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Order of Business

FIRST DAY

10 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 Free Union, Carteret County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1954:

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. Elder _____ is our present pastor.

_____, Clerk
Post Office _____, N. C.

WRITE PETITION BELOW IF CONFERENCE IS WANTED

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JACKSONVILLE—E. E. Tosto, Jacksonville, N. C.

VERONA MISSION—Mrs. Foy Norman, Verona, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

The 58th Annual session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina was held at Macedonia Church, Craven County, North Carolina, on October 21-22, 1953.

Beginning at 10 a. m., Rev. A. G. Lane conducted a fifteen minute devotional service, after which the Conference was organized with the following officers in their places: Rev. Clifton Rice, Moderator; J. W. Alford, Clerk; Rev. J. R. Davidson, Reading Clerk; H. M. Mallard, Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—D. W. Alexander, Harvey Toler, Will Wiley.

Finance—J. C. Griffin, Rom Mallard, H. W. Armstrong.

Temperance—E. E. Edwards, Otis Buck, N. D. Wiggs.

Sabbath Schools—Sam Kennedy, R. H. Jackson, Mrs. S. E. Howard.

Ministerial Character—D. W. Hansley, N. D. Wiggs, H. M. Mallard, Fountain Taylor, A. G. Lane.

Digest—J. R. Davidson, W. B. Ipock, Mrs. Mattie Mae Ritz.

To Apportion the Funds of this Conference—J. W. Alford, Lloyd Vernon, J. R. Forest.

Nominating Committee—D. W. Hansley, O. B. Everette, J. W. Everton.

The organization being completed, prayer was offered by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met at the home of Bro. D. W. Cleve, Jr., Vanceboro, N. C., on January 29, 1953. Present: Rev. Clifton Rice, Chairman; J. W. Alford, Secretary; Rev. J. E. Howard, proxy for Rev. J. C. Griffin. Rev. J. R. Bennett, pastor of the Vanceboro Church, conducted the devotions. Prayer was offered by Bro. Rice. After a few remarks by Bro. Bennett, explaining the object of the meeting, he turned the meeting over to Bro. Rice, the chairman. Bro. Rice requested the minutes of the new church to be read, which was done. The new church has a total of 13 members, of which 11 were present. They reported that a building site has been donated, and 1,000 building blocks have been purchased, and they now have a balance of \$656.08 in the treasury. They have a Sunday school with 34 enrolled, with an attendance of 95%. Mid-week prayer services are held regularly; they also have a Woman's Auxiliary with 14 members.

On motion we approve the work of Bro. Bennett in making this organization, and we recommend that the church be received into the Conference at the next session.

On motion we adjourned.

Rev. Clifton Rice and J. W. Alford met the pastor and church group at New Salem, Craven County, on May 5, 1953, at 8 p. m.

Prayer by J. W. Alford.

Bro. Rice then proceeded to make inquiry as to the property title, informing

them the Conference would like to have title to the church property. He also very diligently inquired about their views regarding the doctrine. Having been assured by the pastor, Rev. B. F. Ringold, and the group, concerning all matters pertaining to their attitude and activities, we decided to inform them that we would recommend that the church be enrolled on the list of churches of the Eastern Conference.

We also requested them to get a copy of the deed, and any other official papers they could, to show clear title to the property. (All this was unofficial, and only advisory, as we did not have a majority of the Committee present.) They were very cooperative, and agreed to all the above suggestions.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met at Maple Hill, Onslow County, N. C., on August 20, 1953, for the purpose of examining a group who has set up an organization of a new church to be known as Community Free Will Baptist Church.

Present: Revs. Clifton Rice, Chairman; Lloyd Vernon; J. W. Alford, Secretary. Prayer was offered by Bro. Vernon.

Bro. Jenkins, who has been instrumental in bringing about this organization, called on the Clerk of the proposed organization to read the list of officers, which was done, showing a complete official set-up. The Clerk stated that there are a total of 16 members enrolled. This organization was made June 5, 1953. The church has a Sunday school with 55 enrolled. A Woman's Auxiliary is to be organized soon.

They requested to be enrolled in the Eastern Conference, which the Executive Committee recommends.

We adjourned. Benediction by J. W. Alford.

On motion the minutes of the Executive Committee were adopted.

Visiting Ministers were enrolled as follows:

Western Conference—W. E. Anderson, F. A. Rivenbark, M. L. Tyndall.

Central Conference—D. W. Alexander, L. B. Manning, W. B. Raper, Ralph Osborne, Rashie Kennedy, C. E. Keith, C. J. Harris, P. C. Wiggs, W. A. Dail, N. B. Barrow, C. L. Patrick, J. E. Wooten, J. C. Smith, licensed.

Cape Fear Conference—Thurman Smith.

Piedmont Association—J. B. Starnes, Clyde Cox.

South Florida—Michael Pelt.

Evangelical Baptist—Emmett Murphey.

The newly licensed ministers were listed as follows: Charles T. Rice, Jr., Luther J. Lupton, Robert F. Breeden, Charles Wells, Billy Jackson, Leslie Rowe, Alton Lee Hines.

Newly ordained ministers were enrolled as follows: A. G. Lane, H. W. Armstrong, Jr., J. W. Grimesley, Jr., D. W. Cleve, Jr., P. D. Jenkins, Boyce Wallace.

The Examining Board made report as follows:

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in called session at Ernul School on Jan. 26, 1953.

Present: J. R. Bennett, Chairman; Clifton Rice, D. W. Hansley, J. W. Alford, Honorary member.

Prayer by Bro. Rice.

J. W. Alford was asked to act as secretary.

We revised the questions for the examination of ministers.

Adjourned.

J. R. BENNETT, *Chairman*

J. W. ALFORD, *Sec. Pro Tem*

At the call of the Chairman, Rev. J. R. Bennett, the Examining Board of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at Ernul, N. C., April 27, at 9:30 a. m.

Members present: Rev. J. R. Bennett, Rev. J. W. Alford, Rev. K. W. Gaskill, Rev. David Hansley, and Rev. Clifton Rice.

Prayer was offered by Rev. K. W. Gaskill.

Brother J. R. Bennett, Chairman of the Board, asked to be relieved of his duties as Chairman because of ill health. On motion Brother J. W. Alford was elected to act as Chairman until such time as Bro. Bennett is able to resume his duties as Chairman.

Brother James Lupton was present with his letter from his church requesting that he be examined. The board examined Bro. Lupton and recommended that he be licensed to preach for one year.

Brother Charlie Rice, Jr., was present with his letter requesting examination. Bro. Rice was examined by the board, and the board recommended that he be licensed to preach for one year.

Brother Bob Breeden of Jacksonville, and Bro. Charlie Wells of the same church were present for examination, but as they came without the letter requesting examination, the Board could not act. It was stated by their pastor, Rev. Lee Whaley, that if the Board could meet again Saturday, May 2, in Jacksonville, N. C., the Jacksonville Free Will Baptist Church would pay the expenses of the meeting. The Board met as requested in Jacksonville at 3 p. m., May 2, and examined both Bro. Wells and Bro. Breeden and recommended that both be licensed to preach for one year.

At the meeting in Ernul, N. C., April 27, Bro. John Grimsley took the examination for ordination. His paper was graded at the meeting in Jacksonville. Successfully passing the examination, his ordination was left to be arranged by Bro. J. R. Bennett.

J. W. ALFORD

CLIFTON RICE, *Sec. Pro Tem*

The Examining Board of the Eastern North Carolina Free Will Baptist Conference met in Bridgeton Church, July 20, 1953 at 10 a. m.

The meeting was opened by Bro. J. W. Alford, Acting Chairman. Prayer by Bro. Beverly Ballard.

Members present were Bros. J. W. Alford, D. W. Hansley, Lloyd Vernon, and Clifton Rice.

Bros. Danny Jenkins, Folkstone; Boyce Wallace, Albertson; and A. Graham Lane, Ernul; came for examination for ordination.

Bro. Billy Jackson, Macedonia Church, Ernul, came for examination for license and we recommend that Macedonia Church grant him license.

Bro. Jimmie Hughes, New Haven Church, New Bern, came for examination for license and we recommend that New Haven grant him license.

Bro. Leslie Rowe, Bridgeton Church, came for examination for license and we recommend that Bridgeton Church grant him license.

Bro. Alton Lee Hines, Bridgeton Church, came for examination for license and we recommend that Bridgeton Church grant him license.

Bro. Walter Futrell, Sarecta Church, came for examination for license and we recommend that he be allowed to exhort for one year at all times subject to recall by this Board.

Bro. L. T. Chesson and Sister Elizabeth Chesson, his wife, Davis Church, came before us for advice and since they intend to join Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAdams in Texas in the near future, we recommend that they take up their matter where their work will be.

Agreed that we meet on October 19, 1953, at Bridgeton Church at 10 a. m. and the Secretary to notify all members.

After grading the papers of Bros. Danny Jenkins, Boyce Wallace, and A. Graham Lane, we recommend their ordination and elected Revs. J. W. Alford and Clifton Rice to ordain Bro. A. Graham Lane and they agreed that said ordination take place at New Haven Church, July 29, at 8 p. m. and Revs. Lloyd Vernon and D. W. Hansley to ordain Bros. Boyce Wallace and Danny Jenkins and they agreed that said ordination take place at Snow Hill Church, August 19, 8 p. m.

Motion to adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. Danny Jenkins.

J. W. ALFORD, *Acting Chairman*
LLOYD VERNON, *Secretary*

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in Bridgeton Church, Sept. 11, 1953, at 9 a. m.

All members were present.

Bro. L. T. Chesson and Sister Elizabeth Chesson, his wife, came before us for examination for license to preach on the recommendation of Davis Church and were examined, and the Board declines to recommend that the church license them.

Brother Luther James Lupton was called before us and, since we were late in notifying his church, we hereby notify Pilgrim's Rest and pastor to complete issuance of his license.

Moved and carried that we request the conference to refer any minister, coming from another conference or state, to the Examining Board for their examination before accepting him as a member.

Moved and carried that the conference be requested to instruct our churches not to use, as pastor or evangelist, any minister who is not recognized as orthodox and approved by the Examining Board, and should any church persist in so doing, it be cited to the conference for action.

Closed with prayer by Bro. Clifton Rice, to meet again on Monday after the third Sunday in October at Bridgeton Church, at 9 a. m.

J. W. ALFORD, *Chairman*
LLOYD VERNON, *Secretary*

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in Bridgeton Church, Oct. 19, 1953, at 9:30 a. m. Prayer by K. W. Gaskill.

Members present: J. W. Alford, Acting Chairman; K. W. Gaskill, D. W. Han-sley, Clifton Rice, Lloyd Vernon.

Bro. D. W. Cleve, Jr., Vanceboro, N. C., was examined for ordination and we recommend that arrangement for his ordination be in the charge of Bro. Clifton Rice.

Bro. C. M. Dixon, Chocowinity, N. C., was examined for ordination and we recommend that he further prepare himself.

Bro. H. W. Armstrong, Jr., 426 Bonner St., Washington, N. C., was examined for ordination and we recommend that arrangement for his ordination be in the charge of Bro. Clifton Rice.

Bro. Rufus Sutton, La Grange, N. C., came for examination for license and we recommend that he wait until our next meeting, and in the mean time, take a doctrinal course at our state school.

Bro. Louis Jefferson, 502 College St., Jacksonville, N. C., was examined for license and we recommend that Jacksonville Church grant him license for one year.

Bro. Thomas Hill, 502 College St., Jacksonville, N. C., was examined for license and we recommend that Jacksonville Church grant him license for one year.

We recommend that this conference go on record as opposing the licensing and ordaining any divorced person.

We recommend that the Chairman of the Examining Board be our representative on the committee to draw up a state examination, as requested by the State Convention.

We, deeming it inadvisable to examine candidates for ordination except once per year, recommend that we examine for ordination only at our yearly meeting at Bridgeton Church on Monday before the conference, 9 a. m., and that we examine for license only at our other meetings which will be held on Monday after the third Sunday in February and June at Bridgeton Church, 9 a. m.

Closing prayer by Bro. H. W. Armstrong.

J. W. ALFORD, *Acting Chairman*
LLOYD VERNON, *Secretary*

On motion the minutes of the Examining Board were adopted.

Rev. S. A. Smith, Superintendent of the Orphanage, was granted time, and he made a report of the progress of the Home, and appealed for aid in building the cottages for the girls, after which an offering was received for the same amounting to \$140.36.

Rev. E. E. Edwards then came forward and preached the introductory sermon, using as a text, Psalms 78:41. The sermon was enjoyed by everyone. After the sermon, we were dismissed for dinner.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	DELEGATES	Died	Received	Baptized	Dismissed	Transferred	Excommunicated	No. Members	Contributions
Core Creek	Craven	W. A. Avery, Jr., Harold Hawkins	7	0	8	4	4	0	280	\$ 25.00
Gethsemane	Craven	Wiley Moore, Mrs. Roy Wetherington	4	1	6	1	4	0	115	25.00
Antioch	Craven	A. L. Peele and Wife	2	3	3	0	0	0	133	50.00
Croatan	Craven	Mrs. Robert Ange, Mrs. Wilbur Herring	0	2	3	6	0	1	101	14.00
Juniper Chapel	Craven									
Spring Hope	Craven	Zeb Cayton, W. R. Purifoy	1	0	1	0	3	0	63	10.00
Macedonia	Craven	Harvey Toler, Will Wiley	2	6	4	0	0	0	234	40.00
Wintergreen	Craven	A. B. Tilghman, Robert Boyd	1	0	12	0	3	0	204	22.00
St. Mary's	Craven	Walter Sandlin, Mrs. W. G. Cuthrell	7	21	43	20	0	0	532	50.00
Sts. Delight	Craven	W. A. Banks and Wife	1	6	10	0	0	0	145	25.53
Moseley's Creek	Craven	Mrs. Luther Powell, Mrs. Mattie Mae Ritz	1	0	2	0	0	0	160	25.00
Reunion Chapel	Craven	Mrs. Gertrude Dawson, Mrs. Queenie Laughinghouse	1	1	0	0	1	0	40	20.00
Palmetto Chapel	Craven	Marvin Wilson and Wife	1	1	0	0	0	0	151	20.00
Bridgeton	Craven	Chas. T. Jones and Wife	0	0	5	0	1	0	163	22.30
Lane's Chapel	Craven									
Oak Grove	Craven	Wm. Cox, Jasper Barrow	0	0	10	10	0	0	135	20.00
New Haven	Craven	A. C. Toler and Wife	1	3	12	0	0	0	115	10.00
Ruth's Chapel	Craven	Mrs. J. W. Odum, Mrs. L. J. Watson	0	11	20	0	0	0	142	10.00
Vanceboro	Craven	Otis Buck, Mrs. D. W. Cleve, Jr.	0	6	7	5	0	0	19	10.00
New Salem	Craven	D. D. Morris, Naomi Smith	1	0	3	0	0	0	13	5.00
Northeast	Wayne	N. L. Tadlock	1	1	7	0	2	0	126	25.00
Indian Springs	Wayne	Mrs. Mildred Price, Miss Addie Price	1	2	0	1	0	0	80	10.00
Grant's Chapel	Wayne	By Letter	1	1	5	3	0	1	92	11.00
May's Chapel	Wayne	By Letter	1	1	3	3	0	0	51	8.00
Sarecta	Duplin	S. W. Jones, Walter Futrell	1	0	0	0	3	0	167	25.00
Piney Grove	Duplin	Mrs. Gertie Price, Mrs. Bessie Hill	2	0	1	0	0	0	139	16.00
Sandy Plain	Duplin	Roland Mercer, Dennie Baysden	0	2	23	2	0	0	195	15.00
Rooty Branch	Duplin									
Beulaville	Duplin	C. V. and Lucille Thomas	3	1	0	0	0	0	189	50.00
Pearsall's Chapel	Duplin	Robert Houston and Wife	0	1	3	0	0	1	123	13.00
Snow Hill	Duplin	W. C. Hill and Wife	0	1	5	1	0	0	147	20.00
Bethlehem	Duplin	Jerry Williams, Stacy Fountain	0	0	2	2	0	0	111	25.00

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After a very fine dinner we were called back in session.

Suitable devotions were conducted by Rev. N. D. Wiggs.

The list of ministers was called.

On motion letters be granted the following ministers, permitting them to unite with other Conferences: Revs. J. B. Narron, J. R. Davidson and Sam R. Kennedy.

The following report from the Promotional Director was submitted, and received as information:

REPORT OF STATE PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR TO THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Of the 79 churches listed in the 1952 minutes of the Eastern Conference, 54 sent reports to the 1953 session of the N. C. State Convention held with Marsh Swamp Church, Wilson County. The report to the State Convention revealed the following information about the work of the Eastern Conference.

54 churches reported to State Convention, 1953

6 churches support every phase of United Program

3 churches do not support any phase

31 churches support Cragmont

46 churches support Missions

51 support Orphanage

37 churches support Christian Education

19 churches support State Promotional Work

15 churches support Church Finance

19 churches support Superannuation

WILLIAM BURKETTE RAPER
Promotional Director

The Committee on Devotions reports that Rev. T. O. Terry will preach Thursday morning at the worship hour.

A report from Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the Bible College, was read. On motion it was received as information.

Mrs. Alice Lupton reported from Cragmont, which was received as information.

Rev. W. B. Raper reported the Ministerial Conference at Cragmont in June, 1953, stating that 60 ministers were enrolled. On motion this report was received as information.

Mrs. Alice Lupton reported as Publicity Director, which was received as information.

The list of churches was called.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

1—We recommend that the previous recommendations and resolutions of the Sunday School Committee of the last session be put into practice.

2—That we use the term "Sunday School" in our minutes and elsewhere, instead of Sabbath School.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Temperance Committee reported as follows:

We recommend 1st, that our people abstain from all worldly amusements. 2nd, that we resolve to live and promote a more consecrated life to the Lord and His work. 3rd, that we use our influence to help our fellowmen to abstain from the use of alcoholic drinks which is so detrimental to our nation as a whole.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we adjourn until tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Closing by Rev. W. S. Burns.

Dismissed by Rev. Sam Kennedy.

THURSDAY MORNING

Proper devotions were conducted by Rev. W. S. Burns.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following nominations: Rev. Clifton Rice, Moderator; Rev. Clinton Lupton, Assistant Moderator; J. W. Alford, Clerk; H. M. Mallard, Treasurer.

Executive Committee: J. C. Griffin, Lloyd Vernon. Examining Board: Clifton Rice. Grievance Committee: H. M. Mallard. Representatives of Press Stock: J. W. Alford, D. W. Hansley. Trustee: J. R. Forest.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we accept the invitation from Free Union Church, Sea Level, N. C., to hold the next session of the Conference there.

Rev. S. A. Smith was selected to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Lloyd Vernon, alternate.

Delegates to the various bodies were appointed as follows:

State Convention—Mrs. Daisy Springle, Mrs. J. W. Odum, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Mrs. Fanny Swindell, Mrs. D. C. Hansley, Fountain Taylor, I. W. Swindell, Roy Garner, Ralph Taylor.

Piedmont Association—Rev. W. S. Burns.

Central Conference—Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Western Conference—Rev. D. W. Hansley.

Cape Fear Conference—Rev. Clifton Rice.

Albemarle Conference—Rev. E. E. Edwards.

Pee Dee Association—Rev. J. R. Forest.

French Broad Association—Rev. S. A. Smith.

Several brethren spoke commendably of the work being done by our Publishing Company.

J. W. Alford reminded us of the condition of Rev. J. R. Bennett, and for him expressed his deep appreciation and thanks for all that has been done for him during his illness. An offering was received for Bro. Bennett amounting to \$123.26.

Rev. S. A. Smith, Superintendent of the Orphanage, spoke to us again about the Home, reminding us that they can use donations of potatoes and corn. He encouraged continual prayers for himself and the workers there.

Rev. J. E. Wooten spoke to us, assuring us that he voluntarily severed his official connection with the Press, and that the paper he is publishing is in no wise in competition with, or in opposition to the work of the Press.

The Committee on Ministerial Character made report as follows:

That the names of Elmer Goodwin and Alton Mason be dropped from the list of licensed ministers, and they be silenced within the bounds of the Eastern Conference until they have met the requirements of the Examining Board and the Conference, and this apply to all other ministers who do not abide by the Conference regulations.

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. Clyde Cox was requested to sing, and he very feelingly sang two numbers entitled "I Bowed On My Knees" and "My God Is Real."

Rev. J. R. Bennett was called on for a few words, and he very feelingly expressed his deep appreciation for all that has been done for him since he has been so sick.

Rev. D. W. Hansley, Chairman of the State Board of Education, was recognized, and he spoke to us about the educational program in the state. He informed us that the Board has purchased school property in Mt. Olive, N. C., to be used in the operation of a state school. He emphasized that our state school is not in opposition to, or in conflict with, the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn. He made a strong appeal for support and cooperation.

An offering was received for the school amounting to \$38.94.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. T. O. Terry, after which we called off for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A very fine dinner was served, and we then reassembled for the closing session. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. W. S. Burns.

The Digest Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Number Died	9
Received by Letter	168
Baptized	447
Dismissed	94
Transferred	87
Excommunicated	4
Total Membership	9,863
Number of Churches Reporting	68
Amount of Contributions	\$1,521.43
Lost by Death, Dismissed, Transferred, and Excommunicated	275
Gained by Letter and Baptism	615
The Above Shows a Net Gain of	340

On motion the report was adopted.

The Examining Board made final report as follows:

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at Macedonia Church,

October 21, 1953, at 11:30 a. m. Prayer by Bro. Clifton Rice.

Members present: J. W. Alford, acting Chairman, D. W. Hansley, Clifton Rice, K. W. Gaskill, Lloyd Vernon, Secretary.

Rev. W. S. Burns of the Piedmont Association came before us last Conference, and was held off because he did not have his credentials. He appeared again at this time with said credentials, and we recommend that the Conference accept him, subject to his Conference letter.

Rev. T. C. Smith of the Cape Fear Conference asked to be enrolled as an ordained minister, and we recommend that the Conference accept him, subject to his Conference letter.

Rev. J. C. Lynn of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee offered himself for enrollment as an ordained minister, and we recommend that he be accepted in full fellowship.

Rev. W. A. Hansley of the Western Conference offered himself for enrollment as an ordained minister, and we recommend that he be accepted, subject to his Conference letter.

After reconsidering the application for license of Bro. Rufus Sutton, we recommend that White Oak Church license him for one year, provided that he enrolls in Mt. Allen Junior College at Mt. Olive, N. C., at once, for a course in doctrine.

On motion the Board adjourned.

On motion the minutes and report were adopted.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grand Total on Hand Last Session \$ 2,020.64

DISBURSEMENTS

For Minutes	\$150.00
Clerk's Fee	60.00
Treasurer's Fee	20.00
Expenses	278.60
Offering for Orphanage and Allocation	900.00
Bible College	12.50
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	12.50
Home Missions	12.50
Cragmont	25.00
Church Finance Association, Inc.	12.50
Duffy Toler	35.00
H. Pipkin	35.00
L. J. Potter	35.00
9 Widows, \$20.00 Each	180.00
National Association Fee	5.00
Mt. Allen Junior College	140.00

Total Paid Out 2,013.60

Balance in Bank \$ 7.04

Orphanage Collection	140.36
Rev. J. R. Bennett Collection	123.26
Mt. Allen Junior College	38.94
Received Today	1,552.43
Grand Total	\$ 1,862.03

Respectfully submitted, this 22nd day of October, 1953.

H. M. MALLARD, *Treasurer*

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion Mrs. Alice Lupton be elected Publicity Director for a term of two years.

Bro. C. K. Dunn was recognized, and he made a short talk on his work and experiences with the Press, past and present.

Rev. A. C. Austin made a statement regarding his experiences as a minister.

Rev. J. R. Bennett made some remarks in appreciation of some remarks made by Bro. Austin.

Bro. Fountain Taylor, Treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, made a verbal report, stating that the debt is paid off and the property was dedicated during the Ministers Conference in June, 1953. He appealed for continued support.

Rev. T. C. Smith thanked the Conference for deciding to go to Sea Level for the next session.

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

Rev. J. C. Griffin reported that there is a building at Havelock that can be used free of charge for religious services on Sundays and Sunday nights. On motion this matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Allocations reported as follows:

We Have on Hand to Apportion	\$ 1,862.03
For Minutes	125.00
Clerk's Fee	60.00
Treasurer's Fee	20.00
Expenses	246.95
Offering for Orphanage and Allocation	750.00
Bible College	
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	12.50
Home Missions	12.50
Cragmont	
Church Finance Association, Inc.	
Duffy Toler	35.00
H. Pipkin	35.00
L. J. Potter	35.00
9 Widows, \$15.00 Each	135.00
Mt. Allen Junior College	125.00
National Association Fee	5.00
Rev. J. R. Bennett Offering	123.26

Vanceboro Church	25.00
Total Allocated	\$ 1,855.21
Balance in Treasury	\$ 6.82

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Clerk be instructed to omit the Constitution and By-Laws in the printing of the minutes until further ordered.

On motion Conference adjourned.

The congregation sang "Blest be the Tie," and there was a general hand-shake.
BENEDICTION.

CLIFTON RICE, *Moderator*
J. W. ALFORD, *Clerk*
H. M. MALLARD, *Treasurer*

Minutes of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention

HELD WITH THE DAVIS CHURCH

Thursday, March 19, 1953

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptist Women met with the Davis Church, Thursday, March 19, 1953.

The theme for the Convention was, "The Light of Truth." Text for the day, "I Have Chosen the Way of Truth" (Psalms 119:30).

The Convention opened with "The Light of Truth Radiates Through Us in Praise to God," by singing, "Praise Him, Praise Him."

The Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison, after which the chorus, "Only Believe" was sung. Greetings were given by Mrs. Louise Bedsworth and the response by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

The President, Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr., took charge at this time and gave the watchword, "old and new," asking that we strive to live up to our privileges and opportunities in our diligence and service.

The following ministers were recognized: Revs. J. C. Griffin, Miller, Anderson, Davidson, Mason, and others were recognized as they arrived.

The following topics were given through the morning session, together with reports: "The Light of Truth Radiates in Enlistment and Promotion," Mrs. J. C. Griffin; "The Light of Truth Radiates on Consecrated Youth," Mrs. Clara Jones; "The Light of Truth Radiates Through Study Courses, Missions, Stewardship and Evangelism," Mrs. Ben Sutton.

The Woman's Auxiliary song was sung, led by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, after which the chorus, "Shine," was sung.

"The Light of Truth Radiates On and Through Our Orphanage," Mrs. Blizzard and Mrs. S. A. Smith. An offering was taken for the Orphanage which amounted to \$126.16. Mrs. Smith gave encouraging news about the progress being made at the Orphanage. She stressed some of the vital needs, urging that we hold them up in prayer as well as to give our best in true service in helping to meet these needs.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin gave, "The Light of Truth on Facts from the Field."

The following motion was made and sustained: That all moneys for promotional work be kept in the treasury for use in the extension of Auxiliary interests, except for our special offerings and expenses.

The following committees were appointed: *Petition*, Mrs. Henry Blizzard, Mrs. T. A. Jernigan, Mrs. Alvin Stilley; *Resolutions*, Mrs. Roy Garner, Mrs. Clyde Banks, Mrs. Edwin Tosto.

The local auxiliary gave a very impressive pageant, "The Most Beautiful Crown." The session closed with announcements by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Jackson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1 p. m. the convention opened for the resumption of the program as outlined. An impressive Memorial Service for deceased members, by Mrs. D. W.

Hancock assisted by Mrs. Robert Potter, and Mrs. Ballard. Prayer was offered by Mrs. W. J. Gaskins.

Rev. F. B. Cherry was given time to express himself relative of our Free Will Baptist paper and other religious literature of the Press. He urged a full and united support and cooperation by purchasing and using our own printed literature. He also asked prayers for those who are responsible for the paper as well as other literature.

"The Light of Truth Radiates Through Our Woman's Conference at Cragmont," Mrs. L. E. Ballard, who also announced the dates of the Conferences for the summer; one to be in June and the other in August as usual.

Rev. R. H. Jackson announced that a revival campaign sponsored by the National Home Mission Board would be held in April and May, and he asked that each member contribute 25 cents toward the support of Mt. Allen Junior College. Send contributions to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Promotional Secretary. He said the Eastern district was supposed to be responsible for the sum of \$1,500.00 for the college.

"The Light of Truth Radiates and Strengthens Through our Publicity Work and Records," Mrs. Fanny Swindell.

Mrs. Lupton spoke briefly on the great need of keeping accurate records of our work in the local societies, in order that the District Secretary might have all the information necessary to send to the State Secretary, who has to make reports to the National Convention.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes spoke on, "The Light of Truth Radiates Through Our Sympathy and Sacrificial Service to Our Aged Ministers."

A business session followed with reports from the various committees. The report of the Resolution Committee was taken up one by one and carried. See reports.

The Petition Committee reported two petitions, namely, Holly Springs and British Chapel. On motion the September Convention will be held with Holly Springs Church. A vote of appreciation was given the other petitioner.

The report of the Finance Committee was given and on motion was received.

The Treasurer made her report and on motion was adopted. See reports.

Delegates appointed to the State Auxiliary Convention which convenes in May with the Bladenboro Church were: Mrs. J. K. Rhodes and Mrs. L. L. Hall.

Delegates to the District Convention were: Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Cape Fear; Mrs. Ben Sutton, Central; Mrs. Ethel Whaley, Western; Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Albemarle; Mrs. C. B. Hansley, Pee Dee; Mrs. Maggie Overman, Piedmont.

The minutes were read and approved.

A rising vote of appreciation was given to the Davis Church and community for their fine spirit of hospitality and cooperation during the sitting of the Convention, and for every kindness shown throughout the day.

The closing hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," was sung. The benediction was given by Mrs. Griffin.

MRS. J. K. BRYAN, JR., *President*
ALICE E. LUPTON, *Secretary*

REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following: 1. That this Convention go on record as favoring the liquor referendum that is now under discussion in our State Legislature in Raleigh. We further recommend that this Convention authorize our Secretary to prepare a letter to this effect and send to her County Representative, or other proper persons.

2. Knowing that nothing but evil and debauchery can come through the pari-mutual gambling law now in existence in Carteret and one other county in the State, we, therefore, recommend that this Convention prepare a proper petition through the Secretary to our State Legislature, urging that they pass a bill to prohibit dog racing and pari-mutuel gambling in North Carolina.

3. Be it resolved that we petition our State Auxiliary Convention to prepare a Guide Book for use in our State for the Auxiliaries. Same to contain such rules and regulations that would be conducive to the progress of our work, and that a correct history of the origin of the woman's work be included.

4. Be it resolved, that we go on record as favoring and pledge ourselves to pray for the Appelman Crusade for Christ to be held in New Bern, N. C., May 17-31, that God will direct and bless with a great revival through the work of Mr. Appelman and his party.

Humbly submitted:

THE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORTS

New member received during the year, 169. Present enrollment, 1,188; average attendance, 800. Number members making phone calls to win new members, 153; number making personal visits, 202; number mailing cards or letter, 165, number making phone calls to bring back absentees, 179; personal visits, 180; mailing letters or cards, 97. Promotional work done. The distribution of enlistment leaflets and other literature, 352; and 15 Plans of Work studied.

MRS. J. C. GRIFFIN, *Promotional Chairman*

Number of young people between 16 to 25 years of age, 278; total membership in Y. W. A., 59; number of Juniors and Intermediates girls 8 to 16, 274. Total members in Girls' Auxiliary organization, 57; number study classes conducted, 5; vacation Bible schools, 18. Sent to Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., \$108.91; Cragmont Assembly, \$53.00; reported on organ for college, \$30.00; to students, \$61.00; to Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$60.00.

MRS. CLARA JONES, *Young People's Auxiliary Chairman*

Number Mission Classes conducted, 84. Name of books used, *His Name Among All Nations*, *God and Man in Mission*, and *The Acts of the Apostles*. Number attending classes, 129.

Stewardship Classes conducted, 15. Books used, *Our Lord and Ours*, *This World's Goods*.

Number of Tithers in district, 148. Number Evangelistic classes, 3. Book,

The Open Gate to Prayer. Special plans made for conducting successful study courses, 5. Amount sent Treasurer of State Auxiliary Convention for Home Missions, \$192.50; Foreign Missions, \$171.50; clothing sent missionary, valued at, \$10.00.

MRS. BEN SUTTON, *Study Course Chairman*

Number Manuals purchased, 131, number Year Books, 271; number subscribers to the Baptist paper, 427; articles sent to papers, 165; number "A" Auxiliaries, 2.

Program work: Number programs for Auxiliary, executive, or Convention meetings planned in advance, 37; special Missionary Programs held, 16; number Stewardship, 14; number special prayer programs conducted, 57; Weeks of Prayer, 12; average number attending, 294; amount self-denial offering resulting from Week of Prayer, \$120.00. One Orphanage program given.

MRS. FANNY SWINDELL, *Publicity Committee*

Orphanage: Children adopted, 9; amount sent for clothing, \$511.00; equipment and furnishings for Home, \$146.35; commodities, valued at \$175.75; coupons sent, 6,527. One quilt valued at \$5.00. Special gifts and cash donations, \$134.58.

MRS. J. J. BLIZZARD, *Orphanage Chairman*

Number sending to retired ministers, cards and letters, 65; gifts, \$105.00; sent to Superannuation, \$197.20.

Personal Service rendered: number engaged, 275; assisting in Cottage Prayer meetings, 218; number making Soul-Winning efforts, 182; number converts reported, uncertain; number distributing Bibles, 32; number distributing trays and baskets to the needy, 337; number helping in Red Cross, W. C. T. U., and mission work, 193. Miscellaneous funds distributed, \$328.43.

MRS. WALTER RHODES, *Benevolent Chairman*

REPORT OF TREASURER

On hand from the last convention, September, 1952	\$ 87.00
Received at this Convention, March 19, 1953	447.50
Received from Free Will Offering for Orphanage	126.16
Total	\$660.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Contribution to State Auxiliary	\$ 85.20
State 30c per capita dues (10 per cent)	64.55
National dues (10 per cent)	64.55
District dues (10 per cent)	64.55
Contribution to State Auxiliary Convention from District	
Convention	15.00
Clothes for Orphan child	50.00
Expense of Secretary	6.80
Secretary for service	20.00
Expense of meetings of Executive Committee	22.65

Offering for Orphanage 126.16

Total \$519.46

Balance \$ 54.50

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MRS. ROM MALLARD, *Treasurer*
MRS. J. K. BRYAN, *President*
ALICE E. LUPTON, *Secretary*

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN AUXILIARY CONVENTION

In Session at The Press in Ayden, Wednesday, July 22, 1953

The Executive session opened with the following officers present: Mrs. W. K. Bryan, President; Mrs. Bessie Rhodes, Vice President; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Clara Jones, Mrs. Fanny Swindell, Alice E. Lupton, and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, State Auxiliary President; who acted as proxy for Mrs. Walter Rhodes who could not attend. We had no word from the other members.

Mrs. Swindell led the devotions, reading Isaiah 53 for the Scripture lesson, followed by prayer.

The main business, as stated by the President, was that of arranging the program for the fall Convention which is to meet Thursday, September 24, with Holly Springs Church near Newport.

The Secretary presented a skeleton program for consideration, which was accepted, with a few changes and fill-ins. It was moved and carried that it be received.

It having been decided in the State Auxiliary Convention that we would only make definite reports of our local auxiliary work once each year and that be at the Spring meeting, it was necessary to arrange a report blank to be used in the fall Convention, consisting largely of items and objects of general interest to all, which was done to the satisfaction of the committee. The committee realized that there might have to be some changes later. This was sustained by a motion.

There was some discussion relative to ways and means to promote greater interest in all phases of the work, after which there was a motion that we adjourn. Motion carried.

Closing prayer by Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

MRS. W. K. BRYAN, JR., *President*
ALICE E. LUPTON, *Secretary*

Minutes of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention

In Session With

HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH, NEWPORT, N. C.

Thursday, September 24, 1953

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention met in its annual session, Thursday, September 24, 1953, with Holly Springs Church, Newport, N. C. The theme for the day was "The Wisdom of Soul Winning."

Scripture text: "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30).

Mrs. Walter Rhodes had charge of the song service and Miss Emma Ruth Bennett served as pianist.

Mrs. J. W. Stilly of Bridgeton, gave the Scripture lesson and made some timely remarks on the theme.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. Miller of Kinston, N. C., after which Mrs. Rhodes led the congregation in singing "Take Time to Be Holy."

Mrs. James Hill of the local church gave the welcome address, and Mrs. S. A. Smith from the Middlesex Orphanage gave the response.

Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr., President, addressed the Convention with very earnest remarks, emphasizing the duties of the delegates and urging them to be attentive, take notes, and to be ready to meet each issue that may come before us, realizing that it is the work of the Lord and He is depending on us as His ambassadors. She took this occasion to thank each officer of the Convention for their loyal support during her years as President.

Prayer for the success of the Convention was made by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held July 22, was read and adopted.

Officers of the Convention were recognized and each one witnessed for the Lord.

The President recognized the ministers present and these made remarks relative to their appreciation of the work being done by the Convention. Ministers present were: Revs. J. C. Griffin, J. F. Miller, J. R. Davidson, L. E. Ballard, W. E. Anderson, J. B. Howard, J. C. Lynn, and the pastor, J. R. Bennett.

Rev. Ballard reported that his wife would not be able to fill her place on the program, as she was in St. Luke's Hospital, New Bern, for a major operation.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin presented Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, the new State Field Worker, who made some remarks relative to her plan of work during the next few months, calling to mind that we should live up to our motto, "Workers together with God," and to cooperate with every department of our work.

At this time, Rev. J. C. Griffin talked to us on "The Need of Personal Evangelism."

A talk on "How We May Enlarge our Soul-Winning Efforts Through our Orphanage at Middlesex," by Mrs. S. A. Smith, wife of the superintendent, was made more appealing by the little girl she brought with her from the Orphanage who was presented and recognized by the President.

Mrs. Rhodes led the congregation in singing while an offering was taken for the Orphanage. Offertory was made by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Rev. L. E. Ballard brought greetings from Mrs. Ballard as President of the State Auxiliary Convention. He asked that special prayers be made in her behalf.

At this time the President recognized delegates from the French Broad Auxiliary, Mrs. Lance, who is the President, and Mrs. Morton.

At 11:30 business was halted so Mrs. Hamilton, wife of the pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church of Havelock, could speak. She spoke very impressively on the subject, "Look and See." Her message was dotted here and there with some of her own experiences as a home missionary in Louisiana among the mixed

bloods and other types of people who needed Christ. She spoke of her disappointment in not being able to go to the foreign fields, but that when she became convinced that the Lord wanted her to work in the homeland, she reconciled herself to His will and found her place, realizing that Christ is the answer to all of our needs.

A solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," by Miss Kaye Slaughter, with Miss Emma Ruth Bennett at the piano, was rendered very effectively.

The following committees were appointed: *Nominating*—Mrs. W. F. Thigpen, Mrs. Clyde Banks, and Mrs. Maggie Willis; *Resolution*—Mrs. J. F. Miller, Mrs. Jonas Dail, and Mrs. J. R. Davidson; *Petition*—Mrs. Dan Eubanks and Mrs. Willie Marks, Jr.

Benediction by Rev. Bennett.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delicious dinner, served picnic style by the ladies of the church, we reassembled for the resumption of business.

Mrs. J. W. Overman conducted a very impressive Memorial Service for our deceased members, after song and prayer.

Mrs. Lee Whaley brought a very interesting message on "Our Mission, and Unfinished Task," in which she brought out the fact of a world lost to God because we, who profess to love Him, have failed in our mission of witnessing for Him and telling the sweet old story of Jesus and His love.

Miss Emma Ruth Bennett brought a stirring message on "Youth Speaks," which was a real "eye opener" on what youth expects and should get from older Christians.

A chorus, "God Can Do Anything But Fail," was sung, after which Mrs. J. R. Davidson brought news from the National Auxiliary Convention held at Mt. Vernon, Ill., July 1953. She stated, in part, that there were 17 states represented, that a gain of new members reported were 566, and that the Week of Prayer for November was to be held in honor of Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, as the first President of the National Auxiliary, an offering for State Home Missions. Also a Christmas offering for missions was to be made in honor of Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, our pioneer home missionary. Our pre-Easter Week of Prayer is to be in honor of Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our pioneer foreign missionary and the offering is to be for foreign missions.

Mrs. Lee Whaley brought news from Cragmont and the Conferences held in June and August. Others who attended one or both of these conferences gave testimony of the joys and benefits received during the assemblies.

Earlier in the day Mrs. Bagley Morris, representing the Western Auxiliary Convention, was recognized and she brought greetings from her district.

A letter of greeting and good wishes from the Central Auxiliary Convention was read by the Secretary.

The Secretary made her report and on motion was adopted as read.

"Problem Time" was given a place on the program, the solution of which was "Give every member something to do in the Lord's vineyard."

The report of the Resolution Committee was read and on motion was adopted.

Smith's New Home Church petitioned for the March, 1954, Convention, and on motion was accepted with appreciation. The next Convention will be held with said church.

The Finance Committee reported that \$159.00 was received from the auxiliaries, that \$123.00 was the offering for the Orphanage, and that \$35.80 was the love offering for Mrs. Ballard. Total amount received \$319.80.

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

The following delegates were named to the various District Auxiliary Conventions. Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Western; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Central; Mrs. Lee Whaley, Pee Dee; Mrs. Clyde Banks, French Broad; Mrs. W. F. Thigpen, Cape Fear. They were to send greetings if they cannot go.

The Nominating Committee made report, and on motion it was adopted. The report was as follows: That the same officers be re-elected to serve for two years, except that of the President, Mrs. J. K. Bryan, who has moved out of the state, and that Mrs. Wingate Hansley be elected President.

The out-going President was given a rising vote of thanks for her retiring and faithful service during her term of office. She responded with words of appreciation for the co-operation she had received, and for the fellowship that had meant so much to her. She assured us that her prayers would be with us in our labor of love and service.

REPORTS

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

1. Be it resolved that we make a greater effort to win souls to Christ than we ever have before.

2. That we extend to Holly Springs Church, its most worthy pastor, and to the community at large, a standing vote of thanks for the fine spirit of friendliness and co-operation, together with the delicious dinner served at the noon hour.

Committee:

MRS. JASPER F. MILLER

MRS. JONAS DAIL

MRS. J. R. DAVIDSON

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Report Blanks Mailed to Auxiliaries	52
Report Blanks received with funds except from two	37
Total amount of funds received and paid Treasurer	\$161.00
Two new auxiliaries organized.	
Expense account	\$5.15

ALICE E. LUPTON, *Secretary*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amount brought in from Auxiliaries	\$161.00
Orphanage offering	123.00
Love offering for Mrs. Ballard	35.80
Total received	\$319.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Orphanage Offering	\$123.00
Orphan boy, clothes	40.00
Orphan boy, Christmas gift	10.00
Expense of Secretary	5.15
Secretary for service	20.00
Rev. J. C. Griffin, expense of Executive Committee	4.80
Convention Programs	4.00
Total disbursed	206.95
Balance on hand	\$112.85

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. ROM MALLARD, *Treasurer*
 Mrs. HAROLD MALLARD
 Mrs. JOHN STILLEY
 Mrs. J. K. JONES

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Wingate Hansley, Merrimon, N. C., President
 Alice E. Lupton, New Bern, N. C., Secretary
 Mrs. Rom Mallard, Trenton, N. C., Treasurer
 Chairman of Enlistment and Promotion, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.
 Chairman of Youth Activities, Mrs. Clara Jones, Bridgeton, N. C.
 Chairman of Study Courses, Mrs. Ben Sutton, Mt. Olive, N. C.
 Chairman of Publicity and Program, Mrs. Fanny Swindell, Arapahoe, N. C.
 Chairman of Orphanage, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C.
 Chairman of Superannuation and Benevolences, Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Beulaville, N. C.

Mrs. Harold Mallard, whose term of office expired at this Convention, was re-elected on the Finance Committee; this term will expire in 1958.

Mrs. Bagley Morris of Fremont, in a very simple but impressive ceremony, installed the officers of the Convention as the closing work at this session.

Benediction—"Blest Be The Tie That Binds," was sung softly and solemnly.

Mrs. J. K. BRYAN, *Retiring President*
 ALICE E. LUPTON, *Secretary*

