attending classes, 166; Stewardship classes conducted, 15; No. new tithers,

8; Total no. of tithers in district, 160. Amount sent Treasurer for Home Missions, \$78.75; Foreign Missions, \$196.30.

Mrs. W. H. Marks

FOURTH

During the year 166 Auxiliary Manuals have been bought; Year Book 509; Subscribers to F. W. B. Paper, 374; No. articles published in Church or secular papers, 46; A-1 Standard Auxiliaries, 1.

Program Work Done: Special Missionary programs held, 9; Stewardship programs, 8; Special prayer programs conducted, 10; Week of Prayer programs, 110; Average attendance, 610; Amount self-denial from Week of Prayer, \$119.04.

Mrs. Fanny Swindell

FIFTH

No. adopted children, 11; Amount spent for clothing, \$718.00; Value of commodities, \$133.00; Cash sent for equipment, etc., \$297.68. No. Coupons, 12,062.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

SIXTH

Ministerial work done: Letters and cards sent to retired ministers, 72; Gifts sent valued at \$58.00.

Number members engaged in Personal service work, 110; No. assisting in cottage prayer meetings, 94; No. members making soul-winning efforts, 156; Approximate number of converts during this year, 47; No. distributing Bibles, 12; No. members distributing trays and baskets to sick and needy, 444; No. members helping in Red Cross, W. C. T. U., Benevolences, home mission work, 123; Spent miscellaneous, \$151.29, including \$2.00 to the needy, 13 chickens, 9½ lbs. butter, 59 gallons of milk, 21 doz. eggs, one grocery pounding, clothing valued at \$20.50; 217 visits made to sick.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Amount of funds sent to the two Conventions for year ending September, 1950, \$720.19.

Distributed by the Convention—Orphanage, \$200.00; Secretary, for service, \$30.00; Secretary for expense, \$12.19; Clothing for Orphan, \$60.00; For Co-Labourer's Band, \$40.00; Cragmont Assembly, \$50.00; Superannuation, \$25.00; Home Missions, \$40.00; Bible College, \$25.00; Gifts for Orphans, \$13.00; Dues, \$47.00; Contribution to State Auxiliary Convention, \$10.00; Total disbursed by the March and September, 1950, Conventions, \$552.19.

Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*

