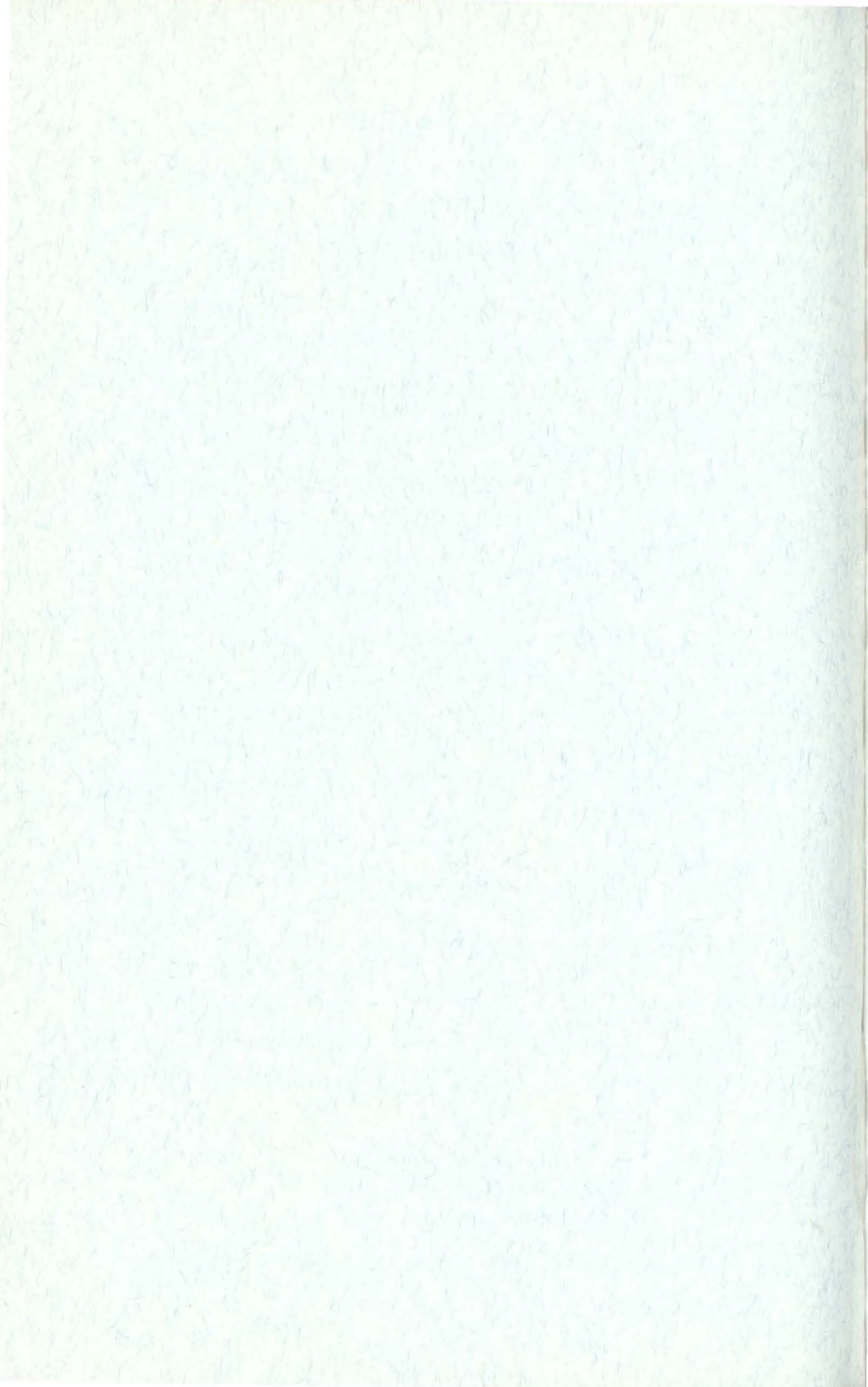


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Order of Business

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 Friendship, Jones County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1956:

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 195_____ to _____, 19_____ and filled _____ of his appointments. Elder _____ is our present pastor.

_____, Clerk

Post Office _____, N. C.

WRITE PETITION BELOW IF CONFERENCE IS WANTED

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

REV. D. W. HANSLEY, *Moderator*..... Pine Level, N. C.
 REV. K. W. GASKILL, *Ass't Moderator*..... Sea Level, N. C.
 REV. J. W. ALFORD, *Clerk*..... Route 1, Morehead City, N. C.
 H. M. MALLARD, *Treasurer*..... Trenton, N. C.

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 REV. CLIFTON RICE..... Kinston, N. C.

CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

Rev. Clifton Rice

Rev. A. G. Lane

Mrs. Ethel Whaley

TO REPRESENT THIS CONFERENCE IN THE MEETING OF THE PRINTING COMPANY

REV. D. W. HANSLEY..... Pine Level, N. C.
 REV. J. W. ALFORD..... Route 1, Morehead City, N. C.

TRUSTEES

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J. W. Alford

Lloyd Vernon

Clifton Rice

J. R. Forest

PUBLICITY AGENT

Mrs. Alice Lupton

List of Ordained Ministers

H. Pipkin (Retired), Mt. Olive, N. C.
B. F. Ringold (Retired), New Bern, N. C., Rt. 5
J. W. Alford, Morehead City, N. C., Rt. 1
Lloyd Vernon, Richlands, N. C., Rt. 2
A. C. Austin, Aurora, N. C.
Wesley Price, Seven Springs, N. C.
J. R. Davenport, Deep Run, N. C.
F. E. Jones, Kenansville, N. C.
Clifton Rice, Kinston, N. C., Box 216
D. W. Hansley, Pine Level, N. C.
J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C., 1409 Pasteur St.
S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C.
J. R. Forest, New Bern, N. C.
K. W. Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
Clinton Lupton, Bayboro, N. C.
G. W. Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
Elmo Harper, Grantsboro, N. C.
E. E. Edwards, Chocowinity, N. C.
W. E. Stilley, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 5
W. H. Willis, Kinston, N. C., 1502 Hyman Ave.
J. T. Forest, La Grange, N. C., Rt. 1
Lee W. Whaley, Jacksonville, N. C., 502 College St.
Clifton Styron, Davis, N. C.
Leon E. Styron, Morehead City, N. C.
T. O. Terry, Cove City, N. C.
O. B. Everette, Holly Ridge, N. C.
N. D. Wiggs, New Bern, N. C.
Robert L. Edwards, Beulaville, N. C.
James E. Howard, Newport, N. C.
L. L. Parker, Holly Ridge, N. C.
James F. Miller, Kinston, N. C.
R. H. Jackson, Davis, N. C.
D. W. Cleeve Jr., Vanceboro, N. C.
H. W. Armstrong, Washington, N. C.
C. M. Dixon, Chocowinity, N. C.
A. Graham Lane, Ernul, N. C.
Danny Jenkins, Holly Ridge, N. C.
Boyce Wallace
J. W. Grimsley Jr., Bridgeton, N. C.
Elmer Goodwin, New Bern, N. C.
Alton Mason, Harker's Island, N. C.
J. B. Starnes, Deep Run, N. C.
Alton L. Hines, Bridgeton, N. C., Box 208
Luther J. Lupton, Vanceboro, N. C., Rt. 3

Charlie T. Rice Jr., New Bern, N. C., Box 445
 Louis A. Jefferson, Jacksonville, N. C., 311 Anne St.
 Billy Jackson, Ernul, N. C.
 Noah Brown, Morehead City, N. C.
 Cecil Campbell, New Bern, N. C.
 W. S. Burns, Pink Hill, N. C., Rt. 2
 T. C. Smith, Sea Level, N. C.
 Melvin K. Everington, Bridgeton, N. C.
 Roger Reeds, Davis, N. C.

List of Licensed Ministers

L. L. Willis, Herbert Tripp, Charlie Robinson, George Branning, D. A. Kirk,
 Earl Hanson, Leslie Rowe, Thomas Hill, Willie Justice, Lemmie Taylor, John Flood,
 Roy Cauley, Nelson Simpson, Daniel Gaskins, Frank H. Dunn Jr., H. G. Gaskill,
 J. C. Carter, Floyd Wagoner, O. B. Taylor.

Church Clerks and Their Post Offices

CRAVEN COUNTY

CORE CREEK—C. W. Heath, Cove City, N. C.
 GETHSEMANE—C. J. Hines, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 2
 ANTIOCH—J. M. Tyndall, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 5
 CROATAN—Mrs. Wilbur Herring, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 4
 JUNIPER CHAPEL—Wm. C. Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.
 SPRING HOPE—Mrs. Annie Jones, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 5
 MACEDONIA—Mrs. Beulah Franks Best, Vanceboro, N. C.
 WINTERGREEN—Franklin Wetherington, Cove City, N. C.
 STS. DELIGHT—J. R. Hines, Bridgeton, N. C.
 MOSELEY'S CREEK—Mrs. Viola White, Dover, N. C.
 REUNION CHAPEL—E. C. Laughinghouse, Vanceboro, N. C.
 PALMETTO CHAPEL—Elmer Earl Lewis, Vanceboro, N. C.
 BRIDGETON—Mrs. Richard J. Bryan, Bridgeton, N. C.
 LANE'S CHAPEL—F. H. Gaskins, Vanceboro, N. C.
 OAK GROVE—Mrs. M. W. Barrow, Vanceboro, N. C.
 NEW HAVEN—Mrs. Dicie Ipock, Ernul, N. C.
 RUTH'S CHAPEL—Mrs. J. W. Odum, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 5
 ST. MARY'S—E. A. Mallard, New Bern, N. C., Box 895
 NEW SALEM—Mrs. Charlie Smith, Vanceboro, N. C., Rt. 2
 VANCEBORO—Mrs. D. W. Cleeve Jr., Vanceboro, N. C.

WAYNE COUNTY

NORTHEAST—Mark Mazingo, Dudley, N. C.
 INDIAN SPRINGS—Wilbur Kilpatrick, Seven Springs, N. C.
 GRANT'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Floyd Wililams, Mt. Olive, N. C., Rt. 1
 MAY'S CHAPEL—Mrs. A. E. Rouse, Dudley, N. C.

DUPLIN COUNTY

SARECTA—Wilbert A. Jones, Kenansville, N. C., Rt. 1
PINEY GROVE—Paul Lee, Albertson, N. C.
SANDY PLAIN—Joel Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C.
ROOTY BRANCH—Mrs. Pearl Amon, Mount Olive, N. C.
BEULAVILLE—W. D. Thigpen, Beulaville, N. C.
PEARSALL'S CHAPEL—Mrs. O. R. Blizzard, Kenansville, N. C.
SNOW HILL—Mrs. Rotha Readon, Mount Olive, N. C., Rt. 2
BETHLEHEM—L. E. Jones, Chinquapin, N. C.
LONG RIDGE—Mrs. Jonas Dail, Mount Olive, N. C., Rt. 1
CABIN—Calvin R. Mercer, Beulaville, N. C., Rt. 1
LANIER'S CHAPEL—J. H. Dail, Chinquapin, N. C.
WARSAW—Miss Hattie Chambers, Warsaw, N. C.

LENOIR COUNTY

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL—Coy Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C.
BRITISH CHAPEL—Mrs. Fannie Freeman, Kinston, N. C., Rt. 6
WOODINGTON—Mrs. Joseph Williams, Kinston, N. C.
DAILEY'S CHAPEL—Willie T. Shivar, Seven Springs, N. C.
KINSTON—W. S. Oliver Jr., Kinston, N. C., 1413 McAdoo St.
WHITE OAK GROVE—Ben D. Herring, La Grange, N. C., Rt. 3
SMITH'S NEW HOME—Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C.
DEEP RUN—Shirley Griffin, Deep Run, N. C.
GRAY BRANCH—Lynwood Smith, Deep Run, N. C.

CARTERET COUNTY

HOLLY SPRINGS—Leo Gray, Newport, N. C.
SOUND VIEW—Wayne West Jr., Newport, N. C.
BEAUFORT—Mrs. Beulah Willis, Beaufort, N. C.
FREE UNION—Mrs. Miriam Taylor, Sea Level, N. C.
WELCOME HOME—Mrs. Arthur Mason, Beaufort, N. C.
MOREHEAD CITY—Mrs. Ruby Barker, Morehead City, N. C.
PILGRIM'S REST—Mrs. Mattie Daniels, Lola, N. C.
RUSSELL'S CREEK—Mrs. Mamie Merrill, Beaufort, N. C., Rt. 1
ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL—Jordan Lewis, 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. Howard Lee, Oriental, N. C., Rt. 1
BETHEL—Mrs. Kathleen Slade, Whortonsville, N. C.
TRENT—Mrs. Gladys Harris, Merritt, N. C.
MT. ZION—R. B. Newton, Cash Corner, N. C.
ORIENTAL—Mrs. Nellie Norman, Oriental, N. C.
WARDEN'S GROVE—C. S. Lupton, Lowland, N. C.

ROCK OF ZION—Mrs. Eva Bell Brinson, Grantsboro, N. C.
NEW BETHLEHEM—Donald W. Dixon, Grantsboro, N. C.

BEAUFORT COUNTY

UNION CHAPEL—J. G. Warren, Chocowinity, N. C.
DUBLIN GROVE—David Mayo, Aurora, N. C.
WHITE HILL—Mrs. Marie Edwards, Aurora, N. C., Rt. 1
CORE POINT CHAPEL—Mrs. Joseph Paul, Blounts Creek, N. C.
SMYRNA—Mrs. 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.
WHALEY'S CHAPEL—O. B. Taylor, Beulaville, N. C.
PILGRIM'S HOME—W. G. Ipock, Kinston, N. C., 1608 Charlotte Ave.

ONSLOW COUNTY

FOLKSTONE—Ernest L. Parker, Holly Ridge, N. C.
MT. ZION—Kenneth Jarman, Beulaville, N. C.
SNEAD'S FERRY—Sudie Mae Brown, Snead's Ferry, N. C.
JACKSONVILLE—Mrs. Ben Avery, Jacksonville, N. C., 508 Williams St.
VERONA MISSION—B. M. Taylor, Verona, N. C.
COMMUNITY—Mrs. Aleen Parker, Jacksonville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19

The sixtieth annual session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Mt. Zion Church, Pamlico County, North Carolina, on October 19, 1955, at ten o'clock a. m.

The session was begun by 15 minutes devotional service conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Elmo Harper, after which the moderator took charge, and the following officers were seated: Rev. Clifton Rice, moderator; Rev. Clinton Lupton, assistant moderator; J. W. Alford, clerk; Rev. Lloyd Vernon, assistant clerk; H. M. Mallard, treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance—Rev. J. C. Griffin, E. L. Mallard, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard.

Temperance—Revs. D. W. Cleeve, C. T. Rice, A. G. Lane.

Sunday Schools—Rev. Elmo Harper, W. H. Lupton, Roy Hill.

Ministerial Character—Revs. S. A. Smith, J. R. Forest, J. B. Starnes, Noah Brown, Brother L. T. Mallard.

Digest—Revs. Cecil Campbell, C. M. Dixon, Mrs. Richard Heath.

To Apportion the Funds—J. W. Alford, Parker Taylor, T. C. Smith.

Nominating Committee—Lloyd Vernon, K. W. Gaskill, Richard Heath.

Resolutions—T. C. Smith, Clifton Styron, P. L. Edwards.

The organization being completed, prayer was offered by Rev. S. A. Smith.

The moderator made very pertinent remarks, reminding us of the great blessings of God during the year, and urging us to be duly considerate of each other while in session.

The minutes of the executive committee were read as follows:

The executive committee of the Eastern Conference met at Whaley's Chapel on November 18, 1954, at six o'clock p. m. Those present were: Clifton Rice; Lloyd Vernon, H. M. Mallard, J. W. Alford.

Prayer was offered by J. W. Alford.

The offer of a deed for a certain piece of property to the Eastern Conference, the same being the site on which the church building of Core Point Chapel stands, made by Brother W. J. Smithwick, was considered.

The committee duly considered the deed offered by Brother Smithwick, and because of the limitations and conditions set forth in the deed, the committee, by motion and vote, declined to accept the deed. (The vote was unanimous.)

Brother Vernon, for the examining board, called attention to the fact that we need some new ordination certificates.

On motion the chairman and secretary of the examining board be authorized and instructed to make the necessary changes in the certificate, and have a new supply printed.

Brother Mallard, the treasurer, reminded us that the committee on allocations

overlooked the widow of Rev. R. C. Kennedy, and that he, with the concurrence of Brother Alford, had sent her the same amount as the others received.

On motion the committee approved the action of the treasurer.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by Brother Rice.

The executive committee of the Eastern Conference met in the Vanceboro Church on May 25, 1955, at eight o'clock p. m.

All members were present.

Prayer by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

Brother Rice, the chairman, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to investigate rumors that the Vanceboro Church is not a true Free Will Baptist church, and was leaning toward the holiness movement.

After several statements by Brothers Cleeve and Griffin, members of the local church, and the pastor being absent, the following motion was made and passed: On motion the matter of the Vanceboro Church be left open until June 3, 1955, and the pastor, Rev. C. J. Harris, be notified to be present at that time.

A card from Rev. Beverly Ballard was read requesting his conference membership be transferred to the Cape Fear Conference.

On motion the secretary be authorized to make the transfer.

A bill for printing a supply of credentials for the examining board amounting to \$10.50 was approved.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

The executive committee of the Eastern Conference met in continued session at the Vanceboro Church, June 3, 1955, at eight o'clock p. m. Members present were: Revs. Clifton Rice, Lloyd Vernon, J. W. Alford, K. W. Gaskill, proxy for H. M. Mallard, T. C. Smith, proxy for J. C. Griffin.

Prayer by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The chairman stated that this meeting is a continuation of the preceeding meeting, which was adjourned because the pastor was not present.

On motion the pastor of the Vanceboro Church, Rev. C. J. Harris, be instructed to take charge of the situation in the church, and clear it up according to Free Will Baptist usage, and if he finds himself unable to clear it up, then he is to call the executive committee back.

On motion we recommend to the conference that the grievance committee be discontinued.

On motion the examining board be authorized to act as the ministerial character committee when the conference is not in session, and they be empowered to silence an offender until the next conference if necessary.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by Rev. C. J. Harris.

The executive committee of the Eastern Conference met at St. Mary's Church, August 29, 1955.

On motion the trustees of the conference be authorized to sign all papers necessary for the acquiring of certain property in Wilmington, North Carolina, for the use of the Wilmington Mission.

On motion we adjourned.

On motion all the above minutes were adopted.

Rev. R. H. Jackson, superintendent of the orphanage, was granted 10 minutes of time to present a report of the work there. After his report, an offering for the same was received amounting to \$155.06.

The examining board reported as follows:

The examining board of the Eastern North Carolina Free Will Baptist Conference met in the Jacksonville Church, February 5, 1955, at two o'clock p. m.

The members present were: Brothers J. W. Alford, chairman, D. W. Hansley, K. W. Gaskill, Lloyd Vernon and T. C. Smith, proxy for Brother Clifton Rice.

Prayer by Brother T. C. Smith.

Brothers J. C. Carter, Floyd Wagoner and William Smitty came before us recommended by the Jacksonville Church for licenses and we recommend that Brother William Smitty further prepare himself and come before us at our June meeting.

We recommend that the Jacksonville Church grant certificates of license to Brothers Floyd Wagoner and J. C. Carter.

Moved that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Brother D. W. Hansley.

J. W. ALFORD, *Chairman*

LLOYD VERNON, *Secretary*

The examining board of the Eastern North Carolina Free Will Baptist Conference met at the Bridgeton Church, February 21, 1955, at 10 o'clock a. m.

All members were present.

Prayer by Brother Clifton Rice.

Brother Walter Futrell came before us recommended by the Sarecta Church and we declined to recommend license.

Resolved that this board go on record favoring an order of the conference that hereafter all prospective candidates for license be a member of a regular original Free Will Baptist church for not less than two years before their church recommends them to the board for certificates of license.

Moved to adjourn.

Dismissed by Brother Vernon.

J. W. ALFORD, *Chairman*

LLOYD VERNON, *Secretary*

The examining board of the Eastern North Carolina Free Will Baptist Conference met in the Bridgeton Church, June 20, 1955, at 10 o'clock a. m.

All members were present.

Prayer by Brother Clifton Rice.

Brother O. B. Taylor came before us recommended by Whaley's Chapel Church, and we recommend that Whaley's Chapel grant him license.

Brother D. L. Purifoy came before us recommended by Ruth's Chapel Church and we declined to recommend that he be licensed until he makes an effort to better his educational qualifications.

Brother William Smitty came before us recommended by the Jacksonville Church and we declined to recommend that he be licensed until the board has evidence that he has made an effort to complete his high school education.

Brother David Peckham came before us recommended by the Jacksonville Church and we recommend that, in view of a previous ruling, he continue his activities in our church and better acquaint himself with our work and doctrine, and present himself to us at the expiration of the two years membership.

Dismissed by Brother D. L. Whaley.

J. W. ALFORD, *Chairman*

LLOYD VERNON, *Secretary*

The examining board of the Eastern North Carolina Free Will Baptist Conference met in St. Mary's Church, August 29, 1955, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Members present were: Brothers J. W. Alford, chairman, Clifton Rice, D. W. Hansley and Lloyd Vernon.

Prayer by Brother D. W. Hansley.

The chairman stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear some statements from a delegation from the Bridgeton Church.

After hearing the delegation, we decided that it was an internal matter within the Bridgeton Church.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

J. W. ALFORD, *Chairman*

LLOYD VERNON, *Secretary*

The examining board of the Eastern North Carolina Free Will Baptist Conference met at Bridgeton, October 17, 1955, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Members present were: Revs. J. W. Alford, chairman, Clifton Rice, K. W. Gaskill, Lloyd Vernon, David Hansley.

Prayer by Brother Clifton Rice.

Brothers Leslie W. Rowe Jr., Melvin Everington, John Flood and Lemmie Taylor were examined, and we recommend that Brother Everington be ordained, the time and place to be arranged by the board and Brother Everington. We further recommend that the other brethren diligently continue their studies and come back before us one year from now.

Letters from Brothers C. F. Bowen and Daniel Gaskins were read and considered, and it's the consensus of the board that these students should complete their education before applying for ordination.

Moved and carried that the secretary of the board be authorized to have five hundred copies of the Code of Ministerial Ethics prepared for the use of our ministers.

Recommended that this conference adopt said Code of Ethics and that each ordained minister be required to sign same, and the signed copies be filed with the clerk of the conference.

We further recommend that the conference approve the new uniform examination as recommended by the North Carolina State Convention.

Closing prayer by Brother K. W. Gaskill.

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

On motion we adopt all of these minutes.

Rev. D. W. Hansley called attention to the display of books and publications of the press.

On motion the list of ministers was called.

The moderator appointed Rev. E. E. Edwards to write a sketch of the life of Rev. Duffy Toler, same to appear in these minutes when published.

Rev. D. W. Hansley was appointed to write a sketch of the life of Rev. L. J. Potter.

Rev. J. C. Griffin was appointed to write a sketch of the life of Rev. C. L. Bennett.

On motion this conference grant a letter of clearance to licensed minister, Brother Robert F. Breedon.

On motion a letter of transfer be granted Rev. J. W. Everton to the Central Conference.

The following licensed ministers were enrolled: J. C. Carter, Floyd Wagoner, O. B. Taylor.

Visiting ministers were enrolled as follows:

Western Conference—W. E. Anderson, J. A. Evans.

Central Conference—J. C. Lynn, L. B. Manning, S. R. Kennedy, Rashie Kennedy, W. B. Raper.

Cape Fear Conference—Fred Hersey.

Cumberland Association of Tennessee—Page Reeds.

At 11.30 o'clock, J. W. Alford, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, came forward and preached. His text was: Exodus 14:15, "Go forward." After the sermon we adjourned for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 19

A very fine and bountiful dinner was served by the ladies of the church, and

it was much enjoyed by all. We then reassembled for the evening session. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. W. Armstrong.

On motion the list of churches was called.

On motion the letters from New Salem Church concerning the pastor were referred to the examining board.

The committee on ministerial character reported as follows: Whereas reports on certain of our ministers have come to us, and since we do not have all the evidence we need, we therefore recommend that these reports be given to the examining board, and they be requested to investigate the same and dispose of them as they see fit. (Signed by the full committee.)

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. S. A. Smith spoke in behalf of Mt. Olive College, and an offering was made which amounted to \$101.90.

The nominating committee reported as follows: We nominate for the next two years: moderator, Rev. D. W. Hansley; assistant moderator, Rev. K. W. Gaskill. We recommend that all others whose terms expire at this time be re-elected to succeed themselves.

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy spoke to us about missions, and asked us to create a conference mission board to work with the state mission board. He also requested a donation for missions.

On motion we elect a mission board of five members. This motion was amended to make this board of three members. Revs. Clifton Rice, A. G. Lane and Mrs. Ethel Whaley were elected the conference mission board for a term of two years.

On motion Brother Rice be the chairman of the board until they are properly organized.

The committee on Sunday schools reported as follows:

Resolved:

1. That this conference back to the fullest extent the Sunday school effort of our churches.

2. That parents be urged to bring the children to Sunday school, and not send them.

3. That the Sunday schools encourage regular attendance by means of pins and awards.

4. That Sunday school teachers, as far as possible, be selected from the membership of the church. (Signed by the committee.)

On motion the report was adopted.

The temperance committee made a report which created much discussion, and on motion it was tabled.

Rev. Noah Brown presented the idea of a \$10.00 Club as operated by the Methodist church, but no action was taken.

On motion we adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Dismissed by Rev. K. W. Gaskill.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20

The conference met at nine o'clock a. m. and was opened by Rev. Clifton Styron offering the prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

There appearing no petition for the next session of the conference, by motion and vote it was left in the hands of the executive committee to secure a place for the next session.

On motion the changes in the Treatise authorized by the State Convention were adopted.

Rev. D. W. Hansley, for Rev. R. N. Hinnant, president of the Free Will Baptist Press, made a good report of the work of the press.

On motion the report was received as information.

Final report of the examining board was read as follows:

The examining board of the Eastern Conference met at Mt. Zion Church on October 19, 1955.

Rev. Roger C. Reeds came before us for clearance, presenting a card of membership from the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, and we recommend that he be taken under the care of this conference until the clerk receives his letter of transfer from the Cumberland Association, then be enrolled in full fellowship.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion Rev. W. B. Raper be given the time usually used for a sermon to tell us about the work at Mt. Olive College.

Rev. Clifton Rice spoke to us very pointedly about supporting our causes more liberally, thus honoring God with our means.

Several brethren followed Brother Rice, endorsing the idea set forth by him.

On motion the finance committee retire, settle with the treasurer and the treasurer make his report.

Delegates to the various bodies were appointed as follows:

State Convention—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heath, Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mallard, Mrs. James Lupton, Mrs. Willie Stilley, Mrs. D. W. Cleeve, Mrs. Henry Armstrong.

Piedmont Association—J. B. Starnes.

Central Conference—H. W. Armstrong.

Western Conference—D. W. Hansley.

Cape Fear Conference—J. C. Griffin.

Albemarle Conference—S. A. Smith.

Pee Dee Association—W. S. Burns.

French Broad Association—S. A. Smith.

Blue Ridge Association—L. J. Lupton.

On motion the treasurer be allowed \$30.00 for his services.

On motion this body give a rising vote of thanks to this and all the neighboring churches for their wonderful hospitality during this session.

Rev. S. A. Smith was placed on committee on allocations in the place of Rev. T. C. Smith.

The treasurer made report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grand Total on Hand Last Session \$1,748.97

DISBURSEMENTS

For Minutes	\$ 125.00
Clerk's Fee	60.00
Treasurer's Fee	20.00
Expenses	274.25
Offering and Allocation for Orphanage	600.00
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	12.50
Home Missions	12.50
Duffy Toler	25.00
H. Pipkin	25.00
L. J. Potter	25.00
Eleven Widows, \$12.50 Each	137.50
Mt. Olive Junior College and Offering	300.00
National Association Fee	5.00
B. F. Ringgold	25.00

Total Paid Out \$1,746.75 1,746.75

Balance in Treasury	\$ 2.22
Orphanage Collection	157.55
Mount Olive College Collection	101.90
Received Today	1,513.40

Grand Total \$1,775.07

Respectfully Submitted, this October 20, 1955.

H. M. MALLARD, *Treasurer*

On motion the report was adopted.

The resolutions committee submitted the following:

Be it Resolved:

1. When the time approaches for a church to call a pastor, a pastoral committee be duly appointed by the church whose duty it shall be to contact a suitable man, and arrange the terms under which he would serve the church, and no individual member of the church shall undertake to make such contact without being authorized by the pastoral committee. When such contact and terms have been determined by the pastoral committee, the committee shall report their findings to the church in either a regular or called conference.

2. That any individual who takes it upon himself to make such contact or contract with any preacher, unless duly authorized by the pastoral committee, shall be liable to the censure of his church, and any preacher who enters into such a contract with just an individual, shall be dealt with by the conference.

3. That the Eastern Conference go on record as approving and recommending to its churches the beginning of the pastoral year as September 1, and the ending of the pastoral year August 31, as adopted by the State Convention.

On motion the above resolution was adopted.

The digest committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Number Died	104
Received by Letter	139
Baptized	375
Dismissed	34
Transferred	125
Excommunicated	0
Total Membership Reported	9,649
Number of Churches Reporting	71
Amount of Contributions	\$1,513.40
Lost by Death, Dismissed, Transferred or Excommunicated	264
Gained by Letter and Baptism	514
The Above Shows a Net Gain of	250

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. W. B. Raper spoke to us about the work and in the behalf of Mt. Olive College, urging us to prepare for the future development of our church.

An additional offering was made for the college amounting to \$64.00.

On motion hereafter the conference allow 7c per mile travel expense for boards and committees.

Rev. J. A. Evans, as a delegate from the Western Conference, was recognized, and he outlined what is to be recognized as our conference boundary, as outlined by the boundary committee.

On motion the report and boundary as outlined by Brother Evans be adopted.

The committee on allocations reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATIONS

We Have on Hand to Allocate	\$1,775.07
For Minutes	\$ 125.00
Clerk's Fee	60.00
Treasurer's Fee	30.00
Expenses	244.20
Offering and Allocation to Orphanage	500.00
Bible College	
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	12.50
Home Missions	12.50
Cragmont	
Church Finance Association Inc.	

H. Pipkin	20.00	
B. F. Ringold	20.00	
Thirteen Widows, \$10.00 Each	130.00	
Mt. Allen College and Offering	400.00	
National Association Fee	5.00	
Ruth's Chapel	25.00	
Total Allocated		1,684.20
Balance in Treasury	\$	90.87

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. J. C. Griffin expressed thanks for the allocation to Ruth's Chapel.

On motion Rev. J. W. Everton be requested to preach this morning after conference adjourns.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

REV. CLIFTON RICE, *Moderator*
REV. CLINTON LUPTON, *Assistant Moderator*
J. W. ALFORD, *Clerk*
REV. LLOYD VERNON, *Assistant Clerk*
H. M. MALLARD, *Treasurer*

NOTE:

After the manuscript for the minutes were mailed to the press for publication, the church at Friendship, Jones County, asked for the privilege of entertaining the next session of the Eastern Conference, and selected Rev. Clifton Rice to preach the introductory sermon with Rev. D. W. Hansley as alternate. As clerk of the conference, I assured the church that the conference would gladly accept their invitation. So please take note of the above, and be governed accordingly.

J. W. ALFORD, Clerk.

A MEMORIAL

We, the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, bow in humble submission to the will of God in His taking from our midst on September 6, 1955, a faithful and beloved servant, the Rev. Duffy Toler.

Brother Toler, better known as "Uncle Duffy," was born on October 4, 1881, in Craven County, North Carolina, the son of the late Amariah and Parthenia Jones Toler.

On December 8, 1901, he was married to Mamie E. Edwards, and to this union were born seven children, five boys and two girls.

During the year of 1907 he accepted Christ as his Saviour and united with the Free Will Baptist church. In 1910 he felt the call to the gospel ministry and became an ordained minister. During his ministry Brother Toler served his people and denomination well, pastoring churches in the following counties of eastern North Carolina: Beaufort, Pitt, Craven, Martin, Tyrrell, Washington, Jones, Pamlico and Lenoir. Beside pastoring throughout eastern North Carolina, he also served as

moderator of the Eastern Conference, moderator of the Fifth Eastern Union and served on the ministerial character board of the Eastern Conference.

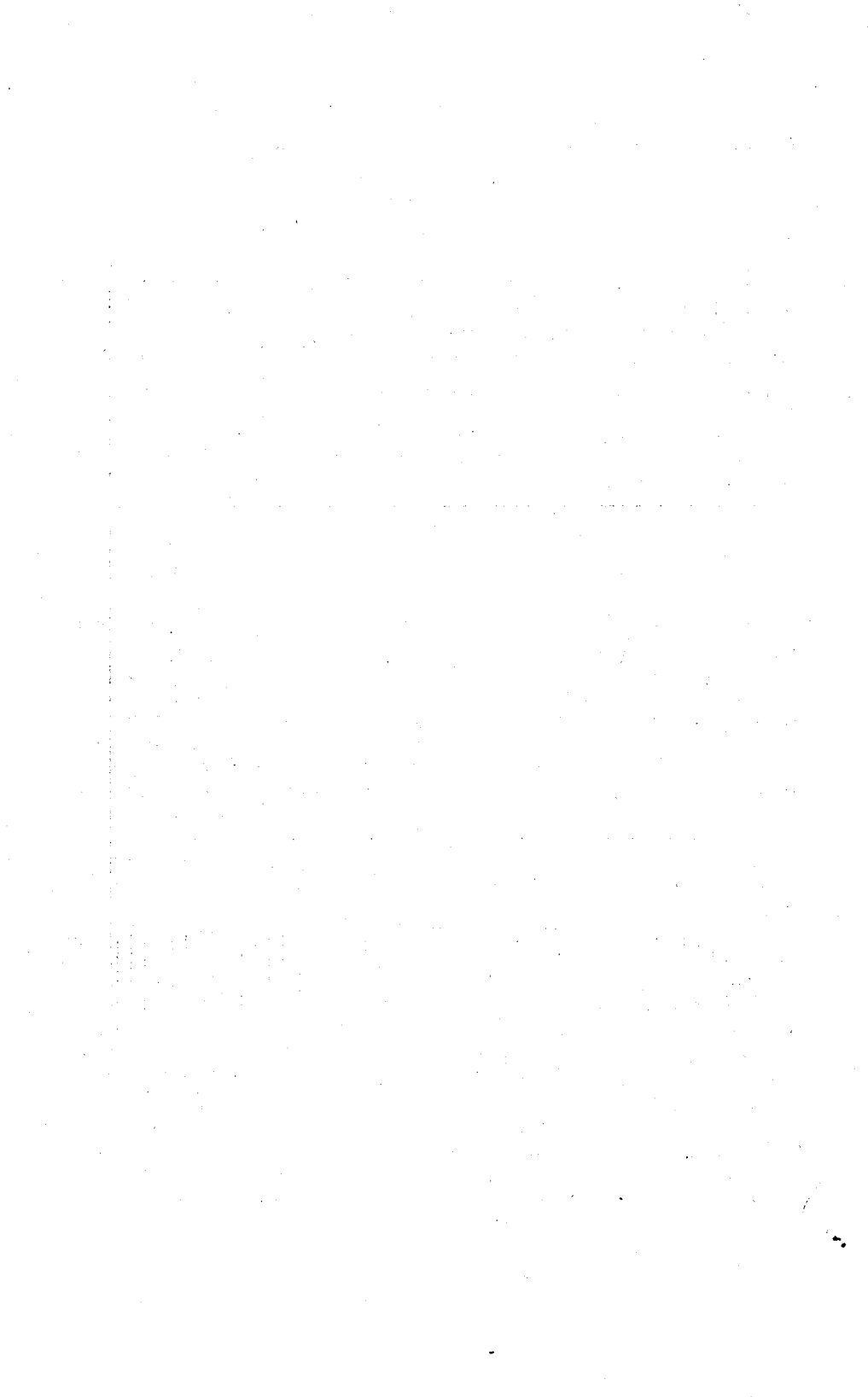
We realize a great loss in the passing of this humble servant, and pray God's blessings upon his family whom he leaves behind to mourn his passing.

Respectively submitted,

E. E. EDWARDS

Appointed by the Eastern Conference

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Minutes of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention

March Session

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention met with the Arapahoe Church, Pamlico County, Thursday, March 24, 1955.

The hymn, "Glory to His Name," was sung as the opening number. The theme for the day was "Glorifying God."

Mrs. E. M. Prescott led the devotions, speaking on "Why We Should Glorify God," closing with the hymn, "Let the World See Jesus in You." The president, Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, made some timely remarks, basing her talk on 1 Peter 4:11 and Ephesians 6.

There were eight ministers registered and recognized by the president.

Mrs. Griffin, enlistment chairman, in making her report for the year, stressed the need of having love in our hearts for one another as a base of winning souls to Christ in our enlistment and promotional program, for in so doing we shall glorify God in deed and in truth, and that it is better and wiser to live Christ than to speak, for actions are more convincing than words.

In the absence of the youth chairman, Mrs. Clara Jones, Mrs. Nelson Simpson acted as the management of the declamation contest.

The hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung, after which Rev. S. A. Smith, orphanage superintendent, spoke in behalf of the institution, giving some news and plans for the future. He also thanked the convention for its loyalty, sympathy and financial support through the years and urged that auxiliaries arrange to send in monthly contributions if possible. He also presented his successor, Rev. R. H. Jackson, who would take over the work in May, 1955. Rev. Jackson made a few remarks, thanking each one for past support and soliciting continued co-operation with prayer for the orphanage and for the superintendent.

The orphanage chairman, Mrs. Blizzard, made a good report of the work accomplished during the year, citing James 1:27 as the fact concerning true religion: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Mrs. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, North Carolina, who is the orphanage chairman of the State Auxiliary Convention, made an impressive talk on some of the things that had been done and was now being done, but she stressed the need for a *right now* contribution for the dining room at the orphanage and for a continuation of loyal support.

Rev. Jack Paramore rendered a solo during which time an offering was taken for the orphanage amounting to \$130.50. The offertory was given by Rev. Cecil Campbell.

The study course chairman, Mrs. Ben Sutton, after giving her report, made an interesting and inspiring talk on missions and our part in helping our national program to succeed; also our duty to our state's needs and appeals. Mrs. Sutton emphasized the need to "get self out of the way entirely because the Master did so,

that He might give Himself wholly to the work which the Father sent Him to do." She said, "Jesus did not weep for Himself, but for Jerusalem, an act which can apply to us of today." She plead earnestly that the Word might burn in our hearts as it did in Jeremiah of old.

The hymn, "O, For a Thousand Tongues," was sung, after which the following committees were appointed:

Resolution: Mrs. Carroll Hansley, Mrs. Pearl Lewis, Mrs. Josephine Tyndall.

Petition: Mrs. Erma Moore, Mrs. R. H. Jackson, Mrs. Edison Tosto.

Revs. James A. Evans and Burkette Raper, with Mrs. J. C. Moye, were named to act as judges in the declamation contest.

The convention message was delivered by Mrs. Jewell Campbell on "Glorifying God," which was very informative and inspiring. Among other things she said, in giving reasons why we should glorify God, were: (1) Because we are Christians. The fields are so white and workers are in great demand. We are needed on the home field, in foreign lands and through various avenues of service. We need to see the urgency, hear the call and realize that "NOW" is the time.

(2) Many ask, "How Can I Glorify God?" The answer is: (a) By being dedicated entirely to Him and to His will; (b) in our testimony, "Ye are my witnesses"; (c) in meditation, "Think on These Things"; (d) in giving of our means not grudging, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

(3) Through Christian education. Support of our Bible schools should begin first in the home, with the mother the first teacher; for the home is the foundation of the many and various ways of Christian stewardship that will grow and enlarge from the beginning and go out in the world, blessing other lives beyond our fondest hopes or expectations, because God is with us to lead us when we have given ourselves into His hands.

(4) In soul winning. This is the climax of all else that Christians should strive to be. Jesus was a soul winner. He is our example. When we go to God in sincere prayer, in the name of Jesus and through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, He will give us the power to glorify Him in everything we do and say.

The message closed with a poem, "Little Things."

Announcements were made by the pastor, after which the blessing was asked and the benediction was pronounced.

The body adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We reconvened at 1:00 o'clock with a praise service led by Mrs. Rom Mallard.

The topic, "From This Day Forth, Let Us Glorify God," was very interesting conducted by Mrs. Whitford Hill, the main thought being brought out was that we must not make our light shine for Christ, but that we should let it shine openly and boldly that it may grow brighter day by day.

Rev. James A. Evans brought us some information regarding our mission work, stating the fact that Dan and Trula Cronk, some of our India missionaries, were doubtless landing at New York about this time. He also gave dates where they

would appear at various churches during the spring. He gave some information relative to the activities of the national missionary work, as well as news from around the state. He said that we hoped to establish churches soon in Roanoke Rapids, Edenton, Wilmington and Burlington.

Mrs. Swindell, our publicity chairman, gave a very timely talk on "Glorifying God Through the Stewardship of Prayer."

Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Allen College, was present and spoke on the wonderful accomplishments that had been made through the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, and gave high praise for what this fund had meant to him during his years in college. He also spoke in glowing terms of Mount Allen College and what it was meaning to North Carolina and to Free Will Baptists in particular. He gave some statistics and also some of their plans for future development, and solicited continued interest, prayer and support from the auxiliaries, as well as from all of our churches.

There were two chosen for the final runoff in the declamation contest, which were Miss Althea Ormond and Mr. Edward Gillum.

This entitles the winner to compete with the other contestants from the various districts at the North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention in May.

The local young people's choir, led by Mr. Al Lyczkowski, sang two special selections, "Hearts Divine" and "Breathe on Me."

Mrs. Lupton, the secretary, made her report. (See reports.)

Rev. Jack Paramore spoke on "Why I Love Mount Allen College," and closed with a solo, "Speak to My Heart." There was an offering taken for the college amounting to \$52.66.

The treasurer made her report which on motion was adopted.

The finance committee made its report and same was accepted by motion. (See reports.)

The resolution committee reported and same was received by vote.

The petition committee reported three petitions for the fall convention with the largest number of votes going to Deep Run Church, with appreciation to the other two for their kind invitations.

There was a motion that we contribute \$100.00 to the laboratory at Mount Allen College. Motion carried.

Mrs. J. C. Moye spoke on "How We Can Glorify God at Cragmont Assembly in Our Woman's Conference," which is to take place August 15-22. She said, "When we learn to live with God, we will be able to glorify God in our living with each other."

Announcements were made relative to the various meetings and conferences to be held at Cragmont during the summer.

Mrs. Moye sang a solo, "What Will You Do with Jesus?"

Delegates to the following auxiliary conventions were appointed as follows: *Central*—Mrs. Rom Mallard; *Piedmont*—Mrs. J. J. Blizzard; *Western*—Mrs. J. H. Oglesby; *Pee Dee*—Mrs. Carroll Hansley; *Cape Fear*—Mrs. J. C. Griffin; *Albemarle*—Mrs. E. E. Tosto.

Rev. Jack Paramore was recommended by Rev. Raper to work in vacation Bible schools during the summer.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Evans.

Mrs. J. K. RHODES, *President*

ALICE E. LUPTON, *Secretary*

REPORTS

The promotional chairman, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, reported the number of new members during the year, which was 122. Present enrollment, 1,175; average attendance, 950. There were 410 engaged in personal work to secure new members, and 248 to bring back absentees. The number engaged in the distribution of tracts, leaflets, religious literature, etc., was 145.

Mrs. Clara Jones, youth chairman, reported that there were in the district 590 young people between the ages of 16 and 25 years and 308 junior and intermediate girls between 8 and 16. (This is not accurate as many do not report.) Total membership in Y. W. A, 180; total membership in girl's auxiliary, 100. Study classes conducted for girls, 10; vacation Bible schools conducted, 46.

Amount reported sent to Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, \$414.00; Mount Allen College, \$424.20, with two showers of products for the kitchen. To a student, \$5.00; Cragmont Assembly Inc., \$104.00; Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$140.00; for promotional work, \$21.86.

Mrs. Ben Sutton, study course chairman, reported number of mission study classes conducted, 18; some of the books used were: "Go Home to Thy Friends," "Power Through Prayer," and others. Number attending, 195; reading circles reporting, 6; (using the book, "Thus It Is Written" and some books of the Bible). Number stewardship classes conducted, 36; (using the book, "Stewardship in the Life of Women" and the first five books of the Bible). Number of tithers as a result of study classes, 15; total number tithers in district, 159.

There have been 24 classes for study of The Manual of Methods and 11 for the study of Evangelism. The amount of \$204.50 was sent to the treasurer for home missions and \$360.83 for foreign missions. There were 28 family altars reported and 46 daily Bible readers.

The program and publicity chairman, Mrs. Fannie Swindell, reported that there had been 237 subscribers to the auxiliary manual and 695 to the year book. Number of articles sent to religious papers, 131; number of "A-1" auxiliaries, one; "B" standard auxiliaries, two; number programs planned in advance, 124; week of prayer programs held, 56; number attending, 915. Amount of self-denial offerings resulting from week of prayer programs, \$322.67. Special programs given missions, 18; stewardship, 18; orphanage, 4.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, orphanage chairman, made a report of nine adopted children; amount sent in for clothing, \$777.75; amount for equipment and furnishings, \$367.60; value of commodities sent, \$280.50; number coupons sent, 12,201; amount of cash sent, \$409.60.

Ministerial relief work done, according to Mrs. Walter Rhodes, chairman, as follows: Cards and letters sent to superannuated ministers, 95; gifts sent amounted

to \$341.50; sent to superannuation program, \$56.00; members engaged in personal service work, 218; members assisting in cottage prayer meetings, 220; members making soul winning efforts, 206; approximate number of converts, 97; number distributing Bibles, 34; number giving trays or baskets to the sick and needy, 632; number helping in the Red Cross, W. C. T. U., March of Dimes and other benevolences, 160; miscellaneous amount raised for other purposes, \$310.20; number helping in bereft homes, 26.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT BY SECRETARY

Amount of Dues Sent in	\$ 230.70
For 50,000 Co-Laborer Bands	\$ 407.00
Spent for Local Work	\$2,221.54
Paid to Home Missions	\$ 511.41
Paid to Foreign Missions	\$ 635.33
Gifts to Missionaries	\$ 25.00
Sent to Orphanage	\$1,475.68
Superannuation Program	\$ 56.00
Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.	\$ 373.80
Mt. Allen College	\$ 424.20
Auxiliary Literature	\$ 380.37
Gifts to Superannuated Ministers	\$ 341.50
Gift to Mt. Allen Student	\$ 5.00
Sent Mt. Allen College Two Showers of Products for Kitchen	
Balance Reported in the Treasuries	\$6,301.89

Mrs. ALICE E. LUPTON

REPORT OF SECRETARY

Number of report blanks sent out for this convention, 61; reports received from auxiliaries, 54. There has been two re-organized auxiliaries, one a Sneed's Ferry and one at Warden's Grove; both represented at this convention. Amount of funds received and paid treasurer, \$685.35. Received three petitions for the next convention in September.

ALICE E. LUPTON, *Secretary*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amount Received Today from Auxiliaries	\$ 685.35
Offering for Orphanage	130.56
Offering for Mt. Allen College	52.66
Total Received	\$ 868.57
Allocated:	
Orphanage, with Child's Clothing	\$ 180.56
Field Work for Eastern District	50.00
Secretary's Salary and Expenses	27.60
Assistant Secretary	10.00
National Dues	100.00
States Dues	100.00
District Dues	100.00
Contribution to State	150.00

Contribution to Mt. Allen College	152.66
Total Allocated	\$ 870.82

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought Forward	\$ 327.46
Received at this Convention	685.35
Total to Account For	\$1,012.81
Total Disbursed Including Allocations, \$44.00 for Minutes, \$21.26 Expense of Executive Board, and \$15.00 for Field Work	851.66
Balance in Treasury	\$ 161.15

MRS. ROM MALLARD, *Treasurer*

RESOLUTIONS

First: Resolve that we urge each auxiliary to make more earnest efforts to enlist more women in our auxiliary work.

Second: That each auxiliary sponsor and encourage more work with our youth.

Third: That a standing vote of appreciation be extended to the Arapahoe Church and community for the fine spirit of fellowship and cooperation given this convention, including the delicious dinner served at the noon hour.

Committee,

MRS. CARROLL HANSLEY

MRS. PEARL LEWIS

MRS. JOSEPHINE TYNDALL

PETITIONS

There were three petitions for the September convention: Deep Run, Bridgeton and Sarecta Auxiliaries. Deep Run Auxiliary received the most vote, and by motion the next convention will convene with said auxiliary.

Committee,

MISS ERMA MOORE

MRS. R. H. JACKSON

MRS. EDWIN TOSTO

The names of the contestants in the declamation contest were: Miss Althea Ormond and Mr. Edward Gillum. The judges were: Revs. Burkette Raper, James A. Evans and Mrs. J. C. Moyer.

Miss Ormond was declared the winner in the contest which entitles her to enter the contest in the State Auxiliary Convention in May. Mr. Gillum was given very complimentary remarks for his efforts and manner of delivery.

Minutes of the Executive Committee

July Session

The executive committee of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention met in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, Thursday, July 28, 1955.

The following members were present: Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, president; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Clara Jones, Mrs. Fannie Swindell, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton and Mrs. Rom Mallard. On request, the Rev. J. C. Griffin acted as proxy for Mrs. J. J. Blizzard.

Rev. Griffin led the devotions, using Romans 12, followed by prayer.

The president stated the purpose of the meeting and she hoped we would be very prayerful in all of our deliberations.

The first business was that of reading the minutes of the March convention. After some corrections were made, the minutes were approved.

A skeleton program for the September convention was presented by the secretary. It was moved and carried that it be adopted, and that we fill in the places necessary in order that we have a well rounded out program. The theme chosen was, "We Need Trained Leaders for Such a Time as This." There was some discussion on the use of our funds with some explanations given.

Seeing the need of more time in our spring conventions, due to the fact that we now have the privilege of putting on declamation contests once a year, and that we do not have time during one day to allow the necessary space for this, it was decided to present to the next convention a resolution to be acted upon by the committee appointed at that time. The resolutions to be as follows:

1. Resolve, that we recommend to our resolution committee at our September, 1955, convention, that we begin our conventions in the spring on the night before, or preceding the regular meeting on the following day, for the purpose of hearing the contestants in the stewardship declamation contest; this, of course, to be at the church where the convention is to be held, and that this service be conducted by the district youth chairman.

Motion was made that this resolution be presented as decided during the discussion. Motion carried.

2. Resolve, that officers or former officers be remembered with a floral offering in her memory upon decease of such officer, the design not to exceed \$5.00 with tax, and that Mrs. J. C. Griffin be named to have charge of this, with Mrs. Alice E. Lupton as assistant, when and if needed. By motion this was carried.

The president urged that we pray much for greater spiritually in all of our activities for the Lord.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn.

Benediction by Mrs. Rom Mallard.

MRS. J. K. RHODES, *President*
ALICE E. LUPTON, *Secretary*

Minutes of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention

September Session

The forty-sixth annual Eastern Auxiliary Convention met with the Deep Run Church, Thursday, September 22, 1955.

The session opened with the hymn, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

Mrs. W. C. Taylor led the devotions with reading and prayer. She made a few timely remarks on "Preparedness," and also gave several Bible characters as examples for us to follow "For Such a Time as This."

The president announced the theme for the day, "We Need Leaders Who Are Prepared for Such a Time as This!" and urged the need of real consecrated Christians unto the Lord through a better knowledge of God. She also stressed the urgent need of prayer in all of our activities.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Harold Hardison, and response was made by Mrs. Bertha Thomson of Oriental.

The ministers were welcomed by the president who said she always feels thankful when our pastors show such an interest in our auxiliary work. They expressed their joy in being present.

Mrs. Willie Stilley spoke very impressively on "Doing Business with God for Such a Time as This," stressing the need for better prepared stewards in the service of the Lord.

Rev. R. H. Jackson brought a very informative talk on the orphanage work. He said, in part, that the Eastern Conference had contributed to the orphanage this year more than \$20,730, and that this auxiliary had played a great part in raising this amount. He urged that we save all the coupons possible. He said that last year the Church of God put on an all-over campaign for coupons with the result that several thousand dollars were added to their orphanage. He said that what the ladies of that church did, we can also, if we go about it the right way. He had one of the little boys with him, Phillip Mercer, from the orphanage. He asked that we make this year the greatest in its history.

An offering of \$77.51 was made at this time, the president giving the offertory.

The following committees were appointed: *Nominating*—Mrs. C. D. Pigott, Mrs. Alton Suggs, Mrs. Bertha Thompson; *Resolution*—Mrs. W. F. Thigpen, Mrs. E. W. Turnage, Mrs. Elmon Parker; *Petition*—Mrs. Lloyd Vernon, Mrs. Ed Baldree, Mrs. Jim Mitchell.

The convention message at 11:30 a. m. was delivered by the Rev. Jack Paramore, using the subject "Prepared to Do and to Dare, and If I Perish, I Perish." The message was very effective and full of zeal. He challenged Free Will Baptists of having failed somewhere along the way to uphold the Christian religion of the Lord Jesus, and stressed the need for more of Christ in our homes, schools, and churches; that our young people should have the training necessary to go out and tell others the story of Jesus. He cited Deuteronomy 6:6 and Ephesians 6 as a foundation for his remarks. He urged that we pay more attention to our children, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually, and gave Ester of old as an example of

heroism and bravery in her anxiety to save her people, for she said, "And if I perish, I perish."

The hymn, "Lead On O King Eternal," was sung, after which the chart brought by St. Mary's delegates was exhibited by Mrs. Baldree and explained, which was informative throughout.

After the announcements were made, Rev. J. A. Evans asked the blessing on the food and pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened at one o'clock with the singing of "Over There," after which Mrs. Harold Mallard conducted an impressive memorial service for eight deceased members since the convention last September. The Scripture used was Matthew 5:16 and John 14:1, 2.

The Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mt. Olive College, brought a very challenging message which was inspirational, informative and in keeping with the topic assigned, "A Challenge to Our Youth for Such a Time as This." He told his hearers that he was depending on the women through their auxiliaries to continue the good work of helping Mt. Olive College and he named some of the present needs. He suggested that poundings be sent to replenish the pantry, also that each auxiliary contribute the sum of \$10.00 to purchase tracking for the stairway and halls. He stated that it would take \$250 to furnish a room and that if any auxiliary would do this, that a plaque would be placed at the door with the name of the donor to indicate that the good might be perpetuated for all time.

Mrs. Lee Whaley spoke very feelingly on "Alerted to the Mission Cause." She based her remarks on John 15. She brought out some of the needs and reasons why we should stand solidly behind our mission boards in their plans for a more concerted mission extension. She also gave a report from the state mission work as Rev. Evans had to leave before the report was called for. A warning was sounded relative to the extreme condition of "Not enough funds to meet expenses," and urged that we rally to the cause with all our might that the gospel may be preached to the lost both in the homeland and in foreign fields. The report gave encouragement as to our state mission work, as new churches have been organized and prospects for others are bright. She said there were 34 counties in North Carolina that have no Free Will Baptist church.

Mrs. Swindell gave a report of the Woman's Conference at Cragmont Assembly in August.

Reports of the financial committee and treasurer were given and on motion were adopted. (See reports.)

Reports of secretary and committees were made and by motion were received.

It was moved and carried that we contribute \$200 to Mt. Olive College. An offering of \$57.20 had been taken and Rev. Raper said that this, with the gift, would entitle the convention to a "plaque" as previously stated, as this sum would be used to furnish a room at the college.

It was also moved and carried that \$50 be placed in the emergency fund, same

to be sent to the state treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, who will forward it to the proper destination.

An announcement was made relative to the clinics that will be held at various churches during the next few months.

Delegates appointed to the various auxiliary conventions were as follows: *Central*, Mrs. John Flood; *Western*, Mrs. Leslie Oliver; *Cape Fear*, Mrs. Fannie Swindell; *Albemarle*, Mrs. R. H. Jackson; *Pee Dee*, Mrs. Ben Sutton.

It was moved and carried that we maintain a standing committee on resolutions, the terms to expire a year hence or at the discretion of the convention. The committee named is as follows: Mrs. W. F. Thigpen, Mrs. C. W. Turnage and Mrs. S. A. Smith, chairman.

A rising vote of appreciation was given our retiring officers, and also to Deep Run Church and community for the very fine spirit of fellowship and co-operation, together with the delicious food served at the noon hour.

Officers elected for the ensuing two years are as follows: Mrs. Harold Mallard, president; Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, vice-president; Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, secretary; Mrs. Fannie Swindell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rom Mallard, treasurer; Mrs. Willie Stille, enlistment chairman; Mrs. Whitford Hill, youth chairman; Mrs. Ben Sutton, study course chairman; Mrs. I. W. Swindell, publicity chairman; Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, orphanage chairman; Mrs. Patty Rhodes, benevolences chairman.

Mrs. Clara Jones and Mrs. Leslie Oliver were named on the finance committee to replace those whose time of service had expired.

Mrs. Ethel Whaley conducted the installation service with a very impressive ceremony, closing with prayer of dedication by the Rev. Raper.

There was a motion to adjourn. Benediction by the new president, Mrs. Harold Mallard.

Mrs. J. K. RHODES, *President*

ALICE E. LUPTON, *Secretary*

REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Report Blanks Mailed	80
Report Blanks Returned	52
Amount of Funds Received	\$189.50
New Auxiliaries Organized	2
New Y. W. A's. Organized	2
Expense Account	\$6.30

ALICE E. LUPTON

FINANCE REPORT

Received at This Convention from Auxiliaries	\$189.50
Received Offering for Orphanage	77.51
Received Offering for Mt. Olive College	57.20
Total Received	\$324.21

Allocations:

Orphanage	\$ 77.51
Clothing for Orphan	50.00
Mt. Allen College	57.20
Secretary for Service	20.00
Secretary for Expense	6.30
Mrs. Swindell	10.00
Total Alloted	\$221.01

Committee—

MRS. HAROLD MALLARD
MRS. S. A. SMITH
MRS. WILLIE STILLEY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$103.20
Received at this Convention	\$324.21
Paid Out by Allocations	\$221.01
Paid Mt. Allen College	\$200.00
Paid for Missions	\$ 50.00
Balance on Hand	\$101.23

MRS. ROM MALLARD, *Treasurer*

RESOLUTIONS

After deliberation and prayer, we hereby endorse the resolution made at their executive meeting in July, 1955, by the executive committee, which was as follows:

Realizing that since we are sponsoring a declamation contest in our spring conventions, in accord with our state and national plans, we do not have time for this contest during the day session, we hereby resolve to submit to the resolution committee appointed at our September convention the following:

1st—That at our spring convention we begin our session the evening before the regular session the following day, in order that the contestants may be heard and checked, and that this meeting be given over entirely to the district youth chairman.

2nd—That our convention send flowers to the family of a deceased officer or former officer, the cost not to exceed \$5.00 with tax. Mrs. J. C. Griffin was named as the one to be responsible for this, with Mrs. Lupton as helper, if needed. (Endorsed by committee).

RESOLUTIONS BY THE COMMITTEE

1st—Resolve, that we recommend to this convention the appointment of a standing resolution committee to act between conventions, the same to be replaced or re-appointed annually or at the discretion of the convention.

2nd—That we express our sympathy, or go on record as being very sympathetic toward the churches and members of our district and elsewhere who have suffered losses during the hurricanes of recent months.

3nd—That we give to this church and community a vote of appreciation for

their hospitality and co-operation during the sitting of this convention, and for the very delicious lunch served at the noon hour.

MRS. W. F. THIGPEN
MRS. E. W. TURNAGE
MRS. ELTON PARKER

PETITION REPORT

We have received two petitions for the next convention which meets in March, 1956, one from St. Mary's Church in New Bern, the other from Sarecta Church. It was moved and carried that our next convention be held with St. Mary's Church, New Bern, North Carolina, and that we record our appreciation to Sarecta Church for its kind invitation.

SECRETARY

NOMINATING REPORT

The nomination committee recommended the following officers for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Harold Mallard; vice-president, Mrs. J. K. Rhodes; secretary, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fannie Swindell; treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard; enlistment chairman, Mrs. Willie Stilley; youth chairman, Mrs. Whitford Hill; study course chairman, Mrs. Ben Sutton; publicity chairman, Mrs. I. W. Swindell; orphanage chairman, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard; benevolence chairman, Mrs. Patty Rhodes.

Respectfully,

MRS. C. D. PIGOTT
MRS. ALTON SUGGS
MRS. BERTHA THOMPSON

The two new members of the finance committee, Mrs. Clara Jones and Mrs. Leslie Oliver, will be due to retire or subject for re-election as follows: Mrs. Jones, September, 1955; Mrs. Oliver, 1958. Mrs. Ruby Stilley's term expires in September, 1956.

