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Order of Business

FIRST DAY

10:00 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

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, Columbia, N. C.
J. C. Griffin, 1409 Pastuer St., New Bern, N. C.
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. Stille, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 5
W. H. Willis, 1502 Hyman Ave., Kinston, N. C.
J. T. Forest, Dixon, N. C.
Lee W. Whaley, 502 College St., Jacksonville, N. C.
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, Dover, N. C.
Robert L. Edwards, Arapahoe, N. C.
James E. Howard, Newport, N. C.
L. L. Parker, Holly Ridge, N. C.
J. F. Miller, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
R. H. Jackson, Middlesex, 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.
J. W. Grimesley 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, New Bern, N. C., Box 445

Billy Jackson, Bethel, N. C., Rt. 3
 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.
 C. B. Hansley, Newport, N. C.
 Paul Lee, Stacy, N. C.
 L. W. Rowe, Bridgeton, N. C.
 G. H. Branning, 1010 S. Aycock St., Greensboro, N. C.
 Willie Justice, Jacksonville, N. C., Rt. 1
 Lemmie Taylor, Richlands, N. C.
 Herbert Bryan, Richlands, N. C.

List of Licensed Ministers

L. L. Willis, Herbert Tripp, Charlie Robinson, D. A. Kirk, Earl Hanson,
 Thomas Hill, Roy Cauly, Nelson Simpson, Daniel Gaskins, Frank H. Dunn
 Jr., H. G. Gaskill, J. C. Carter, Floyd Wagoner, O. B. Taylor, William
 Fulcher Jr., C. S. Howard, D. A. Thomas.

Church Clerks and Their Post Offices

CRAVEN COUNTY

Core Creek—C. G. Murphy, Cove City, N. C.
 Gethsemane—Mrs. Roy Morton, 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—William C. Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Spring Hope—Mrs. Annis Jones, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 5
 Macedonia—Mrs. Beulah Franks Best, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Winter Green—Mack D. Ange, 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. Nelson Simpson Sr., Bridgeton, N. C.
 Lane's Chapel—F. H. Gaskins, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Oak Grove—Mrs. Thelma Barrow, Vanceboro, N. C.
 New Haven—Mrs. Dicie Ipock, Ernul, N. C.
 Ruth's Chapel—Mrs. J. W. Odum, New Bern, N. C., Box 895
 New Salem—Mrs. Charlie Smith, Vanceboro, N. C., Rt. 2
 Vanceboro—Phillip Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.

WAYNE COUNTY

Northeast—Mark Mozingo, Dudley, N. C.
Indian Springs—Wilbur Kilpatrick, Seven Springs, N. C.
Grant's Chapel—Mrs. Carlie Summerlin, Seven Springs, Rt. 2
May's Chapel—Mrs. A. F. Rouse, Dudley, N. C.

DUPLIN COUNTY

Sarecta—Wilbert A. Jones, Kenansville, N. C., Rt. 1
Piney Grove—Paul Lee, Albertson, N. C.
Sandy Plain—Miss Frances Kennedy, Beulaville, 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—Calvin R. Mercer, Beulaville, N. C., Rt. 1
Lanier's Chapel—Richard Pickett, Beulaville, 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. Sallie Bennett, 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—Mrs. Harold Mallard, Trenton, N. C.
Whaley's Chapel—O. B. Taylor, Richland, N. C., Rt. 2
Pilgrim's Home—W. G. Ipock, 1608 Charlotte Ave., Kinston, N. C.

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—Martha Underwood, 451 College, St., Jacksonville, N. C.
Verona Mission—B. M. Taylor, Verona, N. C.
Community—Mrs. Aleen Parker, Jacksonville, N. C.
Calvary—Mrs. Helen Parker, Jacksonville, N. C., Rt. 3

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 24

The sixty-first annual session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the church at Friendship, Jones County, North Carolina, on October 24, 1956, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The session was begun with 15 minutes devotional service conducted by Rev. L. J. Lupton, after which the moderator took charge, and the following officers were seated:

Rev. D. W. Hansley, *Moderator*

Rev. K. W. Gaskill, *Assistant Moderator*

Bro. H. M. Mallard, *Treasurer*

J. W. Alford, *Clerk*

Rev. Lloyd Vernon, *Reading Clerk*

The list of ministers was called, and absentees noted.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional: H. M. Mallard, J. W. Alford.

Finance: J. C. Griffin, T. C. Smith, A. G. Lane.

Temperance: Lemmie Taylor, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Mrs. Alice Lupton.

Sunday Schools: Elmo Harper, T. M. Potter, Roy Hill.

Ministerial Character: Clifton Rice, N. D. Wiggs, K. W. Gaskill, E. E. Edwards, Clinton Lupton.

Digest: Cecil Campbell, Willie Stilley, L. J. Lupton.

To Apportion the Funds: J. W. Alford, Lloyd Vernon, L. L. Parker.

Resolutions: T. O. Terry, F. E. Jones, O. B. Everette.

Memorial: H. M. Mallard, J. E. Howard, H. W. Armstrong.

Credentials: E. E. Edwards, N. D. Wiggs. Roger Reed.

Visiting ministers from other conferences were enrolled as follows:

Central: J. W. Everton, J. O. Fort, W. B. Raper, C. E. Keith, J. C. Smith.

Western: W. E. Anderson, R. N. Hinnant.

Free Will Holiness: Louis Jarman.

A prayer for guidance was offered by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The minutes of the executive committee were read as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at the proposed new church named Calvary, in Onslow County, North Carolina, on May 2, 1956, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present: Rev. D. W. Hansley, chairman; J. W. Alford, secretary; J. C. Griffin, Lloyd Vernon.

After a song by the congregation, J. W. Alford offered prayer.

The chairman then stated that the purpose of the meeting was to organize the group into a church of the Free Will Baptist faith.

After several questions by the committee, officers for the new church were elected. (The list of officers is listed in the church register.)

Rev. J. C. Griffin then presented the Holy Bible to the group, as their rule and guide in their work.

Rev. J. W. Alford read the Statement of Faith contained in the Treatise.

Rev. D. W. Hansley read the rules of Government and Discipline from the Treatise.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon read and explained the Church Covenant.

The group, by vote, signified their acceptance of all the above.

The prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. D. L. Whaley, pastor of the Jacksonville Church, after which the hand of fellowship was given by the committee.

On motion this group be declared organized as a Free Will Baptist church, and recommended for membership in the Eastern Conference; also notice of same published in the Baptist paper.

The new church then officially elected Rev. P. D. Jenkins for pastor.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met at Bridgeton Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina, on August 14, 1956, at 10 o'clock a. m., with all members present.

The chairman called on Rev. J. R. Forest to lead the prayer.

The chairman stated that we were called together to consider a controversy between the pastor, Rev. J. R. Forest and some of the deacons of Holly Springs Church, as to the time of the beginning of the new pastoral year; also any possible irregularity in the election of the pastor and the work assigned to the pastoral committee.

Several questions were asked the group from Holly Springs Church by the executive committee, in order to get a clear understanding of the situation.

After much discussion of the matter, the group from Holly Springs and the pastor, Rev. J. R. Forest, were excused, and after due deliberation, a motion was made by Rev. Lloyd Vernon to instruct Holly Springs Church to abide by the date set by the conference, August 31, for the close of the pastoral year. We also approve the action of the pastoral committee in the hiring of a pastor, except that part of their action in which they contacted another party after having made a contract previously with someone else.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina met in session in the Morehead City Church on October 4, 1956, at 10 o'clock a. m., with all members present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The chairman stated that we were called together to consider the Otway and West End Missions in Carteret County, and determine what is best to do in these cases. After discussing the Otway situation, and in view of the action of the Welcome Home Church which is recorded as follows:

August 26, 1956

There was a business meeting called at the church by the pastor, Brother James Lupton, for the purpose of discussing the Otway Mission being recognized as a mission in the Eastern Conference. There was a lengthy discussion with every one privileged to speak as they wished. Brother Lupton asked for a motion which was made and seconded, and the church voted unanimously for the Otway Mission to be taken in. Brother Harry Gillikin and Brother Ralph Wilkins were appointed as delegates to the Eastern Conference, with Brother Nelson as alternate, and that the delegates be given authority to present before the Conference that Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church go on record as recommending that Otway Mission be received as a Free Will Baptist mission.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Brother Lupton.

Kathlyn Mason, Clerk.

We recommend that the conference recognize the group at Otway as a mission, and the executive committee be authorized to organize them into a regular Free Will Baptist church, at the request of the mission, if the executive committee finds them qualified.

The question of the West End Mission was considered, and after due consideration the following motion was passed: On motion we recommend that the conference recognize the group at West End, Morehead City, North Carolina, as a mission, and the conference authorize the executive committee to proceed to organize them into a regular Free Will Baptist church, at the request of the mission, if the executive committee finds them qualified.

On motion we request the conference that from the date of this conference, the executive committee be instructed not to organize any mission into a church, unless it is recommended by the mission board of the conference, and having been in existence one year. This does not affect the missions already existing.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Brother Griffin.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met in session at

Cabin Church, at 11 o'clock, on October 12, 1956. All members were present except Brother J. C. Griffin who made J. W. Alford his proxy.

Prayer was offered by Brother H. M. Mallard.

The chairman stated that we were called together here by the Third Union Meeting to investigate a dispute between the pastor of the Cabin Church and certain members of the church.

After hearing several statements from both sides, the committee went into executive session and made the decision that the dispute seems to be a local and internal matter, and we recommend that they definitely settle the matter between themselves.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dismissed by Brother Lloyd Vernon.

On motion these minutes were adopted.

The minutes of the examining board were read as follows:

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at Bridgeton Church December 14, 1955, at ten o'clock a. m., to investigate matters left to us by the ministerial character committee.

All members were present.

Prayer by Brother K. W. Gaskill.

Brother Roger C. Reeds presented his letter of recommendation from the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, this placing him in full fellowship with our conference.

Moved that Brother Lloyd Vernon take care of the ordination of Brother Melvin Everington.

Moved that Brother Boyce Wallace be cited to appear before this board at our February meeting to answer to reports of departing from our doctrine.

Since certain matters were referred to us without proper proof or witnesses, therefore we were unable to proceed.

Moved that we adjourn.

J. W. Alford, *Chairman*
Lloyd Vernon, *Secretary*

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at Bridgeton Church on February 20, 1956, at ten o'clock a. m.

Members present: Brothers J. W. Alford, chairman, K. W. Gaskill, Clifton Rice and Lloyd Vernon.

Brother Ralph F. Lee came before us recommended by Brandon Road Mission of Wilmington and asking that he be licensed. Since he came recommended by a mission and not an organized church, the board was powerless to act as the treatise calls for said recommendation to come from a church.

On motion that we call a special meeting on Friday, April 6, 1956, at

nine o'clock a. m., at the Bridgeton Church to re-examine those who have been before us and those who are in school.

Since Brother Boyce Wallace states that he is no longer a member of the Eastern Conference, nor a member of any Free Will Baptist church, nor of the Cumberland Association, and since the Cumberland Association has withdrawn fellowship from him, we recommend that the Eastern Conference declare him excommunicated.

Moved that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Brother K. W. Gaskill.

J. W. Alford, *Chairman*
Lloyd Vernon, *Secretary*

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in Bridgeton Church on April 6, 1956, at 10 o'clock a. m.

All members were present.

Prayer by Brother D. W. Hansley.

Brothers Leslie W. Rowe, Lemmie Taylor and Willie Justice were examined for ordination and the board recommends that Brothers Rowe and Taylor be ordained and that the ordination service be arranged by the chairman of the board.

We recommend that Brother Justice further prepare and come before the board later.

Moved and carried that we require all candidates for ordination and all otherwise coming for membership or clearance before this board to sign a statement that they will support the full state and conference program.

The minutes were read and approved.

Motion that we adjourn.

J. W. Alford, *Chairman*
Lloyd Vernon, *Secretary*

The Examining Board of The Eastern Conference met in Bridgeton Church, June 18, 1956, at 9 a. m.

Members present: Brothers K. W. Gaskill, Clifton T. Rice and Lloyd Vernon.

Brother K. W. Gaskill was elected as chairman pro tem.

Brother William Fulcher Jr. came before us recommended by the Bridgeton Church and we recommend that Bridgeton Church grant him license.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Lloyd Vernon.

J. W. Alford, *Chairman*
Lloyd Vernon, *Secretary*

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at Bridgeton Church, August 21, 1956, 10 a. m.

All members were present.

Prayer by Brother K. W. Gaskill.

Brother Clarence Sheldon Howard came before us recommended by Holly Springs Church and we recommend that Holly Springs grant him license.

Minutes were read and approved.

Dismissed by Brother Roger Reeds.

J. W. Alford, *Chairman*
Lloyd Vernon, *Secretary*

The Examining Board of the Eastern North Carolina Free Will Baptist Conference met at Bridgeton Church on October 22, 1956, at 9 a. m.

Members present were Brothers J. W. Alford, chairman, K. W. Gaskill, Clifton Rice and Lloyd Vernon.

Prayer by Brother K. W. Gaskill.

After instructions by the chairman to the following candidates, we examined Brothers George H. Branning, J. C. H. Carter, Herbert J. Bryan, O. B. Taylor, Willie Justice and Charlie A. Robinson. We recommend that Brothers Bryan, Branning and Justice be ordained at the time and place designated by the chairman of the board. The chairman set October 24, 1956, 7:30 p. m., at Friendship, Jones County, for said ordination. The ordination to be conducted by Lloyd Vernon, D. W. Hansley and Clifton Rice. We recommend that the others further prepare and come before us at a later date.

Brother C. B. Hansley came before us asking transfer from the Pee Dee Association to the Eastern Conference, bringing a letter of transfer. Routine examination was given him and we recommend that he be enrolled as an ordained minister in the Eastern Conference.

Brother Paul E. Lee came before us, asking transfer from the Wolverine Association of Michigan, to the Eastern Conference, bringing a letter of commendation, and we recommend that he be enrolled as an ordained minister.

Brother David A. Thomas came before us, recommended by St. Mary's Church, for examination for license and we recommend that St. Mary's Church grant him license.

Minutes read and approved.

Closing prayer by Brother George H. Branning.

J. W. Alford, *Chairman*
Lloyd Vernon, *Secretary*

On motion these minutes were adopted.

Rev. S. A. Smith spoke to us about his returning to the Children's Home

on November 1, 1956, succeeding Rev. R. H. Jackson as superintendent, who has resigned. He also informed us that Brother Jackson's mother is being buried this afternoon, and a motion was made that a message of sympathy be sent Brother Jackson. An offering for the home was received after Brother Smith's talk, which amounted to \$158.25. He reported received from this conference as follows:

EASTERN CONFERENCE RECEIPTS

October 1, 1955-October 1, 1956

General Fund	\$12,884.29
Clothing Fund	1,190.00
Concert Class	2,040.97
Miscellaneous	60.00
Donated Commodities	133.47
Total	\$16,308.73

A rising vote was given to Brother Smith, pledging our loyal support for the home.

Rev. J. O. Fort called attention to the display of Bibles, books, and literature at the front of the church.

Rev. W. B. Raper, president of Mount Olive College, was recognized, and he spoke to us about the college, and earnestly appealed to us to support it.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant sang very feelingly a solo entitled, "He understands and cares."

At 11:30 o'clock, Rev. Clifton Rice, who had been selected to preach the introductory sermon, came forward, and preached. Text: Psalm 77:3, "I remembered God and was troubled." After the sermon, we recessed for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A very bountiful dinner was served by the ladies of the church.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. L. L. Parker.

On motion the list of churches was called.

Rev. J. W. Everton, secretary-treasurer of the Superannuation Board, was granted time, and he expressed appreciation for past support, and made a plea for continued support. He reported as received from the conference last year as follows:

Churchs	\$1,067.38
Auxiliaries	11.80
Sunday Schools	385.63
Leagues	17.00
Individuals	12.00

Unions	255.00
Conference	100.00
Total	\$1,848.81

Rev. A. G. Lane, treasurer of the mission board of this conference, reported the result of their activity since they were appointed last year.

At this time Brother H. M. Mallard, chairman of the memorial committee, took charge and presented the memorial service with the congregation singing "It Won't Be Long," followed with prayer by Rev. J. C. Griffin. Rev. D. W. Hansley read a suitable Scripture lesson. Solo, "Does Jesus care," by Rev. Roger Reed. A tribute to the deceased ministers was paid by Revs. Clifton Rice and J. W. Alford. Brother H. M. Mallard paid respect to the laymen who have passed away during the past year, which was followed by a solo, "Beyond the Sunset," by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

After the memorial service, Brother W. B. Raper was again called, and he thanked those who have made donations today, and an offering for the college was received amounting to \$96.85.

The committee on devotions reported that Rev. J. O. Fort will preach tomorrow at 11:30 a. m.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, president of the Free Will Baptist Press, told us of its work, worth and growth, and then presented Rev. J. O. Fort, the editor, who spoke of the various publications of the press.

The moderator declared a recess until tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Dismissed by Brother Hinnant.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

An ordination service was held at the church during which Brothers G. H. Branning, Willie Justice and H. L. Bryan was ordained to the full ministry of the gospel. The ordaining council consisted of Revs. Lloyd Vernon, D. W. Hansley and Clifton Rice.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 25

The conference was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m. Rev. R. N. Hinnant was in charge of the song service during the entire session. Prayer was made by Rev. E. E. Edwards.

A solo, "The Stranger of Galilee," was very feelingly sung by Rev. Dillman, pastor of Trenton Methodist Church.

Rev. Edwards read the Scripture lesson to us and commented briefly on the same.

On motion the name of John Flood be discontinued from the list of licensed ministers.

On motion Louis Jefferson be excommunicated for departing from the faith, and the pastor of Jacksonville demand his credentials.

The committee on Sunday schools reported as follows:

1. That the various programs now in use to boost Sunday school attendance be supported.
2. That our own press literature be used in our Sunday schools.
3. That our teachers be consecrated Christian workers.
4. That wherever possible our churches provide courses of study for our teachers in Christian Youth Training.

On motion the report was adopted.

The resolutions committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the resolutions committee, submit the following report:

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference shall not enter into internal problems affecting the local church unless requested by a majority vote of the active membership of the congregation, or in case a hearing is desired by a minority group, the request must be by a vote of at least one third of the active membership of the local church.

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee on ministerial character reported all ministers are in good standing, and by vote the report was adopted.

Petitions for the next session of the conference were from Beaufort, Folkstone and the Third Union Meeting Assembly, and by vote, the next session will be held at Beaufort.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon was selected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. J. C. Griffin, alternate.

Rev. R. H. Jackson, retiring superintendent of the Children's Home, was recognized, and he spoke to us about his retirement, and appealed to us to loyally support Rev. S. A. Smith and the home.

On motion this conference extend to Brother Jackson a rising vote of thanks for his work at the Children's Home.

Revs. Walter Carter of the Piedmont Association, Willie Renfrow and Boyd Shook of the Western Conference, were recognized as visiting Ministers.

Rev. W. B. Raper, president of Mt. Olive College, spoke to us about the need of Christian education. After his remarks, a motion was made that an offering be received, and it be equally divided between the college and the Children's Home.

On motion the executive committee be instructed to consider the form of the Church Letter, and make any change in it necessary.

The temperance committee reported as follows:

Realizing that our youth is facing the most perilous time in history, we recommend the following:

1. That we cooperate in every possible way with the temperance forces of our state, to impress on the 1957 legislature the need of a liquor referendum at an early date.

2. That because the breweries are doing everything possible to seduce our youth, we recommend that our pastors be requested to preach, at least quarterly, one sermon on the evil of strong drink, and that our Sunday school teachers place more emphasis on the fearful results of alcoholic beverages and other intemperate habits.

3. We further recommend that family altars be established in our homes, and we discourage the use of alcoholic beverages in the home, and do all we can to encourage and support our youth in their efforts to become dependable Christians.

On motion the report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grand Total on Hand Last Session	\$1,775.07
Received Since Last Session	89.00
Total to Account For	<u>\$1,864.07</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

For Minutes	\$ 132.00
Clerk's Fee and Expense	118.75
Treasurer's Fee and Expense	40.00
Offering and Allocation for Children's Home	500.00
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	12.50
Home Missions	12.50
Mt. Olive Junior College and Offering	464.00
National Association Fee	5.00
Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Expense	30.20
Rev. D. W. Hansley, Expense	42.00
Rev. K. W. Gaskill, Expense	36.00
Rev. Clifton Rice, Expense	51.45
Rev. J. C. Griffin, Expense	31.00
Rev. T. C. Smith, Expense	10.00
Rev. H. Pipkin, Retired	20.00
Rev. B. F. Ringgold, Retired	20.00
Mrs. H. C. Williams, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. Lucy Daugherty, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. B. W. Wells, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. M. C. Prescott, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. W. B. Everett, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. L. C. Garner, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. J. A. Ringgold, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. R. C. Kennedy, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Widow Fund	10.00
Mrs. Duffy Toler, Widow Fund	10.00

Free Will Baptist Press, Literature	20.00
Ruth's Chapel	25.00
Total Paid Out	1,755.40
Balance in Treasury	\$ 108.67
Children's Home Collection	193.94
Mt. Olive College Collection	132.54
Received Today	1,546.15
Grand Total	\$1,981.30
Respectfully submitted, this October 25, 1956.	

H. M. Mallard, *Treasurer*

On motion the report was adopted.

The moderator reminded us of the resolution passed at last conference concerning the ending of the church year.

The digest committee reported as follows:

Number Died	104
Received by Letter	159
Baptized	371
Dismissed	114
Transferred	136
Excommunicated	1
Total Membership Reported	9,843
Number of Churches Reporting	67
Amount of Contributions	\$1,546.15
Lost by Death, Dismissal, Transferred or Excommunicated	355
Gained by Letter and Baptism	530
The Above Shows a Net Gain of	175

On motion the report was adopted.

At 11.30 o'clock, Rev. J. O. Fort was presented, and he brought us a very fine message, using Revelation 2:9 as a text, after which we called off for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A most enjoyable repast was served by the ladies of the church.

The opening devotions were conducted by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

The committee on allocations made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATIONS

We Have on Hand to Allocate	\$1,981.30
For Minutes	\$ 125.00
Clerk's Fee	60.00
Treasurer's Fee	30.00

Expenses	432.48
Offering and Allocation to Children's Home	500.00
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	25.00
Home Missions	25.00
H. Pipkin	20.00
B. F. Ringgold	20.00
Nine Widows, \$10 Each	90.00
Mt. Olive College and Offering	400.00
National Association Fee	5.00
Bible College	50.00
Eastern Conference Mission Board	25.00
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Total Allocated	1,907.48
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 73.82

On motion the report was adopted.

Delegates to the various bodies were appointed as follows:

State Convention: Cecil Howard, Coy Hill, F. A. Hartley, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Mrs. Jimmie Tyndall, Mrs. S. A. Hansley, Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. J. W. Odum, D. F. Chambers.

Western Conference: Lloyd Vernon.

Central Conference: S. A. Smith.

Piedmont Association: Noah Brown.

Pee Dee Association: Lemmie Taylor.

French Broad Association: D. L. Whaley.

Albemarle Conference: J. C. Griffin.

Blue Ridge Association: L. J. Lupton.

National Association: Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Mrs. S. A. Hansley, Mrs. Edsom Tosto, Francis Garner, Mrs. James Gurganus, Mrs. L. J. Lupton, Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, Mrs. Paul Lee. Mrs. T. O. Terry.

On motion we give a rising vote of thanks to this church for its wonderful hospitality during this session.

Rev. D. L. Whaley was given time, and he spoke very encouragingly in behalf of Cragmont, also the Bible College, and solicited our continued support for these institutions.

Rev. E. E. Edwards spoke for the Ministerial Association, and encouraged our ministers to attend these meetings.

Rev. N. B. Barrow, president of the State Convention, and chairman of the State Mission Board, spoke to us of the importance of a devoted interest in the whole mission program of our church.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

The closing exercise was by congregational singing, and a general handshake by all present.

Rev. D. W. Hansley, *Moderator*
Rev. K. W. Gaskill, *Assistant Moderator*
J. W. Alford, *Clerk*
Rev. Lloyd Vernon, *Reading Clerk*
H. M. Mallard, *Treasurer*

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Christian Chapel	Lenoir	Laura Stroud, Ozella Tyndall	4	0	10	2	0	0	180	35.00
British Chapel	Lenoir	Mrs. Bertha Daughety, Mrs. Stella Loftin	1	2	2	0	4	0	161	10.00
Woodington	Lenoir	Mrs. H. M. Morris, Mrs. Joseph Williams	2	0	0	0	0	0	32	10.00
Dailey's Chapel	Lenoir	Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Hill	2	2	4	0	2	0	193	20.00
Kinston	Lenoir	J. E. Harris, J. C. Gallop								33.00
Smith's New Home	Lenoir	Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hill	1	1	5	0	0	0	174	50.00
Deep Run	Lenoir	Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill	0	0	1	0	6	0	199	40.00
Gray Branch	Lenoir	Mark and Plato Smith	2	2	2	0	0	0	210	15.00
White Oak Grove	Lenoir									
Holly Springs	Carteret	Mrs. W. H. Quinn, Mrs. James Gurganus	4	2	2	0	0	0	256	50.00
Sound View	Carteret									
Beaufort	Carteret	Mrs. Clyde Peterson, Mrs. Polly Lewis	2	3	8	0	1	0	195	10.00
Free Union	Carteret	Mrs. T. A. Taylor, Braxton Dickinson	0	0	7	1	1	0	90	5.00
Welcome Home	Carteret	Harry Gillikin, Mrs. Lela Golden	4	0	0	1	0	0	43	10.00
Morehead City	Carteret	D. F. Jones Jr., Richard Springle	1	10	18	64	3	0	164	15.00
Pilgrim's Rest	Carteret									
Russell's Creek	Carteret	Mrs. Daisy Springle, Mrs. Mamie Smith	1	2	8	0	0	0	86	35.00
Davis	Carteret	Mrs. Millie Davis, Mrs. Lola Davis	1	3	0	0	0	0	190	20.00
St. John's Chapel	Carteret	Guy Hamilton	3	4	7	0	0	0	168	20.00
Mt. Pleasant	Carteret									
Edward's Chapel	Carteret	Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hardy	0	2	0	0	4	0	125	10.00
Arapahoe	Pamlico	Mrs. Lessie Daniels, Mrs. R. L. Edwards	2	1	5	0	6	0	268	40.00
Trent	Pamlico									
Mt. Zion	Pamlico	Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Holton	1	0	1	0	1	0	60	20.00
Rock of Zion	Pamlico									20.00
Oriental	Pamlico	By Letter	0	0	4	0	0	0	111	10.00
Warden's Grove	Pamlico	Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Potter	2	1	5	3	1	0	129	25.00
New Bethlehem	Pamlico	Mrs. Minnie Dixon, Mrs. Lucy Dixon	0	1	7	0	4	0	107	24.00
Bethel	Pamlico	Mrs. Carroll Banks, Mrs. J. R. Slade	2	0	1	0	2	0	75	30.00
Union Chapel	Beaufort	Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buck	3	2	15	0	5	0	485	50.00
Dublin Grove	Beaufort	Mrs. Armstead Swain, Mrs. Blain Aldrich	3	0	0	0	3	0	197	18.75
White Hill	Beaufort	Johnnie and Hazel Boyd	1	3	5	0	8	0	214	20.00
Core Point Chapel	Beaufort	S. J. Tripp	0	2	0	0	1	0	29	5.00
Smyrna	Beaufort	By Letter	3	0	0	3	0	0	128	10.00
Bethlehem	Beaufort									
Ephesus	Beaufort	Ernest Cutler, J. L. Carrington	4	0	0	0	0	0	116	10.00
Mt. Olive	Beaufort									
Friendship	Iones	W. and W. G. Mallard	1	2	2	0	3	0	162	50.00
Whaley's Chapel	Iones	Cain Taylor, Cecil Howard	0	4	26	0	1	0	236	50.00
Pilgrim's Home	Iones	Mrs. Henry Small, Mrs. Horace Whaley	1	1	2	0	0	0	170	32.25
Folkstone	Onslow	Mrs. Sonnie Hansley	0	0	11	1	0	0	210	10.00
Snead's Ferry	Onslow	Joe Horne	1	0	2	0	1	0	57	10.00
Jacksonville	Onslow	Graham Jenkins, R. N. Cauley	2	20	22	0	11	0	235	15.00
Verona	Onslow									
Community	Onslow									
Calvary	Onslow									
Mt. Zion	Onslow	Clara Jarman, Odell Cowen	1	0	2	0	1	0	74	10.00



Minutes of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention March, 21, 22, 1956, at St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 21

The convention met Wednesday evening according to schedule, at which time Mrs. Whitford Hill, youth chairman, was in charge. The meeting was primarily for the purpose of hearing the declamation contestants and of eliminating all except the two best ones, which in this case was Sara Lou Gaskins and Judith Campbell, who will appear on the program Thursday during the convention.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 22

At 10 a. m. the convention opened with the singing of "Jesus Calls Us," after which Mrs. J. H. Oglesby led in prayer.

The theme for the day was, "God's Purpose for Us." Scripture text was, "... The Master is come, and calleth for thee" (John 11: 28).

Mrs. Nelson Simpson led the devotions, speaking very feelingly on "Ears Open and Hearts Willing to Heed the Call of the Master."

The president spoke on the great need of a complete surrender to God in all of our devotions to Him.

The local president, Mrs. M. D. Fulcher, brought greetings and a cordial welcome to all. The response was given by Mrs. Myrtle Simpson.

The president, Mrs. Harold Mallard, welcomed ministers and assured them that we appreciated their interest, attendance and their advice, and that she hoped they would feel free to offer suggestions when or wherever they saw the need. The following ministers responded: R. H. Jackson, J. W. Alford, R. L. Edwards, S. A. Smith, J. C. Griffin, R. B. Crawford and the local pastor, Rev. Cecil Campbell.

At this time the hymn "Ready" was sung, after which Mrs. Ballard spoke on "God's Purpose for Cragmont Through Us."

Mrs. J. C. Griffin rendered a good report on membership and promotion, stressing the need of wholesome literature in the home.

Mrs. R. H. Jackson brought news from the orphanage, with some of their needs. She asked that we help with the purchase of a piano for the chapel, which is much needed, also for coupons that mean so much to the home. Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, orphanage chairman, made her report and asked for an offering, for the institution. The congregation sang, "Give of Your Best to the Master," while the offering was taken; amount taken being \$108.71

The declamation contest on "Missions" was heard and Sara Lou Gaskins and Judith Campbell were judged winners in the district and were cited to

appear with other contestants at the State Auxiliary Convention which convenes in May.

"God's Purpose for Our Future in the Mission Field," by Mrs. Ben Sutton, was impressive and to the point.

Mrs. Swindell spoke on "God's Purpose Revealed to Us Through the Stewardship of Prayer" which was very uplifting.

Announcements were made regarding lunch and the benediction was given, together with a blessing on the food, by the Pastor, Rev. Cecil Campbell.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Opening hymn, "Trust and Obey." The devotions were given by the vice-president, Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, on "Obedient to the Call."

A foreign mission playlet, "Make it a Matter of Prayer," in three scenes, was given by local talent, and made a very good impression, it being very informative and inspirational.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, of Greenville, made a very impressive talk on our Nashville Bible School. In part, he said, "Education, to mean anything, must be based on the Bible, the Living Word. When you open your heart to the Bible, it opens to you." He gave several Bible quotation, such as Proverbs 6:20-22; Psalm 119:105; and others. He gave the auxiliary women credit for being first in teaching and promoting the Bible College at Nashville, first in missions, and in Christian teaching and training of our youth. "Our needs are many," he said, "one is that we are needing a Christian's day school." He said he hoped the day was drawing near when we can move into a theological seminary.

Rev. S. A. Smith spoke in behalf of Mt. Olive Junior College, after announcing the physical condition of its president, Rev. Burkette Raper, who has been quite ill, but who is now improving. He stated present conditions and needs of the college. His indictment that the Eastern Conference had given less and had shown less interest in the support of the school than any other conference was, in a way, astounding, as he said he did not know why, and, naturally, we wonder why. He made an earnest appeal to the auxiliaries of the district to take up the matter with their pastor's and make every effort to enlist their interest in behalf of better support. He asked for a short season of silent prayer for Brother Raper, and that Rev. J. W. Alford close the prayer, which was done.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, from the Central Auxiliary Convention, was welcomed, and she spoke in behalf of Mt. Olive College, giving some of its aims and its needs.

Rev. J. W. Alford made a touching plea in behalf of missions, and suggested that this auxiliary convention underwrite Tommy and Emma Ruth Willey as missionaries to Cuba. There was a motion made with a second that we adopt these young people and become responsible for their salaries.

amounting to a total of \$150.00 per month, and that this hold good for one year.

Reports were heard from Mrs. Patty Rhodes, finance committee, and the treasurer, and were recorded as read.

It was moved and carried that we make a donation of \$10.00 to Cragmont Assembly.

An offering was taken for Mt. Olive College amounting to \$120.50. It was moved and carried that we draw on the treasury for enough to make our contribution \$200.00. It was moved and carried that the president, Mrs. Mallard, send a telegram to Rev. Raper, thereby showing our interest and our hopes for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Whitford Hill tendered her resignation as youth chairman, which was accepted, and by motion, Mrs. W. J. Gaskins was named to fill her unexpired term.

The minutes of the executive meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. W. J. Gaskins was named delegate to the State Auxiliary Convention.

The courtesy committee made a report, and at their request a rising vote of appreciation was given the local church for its hospitality, for the cooperation, the delicious lunch and for the Christian fellowship, together with the wonderful progress made in its building program; and last but not least, a sincere appreciation for the pastor, Rev. Campbell, who is proving himself to be a real man of God.

A petition for the next convention, which will be in September, was made by Core Creek Church. It was so decided to accept the invitation, and the next convention will be held there on Thursday, September 20, 1956.

There was a motion for adjournment.

The convention closed with prayer.

Mrs. Harold Mallard, President
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary

Reports

PROMOTIONAL AND ENLISTMENT

Members enrolled at beginning of convention year, 1,338; new members received, 38; present enrollment, 1,236; average attendance, 927. To win new members: Phone calls, 162; making personal calls or contacts, 261; number mailing cards or letters, 140. Efforts to bring back absentees: Phone calls, 104; personal calls or contacts, 252; letters or cards, 143. Enlistment and promotional work done: Leaflets, papers, tracts, etc. distributed, 1,129; programs on attendance, auxiliary plan of work, etc. given, 75.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin

YOUTH CHAIRMAN

Number young people between the age 16-25, 575; between the age 8-16, 435; number members in Y.W.A., 27; number in girls' auxiliaries, 273; number study classes for girls 8-16, 8; vacation Bible schools conducted, 28; number engaged in league work, 20; number sponsoring church libraries, 12; number family altars, 150; donated to Bible College, \$356.32; to Mt. Olive College, \$350.00, plus showers of food and bed linens; amount raised and used to send children to Cragmont Assembly, \$265.00; contributed to the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, \$160.00

Mrs. Whitford Hill

STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN

Number mission classes conducted, 25 (four of these being held at Mt. Olive College by Rev. Raymond Riggs); number attending, 157; number reading circles, 3; stewardship classes conducted, 28; number tithers as result of study classes, 8; total number of tithers, 119; number classes on guide book or manual conducted, 30; evangelism, 7; special plans made for conducting successful courses, 58; for home missions, \$194.00; foreign missions, \$192.00; daily Bible readers, 263; linen shower for the Hersheys, \$35.00.

Mrs. Ben Sutton

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Number subscribers to auxiliary guide book, 283; year book, 679; number subscribers to The Free Will Baptist, 402; number articles sent to secular papers, 170; one A-1 auxiliary reported, one B auxiliary, one C auxiliary. *Program work done:* Program meetings planned in advance, 163; special mission programs held, 51; special offering, \$136.73; stewardship programs given, 10; prayer programs conducted, 134; week of prayer observed, 56; average number attending, 653; amount raised as self-denial offering, \$100.00; special programs given to promote auxiliary plan of work, Co-Laborer Band fund, ministerial relief, missions and orphanage, 5.

Mrs. Fannie Swindell

ORPHANAGE CHAIRMAN

Number of adopted children, 12; amount spent for clothing, \$802.98; amount for furnishings and other equipment, \$245.60; value of commodities donated, \$118.23; number coupons sent, 19,475.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

BENEVOLENT CHAIRMAN

Ministerial relief: Cards and letters sent superannuated ministers, 367; gifts sent direct, \$24.50; amount sent to superannuated program, \$134.60. *Personal Service done:* Number members engaged in personal service work, 351; number assisting in cottage prayer meetings, 237; number making soul-winning efforts, 242; approximate number of conversions, 86; number distributing Bibles, 37; number members distributing trays and baskets to the

needy, 700; number helping in Red Cross, W.C.T.U. and missions, 242; spent miscellaneous, \$399.76; number bereft homes helped in, 120.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Per Capita Dues Received for District, State and National Conventions	\$285.00
Check Received for Foreign Missions	7.00
Received for Visual Aid for the Cronks	12.00
Received for General Fund	335.89

Total Received and Paid to Treasurer	\$646.79
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Report blanks mailed, 80; reports received, 66.

Alice E. Lupton

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought Forward	\$ 13.98
Received at This Convention:	
From Auxiliaries	\$645.29
Offering for Orphanage	109.21
Offering for Mt. Olive College	120.50

Total Received	875.00
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Amount to Account For	\$888.98
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Paid Out:

Orphanage, with Child's Clothing	\$159.21
Mt. Olive College	200.00
District Field Work	50.00
Secretary	29.21
Assistant Secretary	10.00
Prizes for Declamation Contest	5.00
State Per Capita Dues	95.84
National Dues	95.83
District Dues	98.83
Cragmont Assembly	10.00

Total Paid Out	754.42
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Balance in Treasury	\$134.56
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Mrs. Rom Mallard

COURTESY COMMITTEE

We, the courtesy committee, wish to recommend that this convention extend to St. Mary's Church and the community at large, together with other churches, our sincere appreciation for the wonderful welcome given

to us, for the sweet fellowship, the delicious lunch and for every courtesy that has been shown us during this convention. We wish to also express our appreciation for the faithful ones of this church, with their good pastor, for the wonderful work that has been accomplished in the way of their beautiful church building which we feel was erected to the glory of God. We recommend further that a rising vote of thanks be our expression of thanks for all of these blessings and benefits, which was prompted by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Your Committee,

Mrs. Annie Heath

Mrs. Dewey Jenkins

Mrs. Tom Toler

Minutes of Executive Committee, July 25, 1956

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina, Wednesday, July 25, 1956, with the following officers present: Mrs. Harold Mallard, president; Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, vice-president; Alice E. Lupton, secretary; Mrs. Rom Mallard, treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, promotional chairman; Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, youth chairman; Mrs. Fannie Swindell, publicity chairman. Hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," was sung.

The president read Psalm 43 and offered prayer, after which she called the meeting to order for business.

The roll was called and found that we had a quorum, and so proceeded with the business. The minutes of the March Auxiliary Convention was read and approved by motion.

Mrs. Rom Mallard, treasurer, reported \$67.00 on hand, and that the Willey Fund amounted to \$239.25, this being the entire amount sent in since March for their maintainance on the mission field. There was a motion that the treasurer write an article to the Baptist paper with statement of our obligations relative to Tommy and Emma Ruth Willey, as assumed in the March convention, also that she make an earnest appeal for monthly contributions from all the auxiliaries to be applied on this fund. Motion carried.

There was some discussion relative to the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, and its new set up. A skeleton program was read by the secretary and taken up item by item. The program was adopted by motion, with some revisions, and rearrangements.

The next convention is to be with the Core Creek Church, Thursday, September 20, 1956.

On motion the meeting adjourn. Benediction by Mrs. J. K. Rhodes.

Mrs. Harold Mallard, *President*
Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*

Minutes of the September, 1956, Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern Conference

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention met at Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Thursday, September 20, 1956.

The theme for the day, "The Christian's Lighted Lamp," was carried out in the activities throughout the session.

The text "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee" (Isaiah 60:1), was selected as a foundation for "The Christian's Lighted Lamp."

The devotions were led by Mrs. R. L. Edwards, who spoke on "The Light that Shines," taken from Matthew 5:14-16; closing with the hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus."

Greetings were given by Mrs. Woodrow McCoy, with response by Mrs. Margaret McGowan.

Ministers present were cordially welcomed by the president, Mrs. Harold Mallard, who in turn graciously acknowledged her greeting. Present were the Reverends J. W. Alford, J. C. Griffin, M. A. Woodard, R. L. Edwards, Roger Reed, J. F. Miller, Lee Whaley, L. E. Ballard, R. H. Jackson, Cecil H. Campbell, Burkette Raper, W. S. Mooneyham, Raymond Riggs (the last two were from the National Association; Rev. Riggs being the foreign mission secretary and Rev. Mooneyham promotional secretary).

Committees Appointed:

Courtesy: Mrs. Bertha Thompson and Mrs. Al Andrews.

Petitions: Mrs. Velma Morris, Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Mrs. Clyde Banks.

Mrs. D. W. Hancock brought a very inspiring talk on our first foreign missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard; after which prayer was offered by Rev. Cecil Campbell.

Greetings were heard from the Children's Home, by the superintendent, Rev. R. H. Jackson. The hymn, "Send the Light," was sung and an offering was taken amounting to \$93.77 for the home.

A panel discussion, conducted by Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, was very informative and impressive, especially the emphasis that was given the Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

A solo was given by a local young lady, Miss Jo Ann Heath.

Rev. Roger Reed brought a very inspirational message on "Jesus, the Light of the World," basing his remarks on John 8:12, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He brought out the fact that we are witnesses of that light, as was John the Baptist and other great Biblical characters. He said that the Bible itself is a light, for the psalmist said, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

He admonished that we follow 1 Corinthians 15:58, "... be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, ..."

Remarks were made by Rev. Riggs about the mission work, and an announcement by Rev. J. W. Alford that he is now treasurer of the State Mission Board, and urged us to rally to the support of the mission cause.

Announcements were made by Rev. Terry, pastor of the local church, relative to the lunch to be served, with other information, after which he pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

A picture of the convention was made at the lunch hour by a representative from the Wooten—Moulton Studio of New Bern, North Carolina.

A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. W. E. Baldree for seven deceased members who had passed during the year, which was very impressive. Miss Julia Ann Pate closed the service with the hymn, "Beyond the Sunset."

The president called the convention to order for business at this time.

The state president, Mrs. Carl Dudley, was recognized, who made some timely remarks and gave some overall information relative to the state work, especially the goal for 1957, which will be the fiftieth anniversary of the woman's work in our denomination. It will be recognized as Founder's Day, and the goal of \$1,000 is set for Cragmont Assembly, Inc. She also told of the Life Membership Plan, and that Mrs. Lupton had already been given a life membership in the State Auxiliary Convention, that each membership will cost \$25.00, and for the year, 1957, funds from this source will be used on the \$1,000 goal. She urged the women to single out some outstanding member of their auxiliaries and confer upon them a life membership. She said also that we could even honor our pastors in like manner.

Mrs. Rom Mallard spoke on, "Turning the Light on Our Missionaries," and on Tommy and Emma Ruth Willey in particular. She was followed by Rev. Riggs, our national mission director, who urged that we remember our missionaries, not only financially, but in earnest prayer, and by writing to them, by sending birthday greetings, good reading matter, such as Moody's Monthly, our own publications and other Christian literature.

Rev. Mooneyham, the national promotional secretary, was recognized and spoke on letting our light shine in the selection of our own reading matter, urging us to be sure to subscribe to our own denominational papers.

Mrs. Cecil Campbell gave a very informative talk on our Nashville Bible College, with its Christian attainments and influence. She said there were 169 students enrolled this year with 47 from North Carolina.

Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mt. Olive Junior College, spoke in behalf of the expansion work being done there and was very appreciative of the part this convention has had in its progress. They have 63 full-time students, with enough night students to bring it to 95. He told of a new purchase of property one-fourth of a mile from the present site, costing \$40,-

000, with payments being \$8,000 per year. It was moved and carried that \$125.00 be allocated, plus the freewill offering for the maps needed at the college, according to Rev. Raper's announcements of the need. Motion carried.

The offering taken was \$68.80.

Rev. J. C. Griffin announced that the tract of Evangelism, by Rev. Floyd Cherry, was useful, not only for personal use, but would be good in study courses and otherwise. He recommended that we take advantage of this tract in every way possible.

Mrs. Bertha Thompson, one of the courtesy committee, made a verbal report, expressing the appreciation of the convention on the fine spirit of cooperation given us, together with the delicious dinner.

Mrs. S. A. Smith asked each auxiliary to contribute \$10.00 on the new laundry at the orphanage, or at least to help equip it which is now in the way of construction.

Mrs. R. B. Crawford gave some timely information regarding the East Carolina College Youth Center at Greenville. She is youth chairman of the State Auxiliary Convention, and announced that the YPA and GTA contest will be held at Mount Olive College next spring, the date to be announced later. She gave some interesting facts on the work of the Free Will Baptist students at East Carolina College, and of how the women of the Greenville Free Will Baptist churches, together with the pastors and families, are working with the youth, many times furnishing refreshments and encouraging good fellowship.

Mrs. Ballard spoke on "Keeping Our Lights Turned on Cragmont," and of its needs and possibilities. She thanked all who responded to the apron or repair fund drive. She said Cragmont is a mission point of our conferences.

Mrs. Cecil Campbell gave some information from the National Auxiliary Convention, stating that they planned to buy a tent for home mission work, and that \$350.00 had been allocated to North Carolina. She hoped we would accept the challenge and do our best to raise our part.

Mrs. M. D. Fulcher made a brief report on the state convention, and closed by urging that we study to become A-1 Christians as well as A-1 auxiliaries.

The finance committee made its report and on motion was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the reading of the minutes of the executive session be omitted.

The treasurer made her report and on motion was adopted. (See report.)

The secretary made a report of blanks mailed out, number responding, and the amount of funds sent in. (This was for information.)

The petition committee reported invitation from the following churches for the March convention: Beaufort, Folkstone, Sarecta and Pilgrim's Home. It was decided by a standing vote that we meet with the Beaufort Church,

and that we also show our appreciation to the other churches for their kind invitation.

It was moved and carried that another \$20.00 be allocated and placed in the Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

A rising vote of thanks was given the church and community, together with the pastor, for the very fine spirit of cooperation given during the session, for the friendliness, the fellowship, the bountiful dinner and for every courtesy bestowed.

The benediction was given by Rev. Burkette Raper.

Mrs. Harold Mallard, President
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts:

Balance Brought Forward from March Convention	\$108.58	
Receipts for Today	203.00	
Anna Phillips Loan Fund	191.00	
Offering for Orphanage	93.77	
Offering for Mt. Olive College	68.80	
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Total to Account For		\$665.15

Disbursements:

Executive Board Meeting in July	\$ 20.15	
Offering for Mt. Olive College	68.80	
Offering for Orphanage	93.77	
Anna Phillips Loan Fund	191.00	
Child's Clothing at Orphanage	50.00	
Child's Gift for Christmas	10.00	
Secretary	26.65	
Assistant Secretary	10.00	
Mt. Olive College from General Fund for Books	125.00	
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Total Disbursements		595.37
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Balance on Hand		\$ 69.78

Mrs. Rom Mallard, Treasurer

SPECIAL MISSIONARY PROJECT

Received on the Tommy and Emma Ruth Willey Fund (April, 1956-September, 1956)	\$534.72	
Paid Out for July and August Salary	300.00	
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Total in Bank September 1, 1956		\$234.72

Mrs. Rom Mallard

1. 關於本會之組織及職權範圍，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

2. 關於本會之經費來源，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

3. 關於本會之業務範圍，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

4. 關於本會之人事制度，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

5. 關於本會之財務制度，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

6. 關於本會之業務計畫，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

7. 關於本會之業務報告，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

8. 關於本會之業務考核，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

9. 關於本會之業務改進，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

10. 關於本會之業務總結，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

11. 關於本會之業務展望，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

12. 關於本會之業務建議，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

13. 關於本會之業務諮詢，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

14. 關於本會之業務協助，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

15. 關於本會之業務合作，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

16. 關於本會之業務交流，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

17. 關於本會之業務推廣，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

18. 關於本會之業務宣傳，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

19. 關於本會之業務研究，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

20. 關於本會之業務發展，業經本會第一次會員大會通過，並經呈請主管機關核准在案。

