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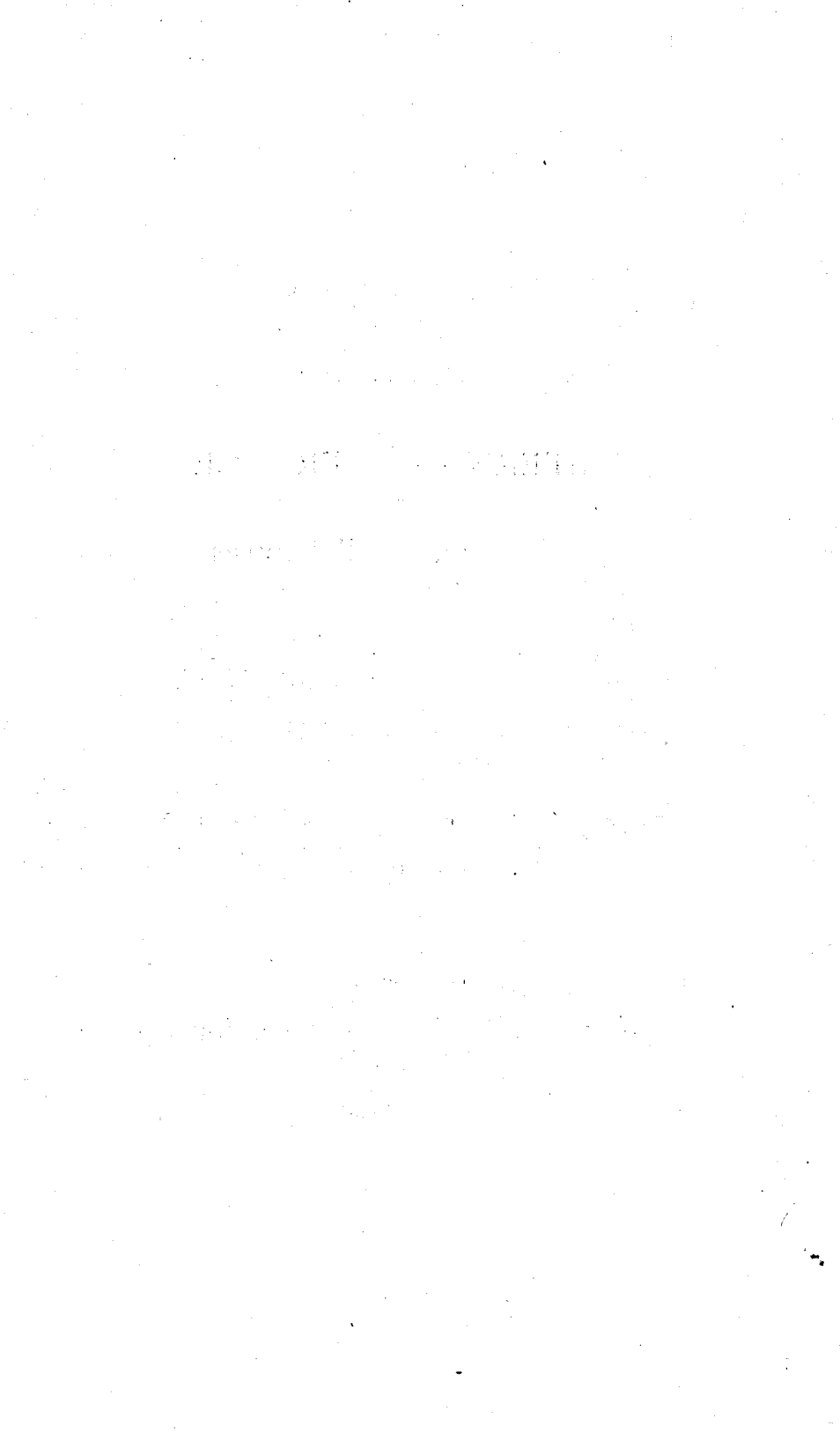
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Order of Business

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

Church Letter

To the Eastern Original Free Will Baptist Conference to be held with the church at Core Creek Craven County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1952.

We, the church at
County, N. C., send our beloved brethren
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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

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Officers for the Year

REV. CLIFTON RICE, *Moderator*.....Kinston, N. C.
 REV. CLINTON LUPTON, *Ass't. Moderator*.....Bayboro, N. C.
 REV. J. W. ALFORD, *Clerk*.....Columbia, N. C.
 H. M. MALLARD, *Treasurer*.....Trenton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REV. CLIFTON RICE, *Chairman*.....Kinston, N. C.
 REV. J. W. ALFORD, *Clerk*.....Columbia, N. C.
 REV. J. C. GRIFFINNew Bern, N. C.
 H. M. MALLARDTrenton, N. C.
 REV. LLOYD VERNON.....Mt. Olive, N. C.

EXAMINING BOARD

REV. J. R. BENNETT, *Chairman*.....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.
 REV. J. W. ALFORD, *Honorary*.....Columbia, 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

Duffy Toler, (Retired) Chocowinity, N. C.
L. J. Potter, (Retired) Snead's Ferry, N. C.
H. Pipkin, (Retired) Mt. Olive, N. C.
J. W. Alford, Columbia, N. C.
Lloyd Vernon, Mt. Olive, N. C.
R. C. Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C.
A. C. Austin, Aurora, N. C.
Wesley Price, Seven Springs, N. C.
J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C.
J. R. Davenport, Deep Run, N. C.
F. E. Jones, Kenansville, N. C.
C. L. Bennett, Grantsboro, N. C.
Clifton Rice, Kinston, N. C., Box 216
D. W. Hansley, Ayden, N. C., Box 176
J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C., 1409 N. Pastuer St.
B. F. Ringold, New Bern, N. C., Route 1
S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C.
J. R. Forrest, New Bern, N. C.
K. W. Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
Clinton Lupton, Bayboro, N. C.
Sam R. Kennedy, Greenville, N. C.
G. W. Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
J. R. Davidson, New Bern, N. C., 826 Pollock St.
F. R. Williams, New Bern, N. C.
Elmo Harper, Grantsboro, N. C.
E. E. Edwards, Chocowinity, N. C., Route 1
W. E. Stilley, New Bern, N. C., Route 1
W. H. Willis, Kinston, N. C., 1502 Hyman Ave.
J. T. Forrest, LaGrange, N. C., Route 1
Lee W. Whaley, Jacksonville, N. C., 416 Ann St.
Clifton Styron, Davis, N. C.
Leon E. Styron, Washington, N. C.
J. B. Narron, Kinston, N. C.
T. O. Terry, Cove City, N. C.
Warren Mallard, Trenton, N. C.

List of Licensed Ministers

L. L. Willis, Herbert Tripp, Charlie Robinson, N.
D. Wiggs, L. L. Parker, O. B. Everett, John Grimes-
sley, J. W. Everton, R. L. Edwards, Elmer Good-
win, George Branning, Beverly Ballard, Alton
Mason.

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. Wilbur Herring, New Bern, N. C., R-4
Juniper Chapel—Wm. C. Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.
Spring Hope—Mrs. Lena I. Willis, New Bern, N. C., R-1
Ma'cedonia—Mrs. Beulah Franks Best, Vanceboro, N. C.
Wintergreen—A. B. Tilghman, 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, N. C., 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
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—M s. Pearl Amon, Mount Olive, N. C.
Beulaville—W. D. Thigpen, Beulaville, N. C.
Pearsall's Chapel—Daisy J. Wells, Kenansville, N. C.
Snow Hill—Mrs. Rotha Reardon, Mt. Olive, N. C., R-2
Bethlehem—L. E. Jones, Chinguapin, N. C.
Long Ridge—John Kornegay, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Cabin—Calvin R. Mercer, Beulaville, N. C.
Lanier's Chapel—J. H. Dail, Chinguapin, N. C.
Warsaw—Miss Eleanor Taylor, Warsaw, N. C.

LENOIR COUNTY

Christian Chapel—J. B. Hill, Deep Run, N. C.
British Chapel—Stella Loftin, Kinston, N. C.
Woodington—Mrs. Elbert Potter, Kinston, N. C.
Dailley's Chapel—Willie T. Shiver, Seven Springs, N. C.
Kinston—William Oliver, Kinston, N. C., Box 904

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, Atlantic, 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. Fannie 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—Mabel Rowe, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Ephesus—Mrs. Warren Gaskins, Blounts Creek, N. C.
Mt. Olive—James L. Jarvis, South Creek, N. C.

JONES COUNTY

Friendship—H. M. Mallard, Trenton, N. C.
Walden's Chapel—Jennie Taylor, Richlands, N. C.
Pilgrim's Home—W. A. Ipock, Kinston, N. C., 1007 E. King St.

ONSLOW COUNTY

Folkstone—Ernest L. Parker, Folkstone, N. C.
Mt. zion—Henry Scott, Beulaville, N. C.
Snead's Ferry—Sudie Mae Brown, Snead's Ferry, N. C.
Jacksonville—E. E. Tosto, Jacksonville, N. C.
Verona Mission—Mrs. Foy Norman, Verona, N. C.

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 donations 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 begin-

ning 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 member 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 diversion.

13. Anyone 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

PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty Sixth Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the church at Deep Run, Lenoir County, N. C. on October 24th, 1951 at 10 o'clock A. M. The devotions were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. L. E. Ballard, and he used Isa. 40 for the Scripture Lesson. He also welcomed the ministers and delegates to this church for this session.

The following officers were in their places: Rev. S. A. Smith, Moderator; Rev. Clinton Lupton, Ass't. Moderator; J. W. Alford, Clerk; H. M. Mallard, Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance—J. C. Griffin, Joel Kennedy, U. W. Daugherty

Temperance—J. R. Davidson, Wayne Heath, W. H. Lupton

Sabbath Schools—J. R. Davenport, Larry Howell, Jimmie Tyndall

Ministerial Character—J. C. Griffin, Joel Kennedy, W. B. Ipock, L. R. Sanderson, Mrs. Julia Pate

Digest—H. M. Mallard, Mrs. Minnie Oglesby, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

Nominations—Clinton Lupton, Raymond Harrison, R. A. Houston.

The organization being completed, prayer was offered by Bro. Wayne Heath.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met in session at Reedy Branch Church on November 8, 1950.

Present: S. A. Smith, Chairman, J. C. Griffin, H. M. Mallard, D. W. Hansley, proxy for Lloyd Vernon, J. W. Alford, Secretary.

Prayer by Bro. Hansley.

On motion A. P. Hill, Jr., be excommunicated from the Eastern Conference for departing from the faith of the Free Will Baptist Church, and the Secretary be instructed to demand his license and credentials.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

On motion the minutes were adopted.

The following ministers were welcomed:

Western Conference—J. B. Narron, M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, W. E. Anderson.

Central—L. E. Ballard, T. P. Ellis, J. E. Wooten, Rashie Kennedy, C. J. Harris, L. B. Manning, Bro. Jesse Gay.

Cape Fear—T. C. Smith, R. H. Harris.

Piedmont Association—W. H. Calvert.

Pee Dee—Russell Mallard

Cumberland Ass'n. of Tennessee—T. O. Terry

Missionary Baptist—P. P. Hartsell

The list of ministers was called.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. E. Stilley, K. W. Gaskill, and Bro. Elmer Goodwin to write a sketch of the life of Rev. I. W. Russell.

On motion the names of N. D. Wiggs, L. L. Parker, O. B. Everett, John Grimesley, J. W. Everton, R. L. Edwards, Elmer Goodwin, George Branning, Beverly Ballard and Alton Mason be placed on the list of licensed ministers.

On motion Rev. J. B. Narron be received into this Conference, and his name placed on the list of ordained ministers.

The list of churches was called.

On motion the resolution passed two years ago requiring an applicant for ordination to have a high school diploma or its equivalent be rescinded.

On motion the Chairman of the Examining Board be authorized to call a meeting of the Board at any time during the year for the purpose of examining applicants for ordination.

At 11:30 o'clock A. M. the session called off for the introductory sermon by Rev. D. W. Hansley, who used as a text Isa. 6;1-8. After a very inspiring sermon, we were dismissed for dinner.

WEDNESDAY P. M.

A very good dinner was served by the ladies of the church, after which we re-assembled for business. Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. B. Narron, who read II Timothy 2;1-15. Prayer was offered by Rev. Rashie Kennedy. At the close of the devotions, Bro. Beverly Ballard sang "It Is No Secret What God Can Do."

The following brethren were appointed as a Devotional Committee to arrange for the service tomorrow: Emmett Taylor, Lee Whaley, J. B. Narron.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, the Promotional Secretary, was recognized, and he presented the work of each department of the Convention in a verbal report. He also submitted the report of Church Finance Association, Inc.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

to the

Eastern North Carolina Conference of Free Will Baptist

October 24, 1951

The following is a report of the Membership and Business of the Church Finance Association, Inc., as of September 1, 1951.

Number members of the Association.....	249
No. members holding at least one \$25.00 Certificate..	158
Number \$25.00 Certificates now in force.....	324
Membership fees collected this year.....\$	585.79
Total membership fees now held.....	9,335.50
Number new loans made during the year.....	6
Total amount of these loans.....	15,600.00
Total loans made since 1940.....	29
Total amount of these loans.....	80,047.45
Number loans now on our books.....	15
Total amount these loans.....	30,335.00

(All accounts in good standing)

Our total receipts last year.....	23,781.82
Our disbursements last year.....	21,871.80
Balance on hand September 1, 1951.....\$	1,910.02
Our total Assets as of September 1, 1951.....	\$32,725.04
Our total Liabilities as of September 1, 1951.....	30,321.62
Surplus (or earned profits)	\$ 2,403.42

Our next Annual meeting will be held at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Sampson County, on Tuesday, January 15, 1952, beginning at 10:30. A. M.

The Eastern Conference has \$500.00 in the Association for which they hold twenty (20) \$25.00 Certificates.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

R. H. Hinnant, President

M. L. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer

After the above report, he also submitted the report for the Board of Superannuation as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

The Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists makes the following report to the Eastern Conference in session at Deep Run, N. C., October 24, 1951.

The amount received from this district last year was \$1,477.23. This is an increase over the previous year in the amount of \$258.40.

The above amount was given as follows:

Churches	\$ 867.45
Auxiliaries	81.00
Sunday Schools.....	217.78
Leagues	none
Individuals	1.00
Conference	100.00
Union Meetings.....	210.00
Total	1,477.23

There are now three (3) of your retired ministers receiving monthly pension checks from this Board, and eight (8) minister's widows receiving quarterly checks.

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer

On motion all these reports were received as information.

The Devotional Committee reported that tomorrow at 11:30 o'clock Rev. Clinton Lupton will preach.

The following resolution was offered and by motion was adopted:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, in conference assembled, that we go on record as follows:

First, that we unite our voices with other Protestant groups throughout the United States of America in protesting against the appointment by the President of the United States of a representative to the Vatican, or headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, in the City of Rome, Italy, it being our conviction that such an appointment would violate the principle of the separation of church and state—a cherished heritage of our nation.

Second, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, and also to the Congress of the United States when it convenes.

On motion Rev. L. E. Ballard was appointed to edit the above resolution, and mail it to the proper and designated parties.

On motion this Conference approve the ministers licensed during the past year, and we hereafter license all applicants according to the requirements of the Treatise.

On motion any church calling for the Board in the matter of issuing a license to a minister, that church shall bear the expense of the Board.

On motion we adjourn until tomorrow A. M. 9:30 o'clock. Rev. R. N. Hinnant was requested to sing a special number for us, and he very graciously sang "Leave It There."

THURSDAY A. M.

Conference met at 9.30 o'clock, and was opened with devotions conducted by Rev. T. O. Terry who read Rom. 1:13-15, after which he made appropriate remarks for the opening of the session.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Visiting ministers were welcomed as follows:

Western Conference—R. P. Harris, F. B. Cherry

Piedmont Association—W. B. Carter

Cumberland Ass'n. of Tennessee—L. C. Johnson

Bro. C. K. Dunn, the Business Manager of the Press, was called forward, and he made a very interesting report of the work of the Press.

On motion we allow the Clerk to work with the Examining Board in the absence of Bro. Bennett, the Chairman.

Rev. F. B. Cherry, Editor-in-Chief elect of the Press was recognized and he solicited cooperation and counsel on the part of the brethren.

The Temperance Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Realizing that only a casual observation reveals to any open-minded person the fact that the cause of temperance is on the losing side in our society, with a constant increase in its ravages as a result of the popularizing of the use of alcoholic beverages by their legalization, and illicit commerce in their distribution, and, of various substances which threaten the very fabric of Christian and moral character, we wish to recommend:

That strict adherence be given to the second paragraph in our Church Covenant on the part of our entire membership. We quote the paragraph:

"We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

Failure on the part of any member of our churches to comply with

the agreement in the above paragraph should be considered as just cause for disciplinary measures being taken by the church.

That our people be urged to stir up a sense of consciousness of the dangers of becoming passive relative to the handling of liquor, beer or wine cartons for any conveniences, and, alert themselves relative to the influence of their personal appearance about places of business which deal in these substances.

Finally, that our young people, and, especially our youth in the high schools be alerted relative to the dangers lurking about those who smoke cigarets, lest they be swept into the use of narcotics which may call upon our virtuous girls to sell their bodies in order to carry out the acquired desires of the flesh.

Signed by the Committee:

J. R. DAVIDSON

C. W. HEATH

W. H. LUPTON

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the Bible College, was recognized, and he gave a very interesting report of the work and development of the College, showing its growth from 9 students to an enrollment of 135 within 9 years. 42 of the present students are from North Carolina. A challenge is given to us as a denomination to provide needed facilities for the College and its increased enrollment.

The Nominating Committee presented its nominations as follows:

Rev. Clifton Rice, Moderator, Rev. Clinton Lupton, Ass't. Moderator

Rev. J. W. Alford, Clerk, Rev. H. M. Mallard, Treasurer

Rev. J. R. Bennett to succeed himself on the Examining Board.

J. W. Alford, Honorary member of Examining Board.

To represent this Conference in the meetings of the Press:

Rev. D. W. Hansley and Rev. J. W. Alford

Rev. Clifton Rice automatically becomes a member and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

(There were no vacancies on any of the other Boards, so they stand unchanged in membership.)

On motion the report of the Nominating Committee was adopted.

Rev. Albert Coats of the Cape Fear Conference was recognized, and he made an interesting report on the Field Work of the Sunday School Convention; also announced a program designed to reach the official and teaching staff of our Sunday Schools with a view of producing greater efficiency.

A quartet consisting of Revs. R. P. Harris, Warren Mallard, Bro. Herbert Jones and wife sang "I Must Tell Jesus."

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

We urge all pastors to take an active part in the Sunday School work in the churches they serve. We also urge the pastors to stress the importance of parents carrying their children to Sunday School instead of sending them,

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and since we have no paid teachers, we need their help.

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. L. C. Johnson of the Bible College was again recognized, and he presented to us a plan for continued financing of the College, which is called "The Annual Endowment Check-book Plan".

Bro. H. M. Mallard, member of the Orphanage Board, made a report for the Orphanage, and a rising vote of thanks was given the retiring Supt. Bro. Walter Croom.

At this time, Bro. Croom came in, and he was called forward. He gave a very informative report, and submitted totals from this Conference as follows:

General Fund	\$ 9,488.03
Clothing	1,233.00
Floor covering	47.83
Sunday School (Chapel)	12.20
Refurnishing Girls' Building	118.00
Albemarle Cottage	37.10
Furnishings for Albemarle Cottage.....	85.15
Linens	10.00
Musie	115.00
Concert Class Receipts	2,050.35
Total.....	\$13,196.66

He also reported donated commodities amounting to \$470.67.

On motion the report of Bro. Croom was received as information.

An offering for the Orphanage was taken amounting to \$143.02.

At 11:30 o'clock Rev. Clinton Lupton delivered a most inspiring sermon from Nahum 1:7, after which we were dismissed for dinner.

THURSDAY P. M.

After a very fine dinner we re-assembled, and devotions were conducted by Rev. Sam Kennedy. Prayer by Rev. Clinton Lupton.

The Digest Committee reported as follows:

Died 1950-51	63
Received by letter	131
Baptised	458
Dismissed	71
Transferred	114
Excommunicated	1
Whole number members	8991
Contributions	\$1,505.65
Churches reporting	64

Note by the Clerk

We lost by death, dismissed, transferred, and excommunicated 249

We gained by letter and baptism 589

Which shows a net gain of 340

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we rescind the motion of yesterday requiring the churches asking for the Examining Board to pay the expenses of the Board.

On motion the Examining Board be requested to meet quarterly in

some designated place, and we pay the expenses of the meeting; the Board to give due notice of the meeting through our church paper, and each person desiring to be examined for license or ordination is to appear before the Board at one of the quarterly meetings; and the Board be given authority to examine and pass these applicants at the discretion of the Board, and when a candidate for ordination has passed the examination, the Board make the arrangements for the ordination of that candidate.

The committee on Ministerial Character made the following report:

All our ministers are in good standing so far as we can learn.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grand Total on hand last session	\$ 1,765.36
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DISBURSEMENTS

For Minutes	\$ 100.00	
Clerk's fee and expense	59.50	
Treasurer's fee	20.00	
S. A. Smith, expenses	9.50	
K. W. Gaskill, expenses	23.26	
D. W. Hansley, expenses	14.75	
J. R. Bennett, expenses	4.80	
Lloyd Vernon, expenses	4.28	
J. C. Griffin, expenses	9.05	
Orphanage	807.69	
Bible College	25.00	
Superannuation	100.00	
Foreign Missions	161.53	
Home Missions	75.00	
Cragmont	25.00	
Church Finance Association, Inc.	25.00	
H. Pipkin	35.00	
L. J. Potter	35.00	
Nine Widows, \$20.00 each	180.00	
National Association Fee	5.00	
Total Paid Out		1,719.36
Balance on hand from last year		46.00
Received since last conference		25.00
One Widow's check returned		20.00
Total on hand at beginning of Conference		91.00
Orphanage collection today		143.02
Received today		1,505.65
Grand Total		1,739.67

Respectfully submitted, this 25th day of October, 1951.

H. M. MALLARD, Treasurer

On motion the report was adopted.

The Examining Board reported as follows:

We have examined Bro. Warren Mallard, and recommend that he be ordained at a time and place, and by a Council to be arranged by the Chairman of this Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Since no provision has been made for the ordination of those who have been ordered examined, we recommend that the Board be authorized to arrange for their ordination if they pass.

2. We recommend that Eld. T. O. Terry be enrolled as a member and ordained minister of this Conference on receipt of his letter from the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

ORGANIZATION

The Board organized by electing Eld. J. R. Bennett, Chairman, and Eld. Lloyd Vernon, Secretary.

LLOYD VERNON, Secretary

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. D. W. Hansley gave a verbal report on Christian Education. On motion it was received as information.

On motion we extend a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for the hospitality shown us while in session.

On motion we give Rev. S. A. Smith a rising vote of thanks for his services as Moderator.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was given to all retiring officers.

Bro. H. M. Mallard of the Orphanage Board, announced the Thanksgiving Program at the Orphanage, also that Bro. S. A. Smith would be officially installed then, and invited all to attend.

The committee to apportion the funds reported as follows:

We have on hand to apportion \$ 1,739.67

For Minutes	\$ 100.00
Clerk's fee	35.00
Treasurer's fee	20.00
Expenses	10.60
Offering for Orphanage and Allocation	850.00
Bible College	25.00
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	75.00
Home Missions	75.00
Cragmont	25.00
Church Finance Ass'n. Inc.	25.00
Duffy Toler	70.00
H. Pipkin	35.00
L. J. Potter	35.00

9 Widows, \$20.00 each	180.00	
National Association fee	5.00	
Total allocated	\$1,665.60	\$ 1,665.60
Balance in Treasury		\$ 74.07

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Clifton Rice, the new Moderator, was called forward by the retiring Moderator, and the work as Moderator was turned over to him.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Chairman of the National Foreign Mission Board, was recognized, and he appealed for a continued support of all the Missionary enterprises of our church.

The new Moderator, Rev. Clifton Rice made remarks of appreciation for the honor placed on him as the Moderator, and begged for cooperation of the brethren, and for continued prayers for his radio program.

Delegates to the various Conferences were appointed as follows:

State Convention—Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. Alice Lupton, H. M. Mallard, Joel Kennedy, Roy Hill, Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Mrs. F. E. Jones.

Piedmont Association—Clinton Lupton.

Cape Fear—J. C. Gatti.

Central Conference—S. A. Smith.

Albemarle—J. W. Alford.

Western—D. W. Hansley.

Pee Dee—J. B. Narron.

French Broad Association—Sam Kennedy.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by Rev. Elmo Harper.

CLIFTON RICE, Moderator

CLINTON LUPTON, Ass't. Moderator

J. W. ALFORD, Clerk

H. M. MALLARD, Treasurer

NOTE BY CLERK: On November 6, 1951 I received from Core Creek Church in Craven County, notice that their church was inviting the next session of the Conference. and Rev. Sam Kennedy was selected to preach the introductory sermon, J. W. Alford, Alternate.

OBITUARY

Eld. I. W. Russell of Russell's Creek Church, passed into the eternal world in February 1951. He was born in Carteret County in 1869.

Brother Russell was educated in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N. C., and began teaching in the public school at the age of 21 years, and soon followed his Uncle John Russell in the ministry of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For many long years Bro. Russell faithfully served as a Free Will Baptist minister before poor health forced his retirement. He was always interested and helpful in his home church, and was well beloved and respected by the people of his community.

W. E. Stille

Elmer Goodwin

Mrs. Daisy Springle, Committee

Minutes of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention

March 22, 1951

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention met with Long Ridge Church on March 22, 1951. The devotions were given by Mrs. J. R. Davidson. The Theme for the day was "The Vision of Testimony." Mrs. Davidson spoke on some of the experiences of Paul in his life as a missionary and as a true witness of the gospel of Christ. She said that Paul was a model of obedience, having turned his back on all luxuries he might have had, for a life of suffering, and hardships and labor in the cause of Christ.

The President, Mrs. Smith, gave a short talk on "Preparedness", after which prayer was offered by Mrs. Ballard.

Roll call of officers was given and only one was absent.

The minutes of the last Convention was given by the Secretary for information. Greetings from the local church were extended by Mrs. Ben Sutton, the response was given by Mrs. E. M. Prescott.

Ministers and delegates were recognized by the President, who called for remarks by the Ministers, several responding. Those present were Revs. J. C. Griffin, J. R. Davidson, R. H. Jackson, Narron and Calvert. The President gave some instructions to delegates as to their duties to local churches that they might take back to them information relative to the general work in the district. She also made some timely remarks on the "Need of Vision", if it was to become a Testimony for God.

A few moments of silent prayer was observed in behalf of Peace, closed by Rev. Davidson.

Committees appointed: Finance, Mrs. Annie H. Mallard, Mrs. Cora Wells, Mrs. Maggie Daniels, with the Treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard, Chairman.

Resolution: Mrs. J. Wesley Price, Mrs. E. M. Prescott. Mrs. Alton Smith. Petition: Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Mrs. Clarence Howard, Mrs. G. L. Shriver.

Reports from the First and Third Vice Presidents were given. Rev. Griffin made an impressive talk on the needs of our Missionaries and showed some charts and pictures of our foreign missionaries in Cuba and India. also of some others who are preparing to go out as Missionaries.

The report of the fifth Vice President was given, after which the Superintendent of the Orphanage, Mr. Walter Croom brought interesting news regarding the progress and needs of the institution. In his remarks he stressed the need for a larger amount for clothing, suggesting that Ten Dollars be added to the \$30.00 that had been sent heretofore if possible, since the cost of clothing had advanced in accordance with other living costs.

There was congregational singing, "Help Somebody Today", at which time an offering was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$67.65. Mrs. Ballard exhibited a plate, or plaque of the new College Building, at Nashville, Tennessee, stating that they are on sale and may be obtained from her.

She also had Vacation Bible School literature on hand, and where it could be obtained.

Mrs. Smith, the President. presented the speaker at this time, Mrs. Bruce Barrow, who brought an inspiring message on "The Vision of Testimony", basing her remarks on Acts 18;9,10, and using the apostle Paul as an example of service and suffering, of faithfulness and sacrifice and of his final victory when he said, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith." She brought out in vivid description the life and purpose of Christ and His death on the cross, and urged that we make a personal application as Christians. that the Lord enlarge our vision to the extent that we shall make an absolute surrender of our lives to Him in order that our service to Him become more like that of Paul and others who laid themselves and their all on the altar. She closed with a poem, "Out of Touch With the Lord."

Adjournment for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with devotions by Mrs. Murphy. The first business taken up was the reading the minutes of the A. M. session. Reports were given by the Second. Fourth and Sixth Vice Presidents. News of our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee was brought by Rev. J. R. Davidson, who not only brought news, but gave some valuable information relative to the new work being done, new property acquired with an estimated cost of same. He said the total assets with the land and the new building are \$90,314.98. Number of graduates to date are 91. Information was also given relative to the four year courses, number enrolled at present and the number of pupils enrolled during the entire period since the first opening. Mr. Davidson gave as his conviction that Education and Missions must go hand in hand, that we needed a medium through which we can go forward in the Lord, and that this can be done through our Bible College. There were a few remarks by the President and Mrs. Ballard, who suggested that several Bible students were ready to go out in Vacation Bible Schools during the summer.

The Secretary made her report, and gave some information relative to how the Report blanks should be filled out.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, State Field Worker, made a statement that Auxiliary work throughout the State is very encouraging, that interest is growing and progress is being made.

Mrs. Ballard made a short talk on our Cragmont Assembly, Inc., and closed with a little enactment of "All Aboard for Cragmont!" She had all who had ever been to Cragmont. to sit together on the rostrum and pretend we were on a bus, journeying toward Cragmont and our annual Woman's Conference, while she gave excerpts of conversations and choruses on the way. There was a special selection by Rev. Davidson, "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus."

The Resolution Committee made a report, which was by motion adopted. (See reports).

The Petition Committee reported petitions for the next Convention, White Oak Grove, near LaGrange received a majority vote. Appreciation was extended to Core Creek and Snow Hill churches for their kind invitations. Reports from delegates to the various district conventions were given. The following were appointed delegates to the next sessions: Central, Mrs. J. C. Griffin; Cape Fear, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard; Pee Dee, Mrs. L. E. Ballard; Albemarle, Mrs. Griffin; Western, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby. It was moved and carried that we send a contribution of Ten Dollars to the State Auxiliary Convention. A motion was made by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby which met with a second, that the Secretary be allowed \$20.00 semi-annually for her services, the motion was carried.

The Treasurer's report was given and on motion was adopted as read.

A rising vote of appreciation for the splendid manner in which the Convention has been entertained, together with the fine spirit of fellowship and co-operation, was tendered the local church, after which the closing hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", was sung. Convention adjourned to meet with White Oak Grove Church, Thursday, September 20, 1951. Benediction by Mrs. Arthur Outlaw.

MRS. S. A. SMITH, President

ALICE E. LUPTON, Secretary

Reports

VICE PRESIDENTS

Number members enrolled at beginning of Convention year — 1015. Number new members — 135. Present enrollment — 1145. Average attendance — 654. Enlistment work done: Number members making phone calls to win new members — 166; Number making visits — 224; Number mailing cards and letters — 183; work done to bring back absentees; number making phone calls — 165, number making visits — 151, number mailing cards and letters — 264. Promotional work done: Number enlistment leaflets, papers, etc. distributed — 200, number programs on attendance, membership, Auxiliary plan of work, etc., given — 49. Ten members dismissed.

MRS. J. C. GRIFFIN, 1st Vice President

Number Young People between ages 16-25 in the district — 242; League — 154; Number Young People between ages 8-16 — 164; Number Vacation Bible Schools conducted — 4. Support of: Bible College, financial — \$94.00; otherwise, Students — \$75.00. Cragmont Assembly, Inc., financial — \$154.18. Anna Phillips Loan Fund: \$151.95.

MRS. CLARA JONES, 2nd Vice President

Number Mission Classes conducted — 42. Name of books studied: His Name Among All Nations, The Happiest Girl In Korea, Winning Lost Souls. Number attending classes — 99. Number books read — 59. Steward-

ship classes conducted — 8; Books studied, This World's Goods, These Moving Times, Ye Are Not Your Own, My Job Leaflets. Number tithers as a result of study classes — 8. Total number of tithers in the district — 96. Manual of Methods conducted — 9; Evangelism classes one. Books studied: Winning Lost Souls. Amount sent N. C. Woman's Auxiliary Convention Treasurer for Home Missions — \$156.25; Foreign Missions — \$312.94.

MRS. WILLIE MARKS, JR., 3rd Vice President

Subscribers to Auxiliary Manual — 163; Year Book — 569; F. W. B. Papers — 486. Number articles published in religious or secular papers — 73; number "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries — 1; Standard B — 1. Program work done: Programs for Auxiliary, Ex. Com. or Convention meetings planned in advance — 123; Special Missionary programs held — 40; Number special Stewardship programs given — 24; Special Prayer programs conducted — 86; Week of Prayer programs held — 23; Average attendance — 404. Amount self-denial offering resulting from Week of Prayer programs — \$125.90. Other special programs given to promote Auxiliary Plan of Work, such as Co-Labourer Band Fund, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Evangelism, etc., National 9 o'clock Prayer Hour.

MRS. FANNY SWINDELL, 4th Vice President

Number of children adopted for clothing — 11; amount of money for children's clothing — \$359.00. Amount of equipment and furnishing for Home — \$198.02. Value of commodities donated — \$341.39; number coupons sent — 8,454. Christmas gift — \$10.00. For music — \$30.00.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, 5th Vice President

Ministerial Relief work done: Cards, letters, etc., to Superannuated Ministers — 97; Gifts in cash — \$71.00. Amount sent to Superannuation program — \$292.17. Personal service work done; Number members engaged in personal service work — 503; number members assisting in cottage Prayer meetings — 158; number making soul-winning efforts — 211; Approximate number of converts during the 6 months — 129; number members distributing Bibles or Gospels — 66; number distributing trays and baskets to sick and needy — 441; number helping in Red Cross, W. C. T. U., and mission work — 169.

MRS. WALTER RHODES, 6th Vice President

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

Amount of dues collected in the district for six months ending March, 1951. \$1,419.65. Amount Fifty Thousand Co-Labourer Band Offering \$192.10; special offerings for Home Missions 137.34; Foreign Missions \$543.50; Superannuation \$292.17; Cragmont \$127.06; Orphanage \$894.65; Free Will Baptist College \$69.65; Gifts to aged Ministers; Promotional work \$5.00; Miscellaneous..... Total amount raised and reported \$8,503.39.

ALICE E. LUPTON, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand	\$ 46.94
Received today	394.30
Orphanage collection	67.65
Total amount	\$508.89

DISBURSEMENTS

State and National dues.....	\$130.82
Contribution to State	27.10
Expense of Secretary	6.65
To Secretary for service.....	20.00
Minutes	5.00
Gift to Orphanage, including the Free Will Offering	125.00
Co-Labourer's Band Fund	20.00
To Mrs. Barrow	5.00
For Superannuation	25.00
For Home Missions	25.00
For Christian Education	25.00
For Cragmont	50.00
For Woman's Convention	20.00
Total paid out	\$411.92
On hand	\$ 29.32

MRS. ROM MALLARD

Committee's Report

RESOLUTION

Realizing that gambling of all kinds is sinful and that it is gaining head-way in our state, to the pulling down and making unwholesome and unclean the youth of our land and creating habits that ruin both body and soul, THEREFORE be it resolved: 1st—That the Eastern District Auxiliary Convention in session at Long Ridge Church, this March 22, 1951, go on record as to the bill introduced in our State Legislature recently, by Representative Bufort, to outlaw pari-mutuel betting in North Carolina, and urge that the bill be passed. 2nd—That the Secretary of this Convention be authorized to present this Resolution in proper form to the State Legislature through the Representative of her County. (Craven).

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Be it resolved: That we extend a rising vote of thanks to this Church the Auxiliary and to the community at large, for their fine spirit of co-operation and christian fellowship and for the wonderful way we have been entertained, not only this, but for the sumptuous dinner they prepared for us.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Resolved that we extend to the Officers of this Convention, and to the

Program Committee, our deep appreciation for the worthy manner in which they have served us in arranging the program and in faithful service.

Resolutions passed by motion.

Respectfully,

Mrs. E. M. PRESCOTT. MRS. WESLEY PRICE, MRS. ALTON SMITH,
Committee

PETITION

There were three petitions presented for the September Convention: White Oak Grove, near LaGrange, Core Creek Church and Snow Hill. (The Convention voted the next Convention to convene with the White Oak Church September 20, 1951).

MRS. WILLIAM WALLACE

MRS. CLARENCE HOWARD

MRS. G. L. SHIVAR

Committee.

FINANCE

Paid into our hands from the various Auxiliaries in the Eastern District this March 22, 1951, the sum of \$394.30.

Free Will offering for the Orphanage — \$67.65.

Total received and paid Treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard — \$461.95.

MRS. ANNIE H. MALLARD

MRS. CORA WELLS

MRS. MAGGIE DANIELS

Committee

Ministers present for the day were:

Revs. J. C. Griffin, Lee W. Griffin, J. R. Davidson, R. H. Jackson, W. H. Calvert, W. Russell Millard, S. A. Smith, N. D. Beaman, F. E. Jones, Walter Mac. Croom, Superintendent of Free Will Baptist Orphanage.

Executive Session of the Eastern Auxiliary

The Executive Session of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, N. C., Saturday, August 25, 1951 at 10:00 A. M. The meeting was called to order by the President, who read verses 1 to 9 in Col. 3, after which Mrs. Griffin led in prayer. All officers were present except the 3rd Vice President.

The President stated the purpose of the meeting, which was to arrange a program for the September Convention and to discuss some matters regarding the promotion of the convention work at large.

The Convention is scheduled to be held Thursday, September 20th, with the White Oak Grove Church, near LaGrange, it being the annual session. It was moved and carried that the Theme for the day be "Exalting Christ By Looking Heavenward Through the Ministry of Missions."

There was a motion that Mrs. Walter Rhodes be Director of Music for the Convention, motion carried.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin brought some news from the National Auxiliary Convention, as information.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes made a motion that the sheet music of "Now is the Hour", be used by our Auxiliaries, provided we can get some one to compose words for it, which would be appropriate for our needs, motion carried.

There was a motion that we revive a Resolution made and adopted several years ago, that 10c of our 30c per capita dues be retained in our treasury and used only for promotional work in the district, and that we so recommend to the Convention in the next session. Motion carried. After some discussion a suggestion was made that we recommend to the Convention that a standing committee of Finance be elected to serve terms of two years, 3 years and 5 years respectfully. A motion was made to this effect and carried.

It was moved and carried that we recommend the following ladies on this Committee: Mrs. Harold Mallard, of Trenton, Mrs. John or Ruth Stille, of New Bern, Rt. 1, and Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr., of Kenansville, providing the Convention passes favorably on the 1st recommendation.

There being no other business, the meeting closed by motion.

Benediction — Mrs. Fanny Swindell.

MRS. S. A. SMITH, President

ALICE E. LUPTON, Secretary

MINUTES

of the

EASTERN AUXILIARY

In Annual Session, Thursday, September 20, 1951

at White Oak Grove Church

The morning devotions were led by Mrs. Walter Rhodes, with opening Hymn, "Send the Light". Scripture lesson, Psalm 103. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Narron. The Theme for the day, "Exalting Christ by Looking Heavenward through the Ministry of Missions", was cited by the President. Mrs. S. A. Smith, in her remarks, together with instructions to the delegates regarding their duties.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Y. Z. Foss, and the response by Mrs. Johnny Jones.

The President recognized the State Auxiliary President, Mrs. J. C. Moye, delegates from other districts and the Ministers present. Mrs. Moye made a short talk, and urged that we stress the need of meeting our obligations in the payment of our per capita dues. Mrs. J. R. Hoggard, delegate from the Cape Fear Auxiliary brought greetings from their Convention. Mrs.

Bruce Barrow was present from the Central Auxiliary Convention. Ministers present: Revs. J. C. Griffin, J. R. Davidson, J. B. Narrons, Jackson, Wade Calvert, Bruce Barrow, Walter Williams, Parker, Jas. A. Evans and perhaps others. Several made encouraging remarks, relative to the work of the women and the part they take in the ongoing of the Lord's cause. The testimony of Rev. J. C. Griffin was, "The Half Has Not Been Told." Prayer was offered by Mrs. L. E. Ballard for guidance in the appointment of the various committees, after which the 2nd Vice-President made her semi-annual report. (See reports)

The following Committees were appointed:

Resolution: Mrs. Maggie Overman, Mrs. Simon Jones, Mrs. A. M. Heath.
Finance: Mrs. Harold Mallard, Mrs. Johnny Jones, Mrs. Ruby Stilley.
Nominating: Mrs. Bessie Rhodes, Mrs. Nora Miller, Mrs. Marie Gaskins.
Petition: Mrs. Ed Harris, Mrs. Cora Wells, Mrs. Coy Hill. "All On the Altar", was sung as a duet by Mrs. Moye and Mrs. Ballard. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby.

Greetings and news from the Orphanage was given by the Superintendent, Mr. Walter Croom. He said in part that he had two reasons for being glad to be present; one, that he was always glad to speak in behalf of the Orphanage, the second, that this would be the last time he would appear before the Convention in the capacity of Superintendent. He made a good report of the work as a whole, with details regarding the part this Auxiliary district has had in the support of the Home. He stressed the need for a greater overall view of the situation and condition of the Home with a hope for greater progress based on three things: 1st, the Home as a real home for our children as we would provide for our own homes, 2nd, the great need to cultivate and train the inner lives of the children, not artificially, but in reality, that they may know God and be qualified to serve Him in every possible way, 3rd, Certain types of vocational training; this pertains to the care of the buildings, stock, farm and other items needed at the home for the well-being of the children in preparing them for their life's work.

Report of the 5th Vice-President was given, after which an offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$85.15. Offertory by Rev. J. C. Griffin. There was a duet by local girls, "He Will Give You Rest." At the 11:30 hour a Playlet, "The Triumphant Life", was given by the Auxiliary of the Jacksonville Church, who was assisted by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. Adjournment for lunch and recreation.

AFTERNOON

1:15—Devotions were given by Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr. Prayer by Rev. Jas. A. Evans. "It's Real", was sung by mesdames Whaley, Parker and Dodson. Report of 3rd Vice-President was given, after which minutes of the A. M. session were read and approved. Reports of 1st and 6th Vice-Presidents were given, followed by a duet, "Come Unto Me", Shelby Sutton and Nanev Lou Dawson.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard gave a talk on the Woman's Conference at Cragmont, also urged a greater effort on the part of the Auxiliaries in behalf of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, stressing the need, and also the great good this Fund is doing for some of our Young People who are trying to prepare themselves for more efficient Christian service, by attending Bible College. She called and received several testimonies from those who attended the Woman's Conference, and closed her remarks with the Conference Chorus, "All My Sins Are Gone." Mrs. Griffin, who is our State Field Worker, brought news from the field and gave some suggestions relative to the way to promote A-1 Auxiliaries one of these being the use of the Chart of Achievement, and to pay strict attention in marking them up regularly. She also urged officers to study their duties and put them into effect. Mrs. Lupton, the Secretary, reported on the Resolution adopted in the March Convention and of which she was requested to put it in shape and submit it to the General Assembly through the Representative of Craven County, pertaining to the Pari-mutuel betting law. (See reports)

The Petition Committee reported two petitions for the next Convention, Kinston and Snow Hill. Voting for Kinston 26, for Snow Hill 24. It was made unanimous for Kinston. It was announced that the State Auxiliary Convention which meets in May, 1952 is supposed to be in the Eastern district at that time, in accord with the custom of rotation alphabetically. There was no petition for it and it was left in the hands of the Executive Committee to make necessary arrangements. Rev. Narron, Pastor of the Kinston Church made an announcement of the meeting of the Council of Church Women in November in his church, and asked for co-operation in all of our churches in behalf of this work.

The report of the Finance Committee was heard and on motion was received as read. (See reports)

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted by motion.

The Committee on Resolutions gave report and on motion was adopted as read.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for the ensuing two years:

President: Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr. of Kenansville, 1st Vice-President: Mrs. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, 2nd Vice-President: Mrs. Clara Jones, Bridgeton, 3rd Vice-President: Mrs. Ben Suttor, Mt. Olive, 4th Vice-President: Mrs. Fanny Swindell, Arapahoe, 5th Vice-President: Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, 6th Vice-President: Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Beaulaville, Mrs. Rom Mallard, Trenton, Treasurer, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, New Bern, Secretary. It was moved and carried that these officers be elected for the ensuing two years.

There was a motion that a rising vote of thanks be tendered the church and community at White Oak Grove for the splendid spirit of fellowship, co-operation and hospitality shown to this Convention through the day. Motion carried. On motion a rising vote of appreciation was tendered the

retiring President and other officers for their years of faithful service to the Convention. Motion carried. The installation of officers was in charge of Mrs. L. E. Ballard, who rendered a very impressive ceremony, closing with the prayer of dedication, which also closed this session of the Convention.

MRS. S. A. SMITH, President.

ALICE E. LUPTON, Secretary.

Reports

1st VICE-PRESIDENT

Number members enrolled 2005, new members 78. Average attendance 1090. 186 members mailing letters and cards in enlistment, 130 making phone calls. Leaflets, papers, tracts, etc., 147. Flowers to sick 9, cards to sick 885, Bibles given 28.

MRS. J. C. GRIFFIN

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT

Number Youth 16-25, 295. League membership 127. Junior and intermediate girls 222. Total membership of G. A's and Go Tell 65. Study Classes 12. Vacation Bible Schools 20. Amount to Bible College \$219.00, otherwise, \$39.00. Cragmont Assembly, Inc., \$78.00. Anna Philips Loan Fund, \$55.65.

MRS. CLARA JONES

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Mission classes conducted 19. Books used, Women in the Church, His Name Among All Nations, Missions in the Bible, Home Missions in the Church, Golden Treasure. Number attending classes 127. Two Mission Circles. Books read "The Happiest Girl In Korea and The White Witch Doctor." Stewardship classes conducted, 17. Books used, "Not Your Own, These Moving Times and To Whom Much Is Given."

Number tithers as a result of study classes, 8. Total number tithers in district, 113. Manual of Methods studies. 10. Classes in Evangelism, 1. Book, "Soul Winning In Your Community." Average attendance 122. Special plans made for conducting successful study courses, and distributed to auxiliaries, 8. Amount sent to W. A. C. Treasurer of State Convention, for Home Missions, \$196.10; for Foreign Missions, \$312.35.

MRS. WILLIE MARKS, JR.

4th VICE-PRESIDENT

Number subscribers to Manual, 98. Year Book, 368. F. W. B. Papers. 388. Articles to papers, 48. Number A-1 Standard - None reported. Program work done, Number Programs for Auxiliary, Ex. Com. or Convention meetings planned in advance, 38. Missionary programs 10. Amount of special offerings resulting from Mission programs, \$81.98. Week of Prayer programs given, 103. Number attending, 335. Self denial offerings \$48.00.

Other special programs given to promote Auxiliary Plan of Work, such as Co-Labourer Band Fund, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Evangelism. etc., Two Orphan Concerts, other programs 3, Evangelism 2.

MRS. FANNY SWINDELL

5th VICE-PRESIDENT

Number children being clothed in the district, 11. Amount sent for clothing \$371.00. Amount for equipment and furnishings \$113.00. Value of commodities \$44.14. Cash to general fund \$32.99. Coupons 5929.

MRS. J. J. BLIZZARD

6th VICE-PRESIDENT

Ministerial Relief: Cards, letters, etc., to retired or Superannuated Ministers, 85. Gifts sent \$30.45. Number members engaged in regular personal service work 175. Number assisting in Cottage Prayer Meetings 268. Number making soul winning efforts 83. Approximate number of converts, (reported) 95. Number distributing Bibles 14. Number distributing trays and baskets to the needy 373, Number members helping Red Cross, W. C. T. U. and Mission work 65. Miscellaneous; Cancer drive \$10.00, Sunshine Box to T. B. patient \$25.00; Clothing to needy \$5.00. March of Dimes. \$10.00, Commodities, one school desk, eggs, milk and butter.

MRS. WALTER RHODES

TREASURER

On hand from the March Convention		\$ 4.32
Receipts today	\$ 156.30	
Offering for Orphanage	85.15	
Total received today \$241.45; Total on hand today	245.77	

DISBURSED

For Orphanage	\$ 85.15	
Secretary, service and expense	26.10	
Clothing for Orphan	40.00	
Programs for Convention	5.00	
Minutes	30.00	
Promotional work	15.00	
Missions, to be transferred to student	10.00	
Co-Labourer's Band Fund	5.00	
Bible College	5.00	
Christmas gift for Orphan	10.00	
Reserved in treasury per capita dues	9.50	
Total in treasury		\$ 4.09

MRS. ROM MALLARD, Treasurer

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Believing that it would increase interest, as well as being an advantage to our Orphanage from a general standpoint, We, your Committee

on Resolutions submit the following: We recommend to our State Auxiliary Convention that in its next session in May, 1952, that it make necessary plans, or whatever may be the best method to bring about a member at large on the Orphanage Board and that this member be a woman recommended by the State Auxiliary Convention.

NO. 2

Since this Convention has no adopted child at the Orphanage at the present time, Therefore be it resolved; That we adopt a child at this Convention and 2nd: The sum of \$40.00 be allowed for its clothing.

NO. 3

Believing that this Convention can best be served by maintaining a standing Finance Committee of three, we recommend that this Convention indorse the recommendation submitted by the Executive Committee, and that the three ladies named to serve in this capacity be known as the Finance Committee of this Convention, said ladies named as follows: Mrs. Harold Mallard, Mrs. Johnny Jones, Mrs. Ruby Stilley. 2nd—That the first named lady serve two years, the second for three years and the last named for five years.

MRS. MAGGIE OVERMAN

MRS. SIMON JONES

MRS. A. M. HEATH

Resolution Committee

Report on Resolution adopted in March 1951 Convention. According to request, I the Secretary of the Eastern District Convention, contacted the representative of my County, (Craven), Mr. Burl Hardison, and asked to place before the Legislature the Resolution passed by said Convention on March 22, relative to the bill against Pari-mutuel betting. He advised that I submit it to the Chairman of this special Committee, which I did, and as we all know, the bill was killed and we still have this gambling situation in our midst.

ALICE E. LUPTON

REPORT OF SECRETARY (Annual)

Dues for year — \$2,413.93. Sent Co-Labourer's Band Fund \$258.10. For Home Missions \$333.44, Foreign Missions \$855.85. Superannuation \$414.00. Cragmont Assembly, Inc., \$194.00, Orphanage \$1,629.40, Bible College \$474.75, Gifts to Missionaries \$66.81, Retired Ministers \$88.25, Church Finance \$5.00, Promotional work \$35.00. Sent to Conventions \$143.00. Anna Philips Loan Fund \$90.00, for Literature \$244.46, Amount used locally \$5,580.16. Total amount raised for all purposes \$12,574.54.

ALICE E. LUPTON, Secretary

The Finance Committee made the following report:

Received from the Secretary from the various Auxiliaries in the district:

\$156.30. Received offering for the Orphanage \$85.15, total amount received \$241.45. Paid Treasurer \$241.45.

MRS. HAROLD MALLARD

MRS. JOHNNY JONES

MRS. RUBY STILLEY, *Committee.*

These reports were all adopted by motion as read.

ALICE E. LUPTON, Secretary.

