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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

Church Letter

To the Eastern Original Free Will Baptist Conference to be held at the Third Union Meeting Assembly Grounds, Duplin County, North Carolina, commencing on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1958.

We, the church at _____
County, N. C., send as delegates _____
_____ to your honorable body.

The condition of our church is as follows: Members received _____,
members lost _____, total number members _____, amount sent to conference \$ _____, value of all church property \$ _____, pastor's salary \$ _____, sent to all denominational enterprises \$ _____, raised for all purposes by the church \$ _____, raised by Sunday school \$ _____, raised by auxiliary \$ _____, raised by leagues \$ _____, total raised \$ _____.

Elder _____ is our pastor.

_____, Clerk

Post Office _____, N. C.

WE PETITION FOR NEXT CONFERENCE () Yes () No

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

REV. D. W. HANSLEY, Moderator.....Kinston, N. C.
REV. K. W. GASKILL, Asst. Moderator.....Sea Level, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD, Clerk.....Route 1, Morehead City, N. C.
H. M. MALLARD, Treasurer.....Trenton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REV. D. W. HANSLEY, Chairman.....Kinston, N. C.
REV. J. W. ALFORD, Clerk.....Route 1, Morehead City, N. C.
REV. J. C. GRIFFIN.....New Bern, N. C.
H. M. MALLARD.....Trenton, N. C.
REV. LLOYD VERNON.....Route 2, Richlands, N. C.

EXAMINING BOARD

REV. J. W. ALFORD, Chairman.....Route 1, Morehead City, N. C.
REV. LLOYD VERNON.....Route 2, Richlands, N. C.
REV. D. W. HANSLEY.....Kinston, N. C.
REV. K. W. GASKILL.....Sea Level, N. C.
REV. CLIFTON RICE.....Kinston, N. C.

CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

Rev. N. D. Wiggs
Rev. C. B. Hansley

Rev. A. G. Lane

TO REPRESENT THIS CONFERENCE IN THE MEETING OF THE PRINTING COMPANY

Rev. D. W. Hansley.....Kinston, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Alford.....Route 1, Morehead City, N. C.

TRUSTEES

A. G. Lane
Clifton Rice

J. W. Alford

Lloyd Vernon
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
 A. C. Austin (Retired), Aurora, N. C.
 J. R. Forest (Retired), New Bern, N. C.
 J. W. Alford, Morehead City, N. C., Rt. 1
 Lloyd Vernon, Richlands, N. C., Rt. 2
 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, Kinston, N. C.
 J. C. Griffin, 1409 Pastuer St., New Bern, N. C.
 S. A. Smith, Middlesex, N. C.
 K. W. Gaskill, Sea Level, N. C.
 Clinton Lupton, Bayboro, N. C.
 Elmo Harper, Maribel, 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, Jacksonville, N. C.
 Clifton Styron, Davis, N. C.
 Leon E. Styron, Morehead City, N. C.
 T. O. Terry, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 4
 O. B. Everette, Holly Ridge, N. C.
 N. D. Wiggs, Chocowinity, N. C.
 R. L. Edwards, Arapahoe, N. C.
 J. E. Howard, Newport, N. C.
 L. L. Parker, Holly Rirge, N. C.
 J. F. Miller, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 R. H. Jackson, 1009 Mable Ave., Kannapolis, 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., Rt. 2, Box 33
 Alton Mason, Harkers Island, N. C.
 J. B. Starnes, 209 McLewean St., Kinston, N. C.
 A. L. Hines, Cove City, N. C.
 Luther J. Lupton, Vanceboro, N. C., Rt. 3
 C. T. Rice, New Bern, N. C., Box 445
 Billy Jackson, Bethel, N. C.

Noah Brown, Morehead City, N. C.
 Cecil Campbell, New Bern, N. C.
 W. S. Burns, Thomasville, N.C., Rt. 1
 T. C. Smith, Sea Level, N. C.
 Melvin K. Everington, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D.
 C. B. Hansley, Newport, N. C.
 Paul Lee, Jacksonville, N. C.
 L. W. Rowe, Bridgeton, N. C.
 Lemmie Taylor, Richlands, N. C.
 Herbert Bryan, Sea Level, N. C.
 Richard A. Ethridge, Vanceboro, N. C.
 J. C. H. Carter, Jacksonville, N. C.
 O. B. Taylor, Richlands, N.C.
 R. L. Cauley, Kinston, N. C.
 W. A. Hales, Beaufort, N. C.
 H. J. Van Kluyve, Davis, N. C.
 J. Albert Harris, Jacksonville, N. C.
 B. G. Outland
 R. M. Fader
 A. M. Rollins

List of Licensed Ministers

L. L. Willis, Herbert Tripp, Charlie Robinson, D. A. Kirk, Earl Hanson, Thomas Hill, Nelson Simpson, Daniel Gaskins, Frank H. Dunn, H. G. Gaskill, William Fulcher Jr., C. S. Howard, D. A. Thomas, R. W. Hardison, B. M. Taylor.

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, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Wintergreen—Mack D. Ange, Cove City, N. C.
 St. Mary's—E. A. Mallard, New Bern, N. C., Box 376
 Sts. Delight—T. W. Gaskins, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 5
 Moseley's Creek—Mrs. Viola White, Dover, N. C.
 Reunion Chapel—E. C. Lainghouse, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Palmetto Chapel—Mrs. Winford Gaskins, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Bridgeton—Mrs. Nelson Simpson, Bridgeton, N. C.

Oak Grove—Donald Smith, Vanceboro, N. C.
New Haven—Mrs. Dicie Ipock, Ernul, N. C.
Ruth's Chapel—Mrs. J. W. Odum, New Bern, N. C., Rt. 5
New Salem—Mrs. Charlie Smith, Vanceboro, N. C., Rt. 2
Vanceboro—Mrs. Otis C. Buck, Vanceboro, N. C.
Pleasant Acres—James E. Davidson, New Bern, N. C.,
2105 High School Drive

WAYNE COUNTY

Northeast—Mark Mozingo, Dudley, N. C.
Indian Springs—Mrs. Charlie Turner, Dudley, N. C., Rt. 1
Grant's Chapel—Mrs. Carlie Summerland, Seven Springs, N. C., Rt. 2
May's Chapel—Mrs. A. E. Rouse, Dudley, N. C.

DUPLIN COUNTY

Sarecta—Wilbur 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, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Beulaville—W. D. Thigpen, Beulaville, N. C.
Pearsall's Chapel—Mrs. O. R. Blizzard, Kenansville, N. C.
Snow Hill—Mrs. Rotha Readron, Mt. Olive, N. C., Rt. 2
Bethlehem—L. E. Jones, Chinquapin, N. C.
Long Ridge—Mrs. Jonas Dail, Mt. Olive, N. C., Rt. 1
Cabin—Calvin 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—W. T. Shivar, Seven Springs, N. C.
Kinston—W. S. Oliver, Kinston, N. C., Rt. 2
White Oak Grove—Ben D. Herring, LaGrange, 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, Kinston, N. C., Rt. 5, Box 354

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. Dollie 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 Merrell, Beaufort, N. C., Box 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.
Otway—Mrs. Evelyn Golden, Beaufort, N. C.
Faith—J. P. Morton, Morehead City, N. C.
Crab Point—Brenda Smith, Morehead City, N. C.

PAMLICO COUNTY

Arapahoe—Mrs. Howard Lee, Oriental, N. C., Rt. 1
Bethel—Mrs. Kathleen Slade, Whortonville, N. C.
Trent—Mrs. Gladys Harris, Merritt, N. C.
Mt. Zion—R. B. Newton, Cash Corner, N. C.
Oriental—Mrs. Bertha Thompson, Oriental, N. C.
Warden's Grove—C. S. Lupton, Lowland, N. C.
Rock of Zion—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, Blount's Creek, N. C.
Smyrna—Mrs. Mabel Rowe, Blount's Creek, N. C.
Ephesus—Mrs. Warren Gaskins, Blount's 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, Richlands, N. C., Rt. 2
Pilgrim's Home—Mrs. Earl Thomas, Dover, N. C., Rt. 2

ONSLOW COUNTY

Folkstone—E. L. Parker, Holly Ridge, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Kenneth Jarman, Beulaville, N. C.
Snead's Ferry—Judy Justice, Snead's Ferry, N. C.
Jacksonville—Edna Lannemire, Jacksonville, N. C.
Verona—B. M. Taylor, Verona, N. C.
Community—Mrs. Aileen Parker, Jacksonville, N. C.
Calvary—Mrs. E. R. Ferrell, Jacksonville, N. C., Rt. 3, Box 142-A
Immanuel—Mrs. Mary Wetherington, Jacksonville, N. C., Rt. 2

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 23

The Sixty-Second Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the church in Beaufort, N. C., on October 23, 1957, at ten o'clock a. m.

The session was opened with 15 minutes devotional service conducted by Rev. Clifton Rice, after which the moderator took charge, and the following officers were seated:

Rev. D. W. Hansley, moderator; Rev. K. W. Gaskill, assistant moderator; H. M. Mallard, treasurer; J. W. Alford, clerk.

The credentials committee reported 40 ministers, 72 delegates, and 2 visiting ministers present.

The list of ministers was called and absentees noted.

On motion Brothers A. C. Austin and J. R. Forrest be placed on list of retired ministers.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotions—W. A. Hales, Mrs. Sallie Kirk, Lester Hall.

Finance—Paul Lee, T. C. Smith, Lemmie Taylor.

Temperance—J. C. Griffin, Elmo Harper, Roy Garner.

Sunday Schools—Cecil Campbell, Danny Jenkins, Walter Rhodes.

Ministerial Character—C. B. Hansley, Clinton Lupton, K. W. Gaskill, W. E. Stilley, E. L. Mallard.

Digest—N. D. Wiggs, W. H. Willis, O. B. Everette.

To Allocate the Funds—J. W. Alford, Clifton Rice, S. W. Jones.

Resolutions—A. G. Lane, F. E. Jones, J. B. Starnes.

Memorial (standing)—L. J. Lupton, T. A. Taylor, M. K. Everington.

Credentials (standing)—E. E. Edwards, N. D. Wiggs, Noah Brown.

Nominations—J. W. Alford, Clifton Rice, L. L. Parker.

Visiting ministers were seated as follows:

Albemarle Conference—J. Albert Harris, Bill McClintock.

Western—W. E. Anderson.

Central—J. O. Fort, C. J. Harris, C. L. Patrick, J. W. Everton.

Rev. W. E. Anderson led in prayer for the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit during the session.

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 Otway Mission on October 30, 1956, at three o'clock p. m., with all members present except Brother H. M. Mallard, who had placed his proxy in the hands of the secretary.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to organize the mission into a Free Will Baptist church. He called for the election of officers for the new church, and was informed that they have already been chosen, and the selection was approved by the committee.

The chairman read the duties of the officers from the North Carolina Treatise, and the group pledged themselves to be governed by the North Carolina Treatise.

The treasurer of the group read the financial report, and it showed \$78.50 on hand in the treasury.

Rev. J. C. Griffin presented the Bible in very appropriate words.

The Statement of Faith of the Free Will Baptist Denomination was read by the chairman. Rev. Lloyd Vernon then read the Church Covenant, and very plainly and understandingly explained it.

The prayer of consecration was offered by J. W. Alford, with the group around the altar.

The chairman then called for the election of a pastor, and Rev. Clifton Styron was elected by vote, and is to serve on second and fourth Sunday.

There are 27 charter members on the roll.

On motion we recommend that the new church at Otway be admitted into the conference.

The minutes were read and approved, and we recessed until 7:30 o'clock p. m. to meet at West End Mission in Morehead City.

Dismissed by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

At 7:30 o'clock p. m. we were called to order at the West End Mission with proper devotions. Prayer by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The chairman asked all charter members to stand, and 77 were noted as charter members.

The chairman stated that the committee is here to organize the mission into a regular Free Will Baptist church, and the list of officers were submitted, which was approved by the committee and the group.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon presented the Bible in a very interesting manner.

The chairman presented the North Carolina Treatise, and by motion and vote of the group, it was adopted.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon read and explained the Church Covenant in a very impressive manner, and it was adopted by vote of the group.

The group then elected Rev. Noah Brown for full-time pastor.

By motion and vote the new church is to be called Faith Free Will Baptist Church.

The entire group was called to assemble around the altar, and Rev. D. W. Hansley offered the prayer of consecration.

On motion the executive committee recommends that this new church be received into the conference.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by the chairman.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at the home of Brother E. B. Hill near New Bern, N. C., at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on November 1, 1956, for the purpose of organizing the Pleasant Acres mission into a regular Free Will Baptist church.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, and Rev. J. C. Griffin read a part of the fifth chapter of Ephesians. After some comments on the Scripture, he offered a prayer.

A charter list of 24 prospective members was presented, and the officers were duly nominated, and by vote were elected.

The group voted the new church shall be called Pleasant Acres Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. J. C. Griffin presented the Bible to the organization in a very impressive manner.

The chairman read the Declaration of Faith and Practice, as contained in the Treatise of North Carolina, and by motion and vote, the group adopted the North Carolina Treatise.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon read and explained the Church Covenant, which the group adopted by vote.

J. W. Alford offered the prayer of consecration.

The group sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and a general hand shake was had by the group.

Rev. J. C. Griffin was elected pastor.

On motion the executive committee recommends that the new church at Pleasant Acres be received into the conference.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Brother James Davidson.

The executive committee was called into special session at Sea Level on February 22, 1957, with D. W. Hansley, Lloyd Vernon and J. W. Alford present. The cause for the meeting was to investigate a call for a business meeting of the Free Union Church for the night of March 2, 1957, the call having been sent out by the former clerk of the church, when no such call had been authorized by the church or the pastor. After discussing the matter at some length, the following motion was made and passed:

On motion the pastor, Rev. T. C. Smith, be authorized and instructed to announce in both, the morning and evening, services next Sunday, February 24, 1957, that there will be no business session next March 2, 1957, and Rev. G. W. Gaskill be required to notify the dissenting group of

the same, and that, if later there can be arranged a joint meeting between the church and the dissenting group, notices will be sent to all members, signed by the pastor and clerk of the church.

On motion we adjourned.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met at the Jacksonville Church, Jacksonville, N. C., on May 17, 1957, at four o'clock p. m., with all members present.

Prayer was offered by Brother H. M. Mallard.

The minutes of the special meeting held at Sea Level on February 22, 1957, concerning the dissension in Free Union Church were read.

A statement from the secretary concerning correspondence with G. W. Gaskill, and the action taken by the union meeting of Carteret County was made.

On motion we recommend to the conference that G. W. Gaskill be excommunicated for departing from the faith of the Free Will Baptists.

A letter from Brother Willie Justice requesting a transfer to the Cumberland Association of Tennessee was read.

On motion the transfer was granted.

A request for a transfer for Rev. Roger Reeds was presented, the transfer to be headed: "To whom it may concern."

On motion the transfer be granted, and headed: "To any conference or association belonging to the National Association of Free Will Baptists."

The board recessed until 7:45 o'clock p. m. to meet at Oak Grove Mission.

At 7:45 we met in the Oak Grove Mission for the purpose of organizing the mission into a regular Free Will Baptist church.

The ladies served a delicious supper in the yard just before we went into the work of the evening.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Lee Whaley. Prayer was offered by Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

The chairman then took charge, and proceeded to organize the group into a regular Free Will Baptist church.

The clerk of the group reported that there are 28 who will be charter members.

A board of trustees, deacons, treasurer and clerk were duly elected by vote of the group.

Rev. J. C. Griffin presented the Holy Bible as the rule of faith and practice.

The chairman presented the North Carolina Treatise for the government of the church, which the group accepted unreservedly.

The Church Covenant was read and explained by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

A prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Lee Whaley.

The chairman then declared the group duly organized into a regular Free Will Baptist church.

The new church then called Rev. J. Albert Harris for pastor.

The new church decided that the name shall be Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, located in Onslow County, N. C.

On motion the executive committee recommends that Emmanuel, Onslow County, be enrolled on the list of churches.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Albert Harris.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met at Morehead City, N. C., on May 24, 1957. Present: D. W. Hansley, Lloyd Vernon and J. W. Alford. The meeting was held at the Crab Point Mission, and we were called to order at 7:30 o'clock by the chairman.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Noah Brown.

The chairman then took charge and proceeded to organize the mission into a regular church.

The group reported 37 as being ready to be enrolled as charter members.

The clerk of the group read the list of the proposed officers and committees, and by motion and vote they were declared elected as designated.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon presented the Holy Bible as the rule and guide of faith.

The chairman presented the North Carolina Treatise of the Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina, and on motion and vote it was adopted by the group.

J. W. Alford read and explained the Church Covenant.

Rev. Noah Brown offered the prayer of consecration.

The chairman then declared that this group is duly organized into an original Free Will Baptist church.

The committee by vote recommends that this new church be enrolled on the list of churches.

The new church then elected Rev. J. E. Howard for their full-time pastor.

The name for the new church is Crab Point Community Free Will Baptist Church.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. J. E. Howard.

On motion the minutes of the executive committee be adopted as a whole.

Rev. S. A. Smith, superintendent of the Children's Home, was recog-

nized and he presented a report of the activities of the home, after which an offering was received for the home amounting to \$117.35.

Brother Smith submitted the following report:

Received from the Eastern Conference for 1956-57:

Superintendent's Account	\$12,582.76
Concert Class	2,069.73
Clothing	903.50
Dining Room, Tables and Chairs	65.45
Music	5.00
Laundry	15.00

Total	\$15,641.44
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On motion the report was received as information.

Rev. J. O. Fort, editor of the the Free Will Baptist Press, announced that he has a display of our publications in the front of the church for the benefit of the congregation.

At 11:30 o'clock Rev. J. C. Griffin came forward as alternate for Rev. Lloyd Vernon, and preached the introductory sermon. Text: 2 Timothy 4:2, "Preach the Word." After which we recessed for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A very enjoyable lunch was served, after which we reassembled for business.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. B. Starnes. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Hales.

The minutes of the examining board were read as follows:

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, N. C., February 18, 1957, at ten o'clock a. m. All members were present. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Gaskill.

Brother Raymond Hardison came before us recommended by Croatan Church for license, and we recommend him for license by his church.

Brother Herbert Sanders came before us recommended by Folkstone Church; but since the conference is on record against giving license to a divorced person for the gospel ministry, we decline to recommend him.

The minutes were read and approved. On motion we adjourn. Dismissed by Brother Clifton Rice.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at the Free Will Baptist Church in Bridgeton, N. C., June 17, 1957, at nine o'clock a. m. with all members present. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Hansley.

Brother B. M. Taylor of Verona Church came before us with the recommendation of his church for license. After the usual examination, we recommend him for license.

Rev. Richard A. Ethridge, having cleared himself with the examining board, is hereby recommended for membership in the conference.

Due to the fact that Brother Charlie T. Rice Jr. has ignored summons for two consecutive meetings to appear before this board, we hereby order him summoned for the third time to report to this board on Monday, June 24, 1957, at nine o'clock a.m., at Bridgeton Church. In the event he fails to report at the aforesaid place, and time, without a valid reason expressed in writing to the board, the board will be free to act according to its judgment in his case.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by Brother Clifton Rice.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in special session at Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, N. C., June 24, 1957, at nine o'clock a.m.

Members present: J. W. Alford, D. W. Hansley, Clifton Rice and Lloyd Vernon. Prayer was offered by Lloyd Vernon.

Brother Charlie T. Rice came before us, and after counseling and admonition, we bid him God's blessings.

Brother Elmo Goodwin came before us, and after counseling and admonition, we bid him God's blessings.

We recommend that all candidates for ordination be required to show a high school certificate, or that they satisfy the examining board that they have the equivalent of a high school education.

We recommend that our churches be requested not to license a man for more than five consecutive years, he having failed during this time to qualify for ordination.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by prayer.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in the Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, N. C., on October 21, 1957. All members present.

Prayer was offered by Brother O. B. Taylor.

Brothers O. B. Taylor, J. C. H. Carter, Shelton Howard and R. L. Cauley came before us to be examined for ordination.

Brother Walter Sutton Jr., licensed by the Central Conference, and supplying at Long Ridge and Northeast Churches, was examined as to conformity to doctrine and usages, and was found to be satisfactory.

Brother W. A. Hales from the Southeast Missouri Yearly Association, with proper credentials, came before us for membership in the Eastern Conference. On motion we recommended him for membership.

Brother Henry J. Van Kluyve from the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, came before us asking for membership in the Eastern Conference. On motion he be recommended to this conference for membership, provided we receive his letter from the Cumberland Association during this session of the conference.

Brother Billy Gene Outland from the Western Conference, with proper credentials, came before the board for membership in the Eastern Conference. On motion he be recommended for membership.

Brother Seldon Bullard of the Piedmont Association came before us. On motion that as soon as he signs the Code of Ethics and the pledge of the conference, he will be recommended to the fellowship of the brethren.

The Board recommends the ordination of Brothers J. C. H. Carter, O. B. Taylor and Roy Cauley.

We recommend that Bro. Sheldon Howard continue his studies, paying special attention to the doctrine of our church.

The ordination of those who passed is set by the board to take place October 23, 1957, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. at Beaufort Church, Beaufort, N. C.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Clifton Rice.

On motion the minutes of the examining board be adopted as a whole.

On motion the list of churches was called.

On motion Lane's Chapel be dropped from the list of churches.

On motion the executive committee be directed to look into the conditions at New Salem Church.

The finance committee was instructed to retire and settle with the treasurer.

The devotional committee reported that tomorrow at 11:30 o'clock a. m. Rev. T. O. Terry will preach.

The recommendation of the North Carolina State Convention brought to us by the moderator were read as follows:

The following motion was passed by the North Carolina State Convention in its 1957 session held at Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Cramerton, N. C., represents the general feeling of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina regarding certain matters of vast importance to all Free Will Baptists.

We recommend that the North Carolina State Convention, held with the Free Will Baptist Church in Cramerton, Gaston County, N. C., on September 11, 12, 1957, during its first days session, appoint a special committee to draft resolutions to clarify the position of the North Carolina State Convention with regards to the following:

- (1) The Cooperative Program of the National Association.
- (2) The activities of the national executive department toward centralization of denominational authority.
- (3) The National Sunday School Board, with reference to Sunday school literature.
- (4) The National Association's attitude toward affiliation with other bodies and denominations.

This special committee met to study the above matters, and to draft

resolutions regarding each of them. Their report, which was adopted in full by the State Convention is as follows:

(1) Whereas the Cooperative Program of Support of the National Association ignores the program of the individual states, and gives reason for participating churches to close their doors to the different denomination enterprises; therefore be it resolved that we ask the churches of North Carolina to support the enterprises of the National Association by sending their contributions to the appointed treasurers.

(2) That whereas the Executive Department of the National Association was originally designed as a service agency, and not a policy making office; therefore be it resolved that we register our opposition to the encroachment of the Executive Department upon the activities and duties of the various boards of the National Association, and that we urge the boards of the National Association to function in direct responsibility to the association without the necessity of having their work approved or supervised by the Executive Department.

(3) That whereas the expansion program of the National Sunday School Board is in conflict with the program and service of the Free Will Baptist Press, therefore be it resolved that this convention express its confidence in the literature program of the Free Will Baptist Press, and that we support the Free Will Baptist Press in the discontinuance of its payment of 7½ per cent of the gross receipts on Sunday school literature to the National Sunday School Board, and that we express our opposition to those items of the proposed expansion program of the National Sunday School Board that deals with literature.

(4) That whereas the polity of the Free Will Baptist denomination is based on congregational government, therefore be it resolved; that we affirm our position that any merger, union or official affiliation of our denomination with any other denomination must first be referred to the individual churches of our denomination for ratification.

On motion these recommendations be adopted.

The moderator presented the following recommendations:

Whereas, it has been a practice of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, when it does not have sufficient delegates present at the National Association who have been appointed by the convention, conferences and associations, to appoint, through its executive committee, any one in attendance, as its delegates to represent North Carolina in the National Association.

Whereas, this is not good practice, because it does not give our state proper representation in the National Association. Often delegates appointed in this manner, cast their votes in opposition to the regularly appointed delegates, causing North Carolina to always be in the minority when certain issues are before the association.

Whereas, when the regularly appointed delegates from our state do not attend the National Association, it is an indication that our people

do not wish to represent to the National Association during that particular session; therefore be it resolved that we recommend to the state convention and its executive committee that when there is not present at the National Association those delegates who have been appointed and or elected by the North Carolina State Convention, conferences and associations while in regular session, that the North Carolina State Convention and its executive committee discontinue the practice of appointing delegates to the National Association after the state convention, conferences and associations have adjourned.

That the North Carolina State Convention appoint delegates to the National Association during its regular session, and ask the conferences and associations to appoint their delegates in their regular session.

On motion the above recommendations were adopted.

Whereas, the ministers of the Eastern Conference need an opportunity for closer fellowship, and a better understanding of each others problems in his particular field of work.

Whereas, our ministers need an organization that will give them an opportunity to discuss and study the doctrine, church government, denominational enterprises and other subjects as they effect the minister and the work in the Eastern Conference.

Whereas, the minister should have the opportunity to discuss with his fellow ministers who have had experiences, his questions and problems.

Whereas, the minister who can avail himself of such opportunities is better qualified, informed and stronger spiritually to help the church which he serves; therefore we recommend the following:

(1) That the moderator of this conference be authorized to call the ministers of this conference together on Tuesday, January 14, 1958, ten o'clock a. m., in the Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, N. C.; and after having assembled at said time and place as stated above, they, then and there, proceed to organize by electing the proper number of officers for the efficiency of the organization.

(2) That the organization shall be known as The Eastern Conference Ministerial Association, and only ministers in good standing with the conference shall become members.

(3) That this association shall be subordinate to the Eastern Conference through its president.

(4) That this association shall meet four times each year. After the first meeting, the meetings shall be held on Tuesday before each fifth Sunday.

(5) That all ministers of this conference, and ministers who hold pastorates in this conference and are in good standing with the conference be requested to attend the meetings of the association unless they have a lawful excuse.

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

The treasurer of the superannuation board was recognized, and he made the following report:

The Eastern Conference contributions to the North Carolina Superannuation program from September 30, 1956, through August 31, 1957:

Contributions by Churches	\$ 957.10
Contributions by Sunday Schools	15.00
Contributions by Auxiliaries	246.98
Contributions by Leagues	2.00
Contributions by Individuals	6.00
Contributions by Union Meetings	260.50
Contributions by Conferences	100.00

Total Contributions	\$1,587.58
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Wilbert Everton, *Chairman-Treasurer*

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Davidson was recognized as the representative of the Bible College, and he spoke in behalf of same, enlarging on the expansion program, and solicited our continued support.

The Conference Mission Board reported as follows:

On Hand from Last Year	\$141.59
Received 1956-57	711.20

Total	\$852.59
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Paid to Wilmington Mission	\$500.00
Board Travel Expense	13.60
Postage and Stationery	5.40

Total Paid Out	519.00
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Balance on Hand	\$333.79
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A. Graham Lane, *Treasurer*

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we recess until tomorrow morning nine o'clock.

Dismissed by Rev. C. J. Harris.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 24

Conference met at nine o'clock a.m. Devotions were conducted by Rev. Paul Lee.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The credential committee reported for Wednesday: delegates, 107; ministers, 53; visiting ministers, 7.

Rev. W. B. Raper of the Central Conference was welcomed.

On motion the executive committee be instructed to look into conditions of Community Church.

The memorial committee reported as follows:

There are many who have departed this life during the last conference year who were near and dear to us. Therefore we recommend that this session pause for a brief period of silent prayer led by Rev. Robert L. Edwards.

On motion the report of the memorial committee was adopted.

On motion after this session, on the death of any minister of this conference send the sum of \$10.00 to the loan fund of Mount Olive Junior College as a memorial to the deceased.

Rev. S. A. Smith of the Children's Home was given time, and he gave additional encouraging information concerning the home.

The nominating committee made report as follows:

We nominate the present officers for re-election. We change the conference mission board to be as follows: Rev. A. G. Lane, Rev. C. B. Hansley, Rev. N. D. Wiggs.

On motion the report was adopted.

The temperance committee reported as follows:

Realizing that we human beings are so prone to be intemperate in our way of life, and that to be intemperate is a sin against both soul and body, and that God has said "The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23); and again "The soul that sinneth shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4, 20); and as God has shown us that any thing that is not good for our health physically and spiritually, is an act of intemperance; therefore, we your committee, urge that we ask God's blessing on everything we do, and if the Holy Spirit condemns, or if it is any habit or any practice that we cannot honestly ask God to sanctify to our good, that we refrain from the act or practice.

Whereas, we have adopted a Church Covenant and a Ministerial Code of Ethics, which if observed, will keep us in the right relationship with the members of the body of Christ, the church, and in our relationship with God in the matter of temperance, we urge that our ministers acquaint our church members with the Church Covenant and the Ministerial Code of Ethics to that degree that if we have subscribed to these agreements and wilfully violate either, that we have sinned against God and our fellow man.

Whereas, we believe that to support any politician who favors and votes for the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating beverages of any kind is contrary to Christian principles, we should therefore refuse to support any such politician regardless of party lines, and realizing that at the polls we can get a referendum on the liquor question, and not after we have sent a group of "wets" to the legislature to make laws, as long as there is the possibility of the liquor forces furnishing liquor to these "wets" while they are in session, as was done in the last state legislature.

Whereas, that eating and drinking in excess, and the use of anything

that offends our fellow man is sin; also there is another intemperate way of life, namely that of speech. James says "Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19), and again he says "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain" (James 1:26).

Therefore we should search our hearts, and work our brains before we wag our tongues. "The thoughts of foolishness is sin." Therefore, may we at all times refrain from foolish jesting and telling nasty yarns, or laughing at those who tell them, and refrain from speaking ill of any man, but rather speak well if possible, or say nothing.

On motion the report was adopted.

A report from Cragmont was made by Brother Fountain Taylor.

On motion his report was received as information.

Rev. N. B. Barrow, president of the state convention, made report of the plans and program of the state convention.

On motion his report was received as information.

Rev. J. O. Fort, editor of the Free Will Baptist Press, gave a verbal report of the work of the press, showing the number of publications has doubled in the past three years. He also outlined plans for increasing the number of subscribers to The Free Will Baptist.

On motion his report was received as information.

Rev. J. A. Evans, chairman of the State Mission Board, reported on the operations of the board in the state; also in conjunction with the National Home and Foreign Mission Board.

On motion his report was received as information.

The Church Finance Association reported through Rev. M. L. Johnson concerning the work they have done, and are continuing to do.

On motion this report was received as information.

Rev. E. E. Edwards, president of the State Ministers' Association, reported on the operation and objectives of the association.

On motion the report was received as information.

The examining board made final report as follows:

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at Beaufort Church, Beaufort, N. C., on October 23, 1957, at three o'clock p. m. Prayer by Brother Clifton Rice.

Brothers Robert M. Fader, Albert M. Rollins, J. Albert Harris and Billy C. McClintock come before us for membership in the conference.

On motion we recommend them for membership.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. K. W. Gaskill.

On motion this report was adopted.

On motion the executive committee be instructed to go to Bethany, Duplin County, to examine the organization for admission into the conference.

Rev. Lee Whaley, who plans to go to Alaska for the National Home Mission Board, was recognized, and he gave a very encouraging report of the prospect, and results of his itinerary.

On motion the report was received as information.

Rev. W. B. Raper, president of Mount Olive Junior College was recognized, and he outlined to us some of the burdens and tasks he meets every day. He also submitted a written report, which by motion was ordered printed in these minutes, and is as follows:

Mount Olive Junior College is a co-educational liberal arts institution of higher learning, owned and operated by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches.

The college has three objectives:

(1) To be thoroughly Christian. Every instructor and employee is a person who has personally committed himself to Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. Bible is a required part of every curriculum. All students are required to attend chapel services. The whole emphasis of the educational program is to emphasize the Christian interpretation of life.

(2) To maintain sound academic standards. The college has planned so as to achieve accreditation at the earliest date. The Standards Committee of the North Carolina College Conference will visit the college on Friday of this week to evaluate our program, and so far as we know we have met the requirements for approval.

Already the college is approved by the Veteran's Administration, and credits earned at the college are accepted at East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C.; Guilford College, Guilford, N. C.; and North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C.

(3) To serve the Free Will Baptist denomination. Today there are 500 Free Will Baptist students in North Carolina alone who are in college; by 1970 there will be 1,000. If we lose these students we have lost our hope for a respectable place among the other denominations of our state.

Appreciation—Mount Olive Junior College is grateful to the churches of the Eastern Conference for the support they have given the college during the past year. This conference gives more to the college than any other conference. The list at the end of this report will reveal how much has been received from each church in the conference.

Growth—We now have 87 students enrolled for the fall semester. This number is an increase of 400% over our enrollment in 1954 when we began with an enrollment of 22 students. This fall we had 67 new students and 20 returning students. There are 15 students from the Eastern Conference listed below with their home town and proposed vocation.

STUDENTS FROM EASTERN CONFERENCE ENROLLED AT MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Name	Address	Vocational Int.
David Charles Hansley	Kinston	Uncertain
Kenneth Jarman	Beulaville	Engineering
Curtis Shivar	Seven Springs	Agriculture
George Stevenson	Kinston	Medicine
Christine Dail	Albertson	Secretarial
Joan Hill	New Bern	Teaching
Ann Frey	Mt. Olive	Secretarial
Rose Marie Jones	Seven Springs	Teaching
Betty J. Taylor	Richlands	Secretarial
Blanche Tosto	Jacksonville	Teaching
Judy Wallace	Albertson	Secretarial
Sara Lou Gaskins	New Bern	Teaching
Christine Slaughter	Newport	Secretarial
Elizabeth Smith	Deep Run	Teaching
Christine Sutton	LaGrange	Teaching

NEEDS OF THE COLLEGE

(1) To meet our obligations for this school year we need \$3.00 from every Free Will Baptist in North Carolina. To the extent we fail to reach this goal of \$3.00 per member, we will fail to provide adequate educational facilities for our youth; but I trust we shall exceed this goal.

(2) We need to build a dormitory for girls at the earliest possible date. We are purchasing 50 acres of land for growth and expansion. We need to build a campus adequate for 500 boarding students.

(3) Endowment funds are urgently needed. We call upon our people to include our college in their wills.

(4) We need more money in our student loan fund. A gift to our "Memorial Loan Fund" will honor a friend, or memorialize a deceased one, and at the same time will assist a worthy and needy student to further his education. More than one half of our students are in need of financial assistance.

(5) We have reached the first plateau in our library, namely that of 4,000 volumes; but we must continue to add books. The average cost of a book is \$5.00, and by giving the price of a book, you may have your name of a friend printed on a book-marker inside the book.

Mount Olive Junior College offers to Free Will Baptist of North Carolina an opportunity and responsibility to educate its youth for Christian life and service. To fail here is to forfeit our right to ever succeed again; to succeed here gives us the opportunity to become a respectable and leading church in this great state and nation. May God help us.

W. Burkett Raper, President
Mount Olive Junior College

County and Churches	Delegates	Number Received	Number Lost	Total Number Members	Amount Sent to Conference	Value of All Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Sent to All Denominational Enterprises	Raised by Church During Year	Raised by Sunday School	Raised by Auxiliaries	Raised by Leagues
Craven County	Richard Murphy, R. B. Heath	21	31	283	\$75.30	\$ 9,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$1,340.00	\$ 5,579.28	\$	\$	
Core Creek	Mrs. Robert Register, Mrs. Roy Morton	5	8	154	25.00	10,000.00	1,200.00	400.00	5,943.65	1,000.00	275.00	
Gethsemane	W. O. Gaskins, Lonnie Dowdy	11	5	149	50.00	20,000.00	1,200.00	600.00			44.25	
Antioch	Mrs. Vance Williams, Mrs. Wilbur Herring	0	8	105	15.00	12,000.00	960.00	272.00	2,566.00	708.00	5.00	354.00
Croatan	Rosa Wilson, Janie Morris	6	0	70	10.00							
Juniper Chapel	Mrs. Ruth Lupton	3	2	44	10.00	6,000.00	360.00	156.95	1,050.22			
Spring Hope	Harvey & W. A. Toler	3	5	246	20.00	16,550.00	2,600.00	930.16	3,927.49	1,637.56	389.87	
Macedonia	Alec Wood, Edward Sutton	9	7	251	27.40	35,000.00	1,440.00	825.81	6,759.51	480.46	799.31	
Winter Green	Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Mallard	49	25	609	50.00							
St. Mary's	Florence Williams, Sadie Rice	15	7	184	16.50	15,500.00	1,236.14		3,629.83			
Sts. Delight	Felix White & Wife	0	5	92	25.00	20,000.00	1,200.00	123.00	1,967.58	440.43	503.79	34.82
Moseley's Creek	Inez Dunn, Mrs. E. G. Launinghouse	0	5	35	5.00	1,000.00	20.00	500.00				
Reunion Chapel	By Letter	2	2	127	10.00	8,000.00	1,200.00	150.00	1,400.00	300.00	100.00	
Palmeto Chapel	Lee Griffin & Wife	11	7	181	25.00	35,000.00	1,560.00	1,429.92	2,219.76	1,442.75	547.41	77.40
Bridgeton	By Letter	3	2	103	10.00	15,000.00	720.00	300.00	3,020.00	260.00	1,050.00	105.00
Oak Grove	Robert & Rodman Whitford	13	4	146	27.50		960.00					
New Haven	Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. I. J. Watson	16	6	194	10.00	15,000.00	3,140.00	1,127.02	5,648.01	3,642.76	194.30	44.90
Ruth's Chapel	Otis Buck, Virgil Day	10	0	39	5.00	7,500.00	360.00	297.00	907.00	160.00	50.00	
Vanceboro												
New Salem	Mrs. Earl Hansen	62	2	60	15.00	16,000.00	2,825.00	165.00	4,778.17			164.74
Pleasant Acres												
Wayne County	N. L. Tadlock	7	2	90	20.00	12,000.00	840.00					
Northeast	Forrest Kilpatrick, Morris Sanderson	36	12	50	12.50	5,000.00	215.00		324.47		700.50	
Indian Springs	By Letter	2	2	56	11.00	12,000.00	300.00	115.25	1,480.78	162.31		
Grant's Chapel	By Letter	2	2	43	5.00							
May's Chapel												
Duplin County	S. W. & H. A. Jones	0	0	130	25.00	20,000.00	1,560.00	920.00	870.00	720.00	480.00	75.00
Sarecta	Walter Hill, Melvin Stroud	0	0	62	20.00							
Piney Grove	Coy & John Sumner	4	4	220	5.00	8,000.00	2,550.00	559.64	4,587.71	850.13	53.70	79.13
Sandy Plain												
Rooty Branch	Mrs. S. A. Smith	10	1	195	50.00	20,000.00	1,200.00	725.00	11,302.73	1,733.73	114.82	150.00
Beulaville	D. F. Chambers & Wife	2	5	97	15.00	10,000.00	720.00	531.00	2,132.31	850.23	231.05	71.92
Pearsall's Chapel	Earl Herring	0	7	143	10.00	10,000.00	1,200.00	549.70	1,615.00			
Snow Hill	Mrs. R. N. Baysden, A. R. Brown Sr.	4	2	120	20.00	40,000.00	540.00	200.00	740.00	500.00	50.00	
Bethlehem	Mrs. Winfred Lainer, Mrs. W. Batts	0	2	73	10.00	4,500.00	600.00	210.00	752.66	353.47		
Lanier's Chapel	Ben Sutton & Wife	5	3	65	10.00	7,500.00	480.00	248.47	1,096.12	257.35	73.30	
Bethlehem	Walter Rhodes & Wife	7	3	127	10.00	10,000.00	1,495.00	225.50	2,486.35	266.46	252.42	
Long Ridge												
Cabin												
Warsaw												

Dailey's Chapel	Wm. Carter & Wife	7	7	193	20.00	4,000.00	1,200.00		7,583.84	4,911.70	564.43	342.68
Kinston	Mrs. Ellis Buck, Mrs. W. B. Warren	5	2	322	50.00	28,500.00	4,160.00	1,649.26	2,000.00	500.00	150.00	
Smith's New Home	Bessie Howard, Ruby Moody	9	5	178	50.00	10,000.00	840.00	335.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	899.49	
Deep Run	Leslie Smith, George Benson	4	7	196	40.00	20,000.00	1,200.00	2,699.49	2,000.00		150.00	
Gray Branch	Ervin Lee, Lester Gray	3	2	211	15.00	5,000.00	1,560.00		2,105.00			
White Oak Grove	Wayne Dawson	0	2		25.00							
<i>Carteret County</i>												
Holly Springs	Cecil Pringle, Roy Garner	10	11	252	50.00	30,000.00	3,380.00	929.89	6,127.65	1,305.93	319.35	345.00
Sound View	Mrs. J. H. Lewis, Mrs. Mollie Hall	17	4	70	10.00	15,000.00	1,080.00					
Beaufort	Mrs. Jean Eubanks, Mrs. Julius Dunn	16	1	208	10.00	45,000.00	3,640.00	627.00	7,668.00	1,470.24	1,041.72	599.04
Free Union	T. A. Taylor, Mrs. Olivia Day	2	35	48	5.00	50,000.00	3,930.00		5,397.38	3,104.90		2,292.48
Welcome Home	Mrs. Geraldine Wilkins	8	2	51	10.00	10,000.00	760.00	123.00	670.73	426.88	261.00	
Morehead City	D. F. Jones Jr., Richard Springer	54	36	188	15.00	34,500.00	3,900.00	682.15	13,031.56	3,685.34	491.26	317.35
Pilgrim's Rest	Pauline Bowen, Janet Daniels	2	6	33	7.00	4,000.00	500.42	248.24	1,658.36			
Russell's Creek	Mrs. Daisy Springle, Mrs. Ira Rhea	9	1	60	25.50	6,000.00	480.00			1,000.00	100.00	70.00
Davis	Clyde Styron, Evelyn Willis	4	5	190	20.00	45,000.00	3,900.00	1,057.97	8,442.45		158.67	76.90
St. John's Chapel	Clarence Lewis, Jerome Fulcher	8	0	175	10.00	25,000.00	3,640.00	300.00		5,840.00	236.40	241.43
Mt. Pleasant	J. P. Small			37	5.00							
Edward's Chapel	B. G. Hardy & Wife	3	0	120	10.00	10,000.00	1,200.00	340.00	5,069.18			
Otway	Mrs. Arnold Lawrence, Joyce Styron	11	0	38	5.00	10,000.00	1,200.00	100.00	2,630.76	854.71	70.35	100.00
Faith	T. R. Bass, Mrs. Hazel Mason	118	7	118	5.00	30,000.00	3,380.00		8,919.17		600.00	
Crab Point Community	Mrs. Gladys Davis	23	0	47	5.00	8,000.00	2,600.00	48.27	8,000.00			
<i>Famlico County</i>												
Arapahoe	Mrs. V. J. Daniels, Mrs. A. J. Lyczkowski	29	13	283	40.00	45,000.00	1,440.00	1,801.18	7,258.32		309.97	65.37
Trent												
Mt. Zion	R. B. Newton & Wife	1	4	60	20.00	10,000.00	1,320.00	309.52	2,358.55	214.87	182.84	
Rock of Zion	By Letter				20.00							
Oriental	W. H. Barker & Wife	3	1	111	10.00	32,000.00	1,440.00	680.20	4,046.45	886.00	184.00	42.00
Warden's Grove	H. L. Ireland	0	4	125	25.00	10,000.00	1,440.00	4,019.13	3,564.77	222.55	125.00	106.81
New Bethlehem	Mrs. Lucy Dixon, Mrs. Minnie Dixon	7	2	111	25.00		480.00					
Bethel	Fred Silverthorne, Mrs. Glennie Banks			75	30.00							
<i>Beaufort County</i>												
Union Chapel	N. Mills, Robert Elks	22	5	455	25.00	45,000.00	3,600.00	963.00	1,060.04	97.04		
Dublin Chapel	Mrs. David Mayo, Mrs. Staley Hudson	2	5	191	25.00	8,500.00	840.00	400.00	1,380.00	550.10	150.00	
White Hill	R. G. & John Gillikin	2	12	202	20.00	5,000.00	1,200.00	220.91	3,059.30	382.67	162.50	
Core Point Chapel	S. J. Tripp		0	30	5.00							
Smryna	By Letter	15	4	138	10.00	20,000.00						
Bethlehem												
Ephesus	By Letter	3	0	106	10.00	7,500.00	900.00	175.00	125.00	50.00		
Mt. Olive												
<i>Jones County</i>												
Friendship	By Letter	5	5	162	50.00	20,000.00	1,080.00		1,787.00	162.00	87.50	
Whaley's Chapel	J. I. Taylor & Wife, Mrs. Lemmie Taylor	0	1	233	50.00	23,000.00	1,200.00	582.17	2,262.94	295.00	99.50	132.81
Pilgrim's Home	Mrs. Harvey Small, Mrs. Julian Waters	18	5	162	17.00	7,500.00	600.00	214.80	1,050.25	972.45	84.95	
<i>Onslow County</i>												
Folkstone	Mrs. Clarie Parrish, Mrs. Rosie Parker	16	2	213	15.00	15,000.00	840.00	425.00	1,267.00	617.74	100.00	
Snead's Ferry	Eli Lanier & Wife	2	3	30	10.00	4,000.00	720.00	135.00	2,260.00	541.56	320.00	200.00
Jacksonville	T. B. Silence, R. N. Cauley	45	34	260	15.00	40,000.00	3,900.00	1,000.00	7,200.00		400.00	
Varona	Norman Foy, Willie Mahn			80	10.00							
Community												
Calvary	Mrs. Marie Padgett, Mrs. Adell Parker	27	1	28	6.00	8,000.00	840.00	100.00	1,510.00		110.00	
Mt. Zion	G. R. Cowan & Wife	2	3	60	10.00							
Emmanuel	Ramon Wetherington, Ben Avery	7	0	35	5.00							

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES OF THE EASTERN
CONFERENCE TO MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE
SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH AUGUST 15, 1957

(The college books are open for inspection at any time. The figures given below represent the total given from each church including the Sunday school, leagues, woman's auxiliary and individuals.)

Church	Amount
Antioch	\$ 86.60
Arapahoe	641.09
Beaufort	41.00
Bethel	208.10
Bethlehem	52.07
Beulaville	486.33
Bridgeton	213.01
British Chapel	33.02
Cabin	159.03
Christian Chapel	65.00
Core Creek	353.00
Core Point Chapel	7.24
Croatan	35.00
Dailey's Chapel	98.31
Davis	63.00
Deep Run	951.60
Edward's Chapel	19.00
Free Union	50.00
Friendship	440.57
Folkstone	149.25
Gethsemane	144.91
Grant's Chapel	20.00
Gray Branch	28.54
Holly Springs	193.26
Immanuel	4.71
Indian Springs	70.00
Jacksonville	62.12
Juniper Chapel	14.79
Kinston	298.15
Long Ridge	85.05
Macedonia	210.18
May's Chapel	154.48
Morehead City	43.75
Moseley's Creek	20.00
Mt. Pleasant	8.00
Mt. Zion	50.00
New Bethlehem	5.00
New Haven	1.00
Newport	5.00

Northeast	281.02
Oak Grove	5.00
Oriental	202.09
Palmetto Chapel	15.30
Pearsall's Chapel	213.59
Pilgrim's Home	59.00
Pilgrim's Rest	45.50
Rock of Zion	5.00
Rooty Branch	204.59
Russell's Creek	21.00
Ruth's Chapel	416.00
Sandy Plain	238.00
Sarecta	267.01
Smith's New Home	140.10
Smyrna	6.10
Snead's Ferry	32.00
Snow Hill	408.70
Sound View	42.00
Spring Hope	59.15
St. John's Chapel	118.49
St. Mary's	211.08
Sts. Delight	129.14
Trent	10.00
Union Chapel	227.00
Vanceboro	225.00
Warden's Grove	181.75
Warsaw	95.15
Welcome Home	20.00
Whaley's Chapel	172.25
White Hill	54.91
White Oak Grove	41.41
Wintergreen	59.53
Woodington	55.00

An offering was taken for the college which amounted to \$71.35

The ministerial character committee reported as follows:

We find after investigation of reports that Floyd Wagoner, licensed by the Jacksonville Church, has departed from the faith, and recommend that his name be dropped from the list. We also recommend that ministers absent from the conference without valid excuse, be censured by the conference, and report of same be sent to their local church.

On motion the report was adopted.

The digest committee reported as follows:

Number Received	783
Number Lost	377
Net Gain	406

Total Number Members	10,220
Total Amount Sent to Conference	\$ 1,508.70
Total Value All Church Property	1,108,350.00
Total Paid Pastors	98,911.56
Total Sent All Denominational Enterprises	27,192.08
Total Raised by Churches During the Year	191,282.67
Total Raised by Sunday Schools	45,217.18
Total Raised by Auxiliaries	15,463.67
Total Raised by Leagues	6,090.79
Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	268,917.50

On motion the report was adopted.

At 11:25 o'clock a. m., Rev. T. O. Terry was presented, and he delivered the conference sermon. Text: 1 Corinthians 3:1-11, after which we recessed for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After a very fine lunch, we reassembled for the closing session.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. H. Willis.

The credentials committee made final report that today there are 51 delegates, 31 ministers, and 6 visiting ministers in attendance.

The treasurer made his report as follows:

Grand Total on Hand Last Session	\$1,981.30
Received Since Last Session	20.00
Total to Account For	<u>\$2,001.30</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

For Minutes	\$125.00
Clerk's Fee	60.00
Treasurer's Fee	30.00
Expenses	432.48
Offering and Allocation 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, \$10.00 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
Total Allocated	<u>\$1,907.48</u>
Additional Amount Paid Out for Minutes	17.30

Total Paid Out	<u>\$1,924.78</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$ 76.52
Children's Home Offering	177.35
Mt. Olive College Offering	71.35
Received Today from Churches	<u>1,508.70</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$1,833.92</u>

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of October, 1957.

H. M. Mallard, Treasurer

On motion it was adopted .

The allocations committee made report as follows:

We Have on Hand to Allocate	\$1,585.22
For Minutes	\$125.00
Clerk's Fee	60.00
Treasurer's Fee	30.00
Expenses	292.67
Offering to Children's Home	177.35
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Mission	25.00
Home Missions	25.00
J. R. Forest	20.00
H. Pipkin	20.00
A. C. Austin	20.00
B. F. Ringold	20.00
Nine Widows, \$10.00 Each	90.00
Mt. Olive College Offering	71.35
Bible College	50.00
National Association Fee	5.00
Allocation to Mount Olive College	330.00
Allocations to Children's Home	<u>325.00</u>

(The offerings to College and Home not included in allocations.)

Total Allocated	<u>1,537.67</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$ 47.55

On motion the report was adopted.

The following was presented by the committee on resolutions:

Be it resolved that this conference establish a "Placement Service," with the chairman of the executive committee in charge. When preachers are making a change in their work, or desire to make a change, may, if they desire, register their availability, and when pastoral committee looking for

a preacher, may find those available with less confusion than under the present arrangement.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

On motion a committee of three be appointed to try to work out a plan for the reading of the church letters in the conference. Committee appointed: S. A. Smith, J. Albert Harris, C. B. Hansley.

On motion we go on record as opposing the reopening of the race track in Carteret County, and all advertisements of the same, and all legal authorities be notified of our opposition.

Petitions for the next session of the conference were from the Third Meeting Assembly Grounds and Holly Springs.

By vote it was decided to hold the next session at the Third Union Meeting Assembly Grounds.

Rev. E. E. Edwards was selected to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. James Lupton alternate.

Delegates to the various bodies were appointed as follows:

State Convention—J. I. Taylor, T. A. Taylor, Mrs. Lemmie Taylor, E. L. Mallard, Mrs. E. L. Mallard, Mrs. Olivia Day, Ray Carter, Roy Garner, S. W. Jones.

National Association—S. W. McCoy, Mrs. S. W. McCoy, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Mrs. W. A. Hales.

Western Conference—James Lupton.

Central Conference—W. H. Willis.

Piedmont Association—Noah Brown.

Pee Dee Association—C. B. Hansley.

Albemarle Conference—T. C. Smith.

Blue Ridge—S. A. Smith.

French Broad—S. A. Smith.

Cape Fear—J. C. Griffin.

Rockfish—Lemmie Taylor

Rev. W. B. Raper announced that he would be glad to receive books and minutes to be placed in the college library.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Closing exercises and benediction by Rev. Clifton Rice.

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

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention Wednesday, July 24, 1957

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention met at the Kinston Free Will Baptist Church, Wednesday, July 24, 1957.

The meeting was called to order by the president, and Mrs. J. C. Griffin was asked to lead the devotions. The hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," was sung, after which prayer was made by Mrs. Fannie Swindell. Mrs. Griffin read Romans 12, making remarks in connection with our work.

The secretary called the roll with the following answering: Mrs. Harold Mallard, president; Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, vice-president; Alice E. Lupton, secretary; Mrs. Rom Mallard, treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Fannie Swindell. Mrs. Rachal Taylor was sent by Mrs. Walter Rhodes to act as her proxy. She was made welcome and given a vote in the session.

Reading the minutes of the March convention was rendered and on motion were approved as read.

Mrs. Rom Mallard, treasurer, made a report of amount of funds in treasury and stated that the gift that was voted on at the convention for the Willey baby had been sent.

Invitations for the next convention were taken up, and after some discussion it was moved that our next convention, which will convene Thursday, September 19, 1957, be held at the Assembly Grounds near Pink Hill, the same being the property of the Third Union Meeting.

The skeleton program for the coming convention was presented by the secretary and was accepted. The theme will be "Holding Forth the Word of Life." Text for the day will be, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Swindell arrange a time schedule for the day's program.

At this time Mrs. Lupton, who has served as secretary for the convention for 26 years, announced that she would not serve in the capacity any longer than the termination of her present tenure, as she felt that she needed to rest and to help in casual ways as the Lord leads in the work. This announcement was accepted with regret, as expressed by the entire committee, although it was conceded that she had earned a well-deserved rest.

It was moved and carried that a nominating committee be named now in order to give time for prayer and meditation in the presentation of a slate of officers for the ensuing term of two years.

It was decided that since Mrs. Lupton would vacate her office as secretary at the annual convention in September, she be named chairman of this

committee and that Mrs. J. H. Oglesby and Mrs. J. W. Stilley be named to serve with her.

The need of the field secretary was discussed and some facts were presented. It was moved and carried that the nomination committee name someone for this work as soon as possible, as it was felt that such a person should be given time in which to make plans to present at the convention.

It was moved and carried that as Mrs. Lupton will not serve as an officer of this convention, according to her own desire, that she be given a life membership as an honorary member of the Executive Board of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention, with full voting powers in our meetings, same to become effective at the expiration of her official duties as secretary of this convention.

These minutes were read and adopted at the close of the meeting. Closing prayer was given by Mrs. J. K. Rhodes.

Mrs. Harold Mallard, *President*

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*

Minutes of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention September 19, 1957

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention held its annual session September 19, 1957, at the Assembly Grounds of the Third Union Meeting near Pink Hill, North Carolina.

The theme for the day was "Holding Forth the Word of Life." The text for the day was "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung, after which Mrs. Eunice Pike led the devotions. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Fannie Swindell.

After congregational singing of "I Love to Tell the Story," the president, Mrs. Harold Mallard, spoke on "Holding Forth the Word of Life" in our devotions and deliberations during the day and always, urging that we be sincere in the dedication of ourselves to the Lord.

Mrs. Arthur Kennedy brought a cordial welcome for the church and community which met a gracious response from Mrs. Seldon Bullard.

The president recognized and welcomed all of the ministers present, among whom were: S. A. Smith, J. W. Alford, J. C. Griffin, T. O. Terry, Seldon Bullard, Cecil H. Campbell, J. A. Evans, — Davenport, Burkette Raper, Paul Lee, Michael Pelt, Albert Rollins, B. G. Outland and others.

The secretary read the minutes of the executive session held at the Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina, on Wednesday, July 24, which were approved as read.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin urged a more definite effort in behalf of the enlistment and promotional work in the district and cooperation with the state plans.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard gave a few timely suggestions relative to the Children's Home which was followed by Mrs. S. A. Smith, wife of the superintendent, who gave an informative talk on some of the needs, also of the plans for new furnishings, clothing for the children, and other items of interest. She stressed the great necessity of regular contributions and of continued interest in the institution.

Rev. S. A. Smith made a short talk about the home, and his appreciation of the support and cooperation that had been given him as the superintendent and urged that we continue our interest and loyalty. An offering was taken for the home amounting to \$117.88. Rev. J. C. Griffin gave the offertory.

Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, the youth chairman, cited the theme for the day in dealing with our youth, that the influence of the Godly life they see in others is of greater importance than what we say to them.

Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive Junior College, said in part, that one of the best ways to "Hold Forth the Word of Life" is

through our educational institutions and their programs. Speaking in behalf of Mount Olive College, he said this is the fourth year since its opening and it has 87 students enrolled at the fall opening. He spoke of the new dormitory for girls and said the rooms would cost approximately \$300 each for furnishings when completed. He suggested that this district convention adopt as a project during the next year the furnishing of a room in honor of Mrs. Lupton, the retiring secretary, who had rendered fifty years of faithful service to the denomination. There was a motion that this suggestion be adopted and that this convention furnish a room in honor of Mrs. Lupton. Motion carried.

Rev. B. G. Outland of Beulaville, gave an impressive testimony on the work and influence of the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, stressing the training program in the spread of the gospel of Christ.

The nominating committee made a report and on motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. James A. Evans, a visitor from the Western Auxiliary Convention, also one of the state officers on the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, addressed the convention with some very important information regarding the need of greater and a more consecrated effort in raising funds to help our worthy young people to secure a college education. She urged each auxiliary to secure a chart from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, and fill as many as possible and as fast as convenient and send funds direct to the state treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville.

An offering was taken for Mount Olive College amounting to \$62.20. The offertory was given by Rev. Raper.

Mrs. Spivey from the Central Auxiliary Convention was recognized. She brought greetings from her district.

There was a motion to give representatives from other district conventions a seat with us during the day. Motion carried.

Hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," was sung, after which Mrs. Ethel Whaley, who with her husband and children plan to leave for Alaska about the first of the year as missionaries under the auspices of the National Home Mission Board, spoke on how the missionary spirit must first be personal, heart-felt influence, and that it must be cultivated to make of it a live passion for the lost. She based her remarks on Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." She emphasized the fact that we had to prove our love for Christ by our love for lost mankind. We have to prove our love to the lost by doing our best to "Hold Forth the Word of Life" to them that they might learn of a Saviour's love, how He died to save them, and that we must prove the fact of Christ to the whole world that all can have a part in this great task if, and when, we let the Holy Spirit control our lives.

The following committees were appointed: Petition—Mrs. Woodrow McCoy, Mrs. Ben Herring and Mrs. Effie Fulcher. Resolutions—Mrs.

Lib Simpson, Mrs. Dan Eubanks and Mrs. Eddie Goodman. Courtesy—Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Archie Rouse and Lula Goodwin.

Announcements were made by the pastor.

Rev. Seldon Bullard pronounced the benediction, also asked a blessing on the food.

Adjourned for lunch and recreation.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotions were led by the secretary, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton.

The hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life," was sung, after which Rev. T. O. Terry led in prayer.

Mrs. Lupton gave several quotations from the Bible and in her remarks she said her Bible was her most precious possession except her salvation, and that it was the greatest Book in the world and one of the most neglected; that if Christians would search and study for themselves approved unto God, they would be better Christians and would be able to point the way of life to those who do not know the Lord. She closed her remarks with a reading, "A Tribute to the Bible," whose author is unknown.

Mrs. Swindell made a short talk on "Holding Forth the Word of Life Through Our Prayers," which was very timely and inspiring.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, in her talk on superannuation, gave ten questions that we must answer sincerely if we are able to be loyal to our old retired ministers, and that we should be more appreciative for their long years of service.

Mrs. Bessie Rhodes spoke on stewardship as a means of "Hold Forth the Word of Life," as what we do for the Lord is more powerful than anything we can say.

The highlights of the National Auxiliary Convention were given by Mrs. E. A. Mallard with some items that pertain to our part in the mission field. Mrs. Mallard's ten-year-old daughter won the declamation contest in the district, in the state and the National Auxiliary Convention. We all feel justly proud of Suzanne and congratulate her on her achievement.

The memorial service was rendered by Mrs. W. J. Gaskins and was very impressive. She read as the Scripture 2 Timothy 6:8 and Revelation 15:13. "Over There" was sung and prayer was offered by Rev. Cecil Campbell.

Mr. Fountain Taylor represented Cragmont Assembly with some information regarding the improvements that have been made during the year, together with some plans for other improvements in the future. He congratulated the women for their part in helping to maintain and promote interest in this, one of our most worthy institutions.

There was an open forum with Mrs. J. C. Griffin leading. Auxiliaries with problems were asked to present them so that we might help in solving them.

The National Auxiliary is asking North Carolina women for \$17,500

to help establish mission schools in Africa. At the State Auxiliary Executive meeting September 4, this amount was allocated to the various district conventions. It was decided since this convention, the Eastern, already are obligated to raise \$165 per month for the Tommy Willeys, our Cuban missionaries, that they would only ask for \$150 from this district. It was moved and carried that each auxiliary in the district send \$3 to the state treasurer on this fund.

There were two petitions for the March convention, one from British Chapel and one from Bethlehem. On vote it was decided to hold the next meeting with British Chapel.

The resolutions and courtesy committees made reports and on motion were adopted. (See reports.)

The secretary gave her report which was for information.

Rev. J. C. Griffin was recognized and he made an announcement about the new hymn book that the committee hoped would be on sale early in next year.

The treasurer made her report and on motion it was adopted.

Mrs. Swindell donated \$10 to be applied on the salary of Tommy and Emma Ruth Willey as funds were almost depleted for the next month's salary.

The installation of the new officers was rendered by Mrs. J. C. Griffin, after a rising vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers. Mrs. Griffin read a few verses of Scripture taken for Deuteronomy 5:6; Jeremiah 13 and Romans 12:1. The dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. Seldon Bullard. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung and the benediction was by Rev. Pelt.

Mrs. Harold Mallard, *President*

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*

Reports

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

After prayer and meditation that we might be guided by the Holy Spirit in the selection of officers for the ensuing two years, we hereby respectfully submit the following to this convention:

President, Mrs. Harold Mallard

Vice-President, Mrs. T. O. Terry

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nelson Simpson

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fannie Swindell

Treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard

Chairman of Enlistment and Promotion, Mrs. Cecil Campbell

Chairman of Youth Work, Mrs. W. J. Gaskins

Chairman of Study Course, Mrs. David Hansley

Chairman of Prayer and Program, Mrs. J. K. Rhodes

Chairman of Children's Home, Mrs. S. A. Smith

Chairman of Benevolence, Mrs. Seldon Bullard

Field Worker, Mrs. J. C. Griffin

We also recommend the following members for the finance committee: Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, whose term of office would expire September, 1961, and Miss Velma Morris, whose term of office would expire September, 1960.

Alice E. Lupton

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby

Mrs. J. W. Stilley

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There were 82 blanks mailed out with 57 auxiliaries reporting. Most of these reported that they were trying to make their auxiliaries "A-1" while a few answered "No" to the question. The amount of funds received amounted to \$244 which was turned over to the treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard, at this session of the convention.

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the resolutions committee, prayerfully submit the following:

1. That we strive to make as many of our auxiliaries as possible "A-1" during the coming year.
2. That all auxiliaries in this district convention support plans for a work shop in our churches or communities.
3. We urge all auxiliaries in the district that are not helping in the support of the Tommy Willey family, our Cuban missionaries, to kindly fall in line and help us raise the \$165 monthly that it takes to keep them on the field, and may it become a monthly contribution. All funds should be sent to our treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina.
4. We recommend that Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, our retiring secretary, be given a rising vote of appreciation for her many years of faithful and untiring service as secretary of this convention.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Lib Simpson

Mrs. Ben Herring

Mrs. Effie Fulcher

COURTESY COMMITTEE

We, the courtesy committee, wish to extend to the Third Union Meeting District, through a rising vote of thanks and appreciation and our sincere gratitude for the use of the very fine building and its facilities during this convention; also for the bountiful dinner served to us, as well as for the beautiful floral arrangement, including the fine spirit of cooperation and hospitality extended to us.

We extend thanks to the committee who arranged the program, to

those who have taken part in helping to making it an occasion of rejoicing in the Lord, and for the fellowship together.

Above all else, we thank God for His leadership and for the presence of the Holy Spirit as He has been manifested today in our deliberations. We can all say, "It was good for us to be in the house of the Lord this day."

Respectfully,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin

Mrs. Archie Rouse

Mrs. Lula Goodwin

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance From All Receipts and Offerings	\$1,026.14
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Paid Out by Allocations and Offerings

Children's Home Offering	\$124.02
Child's Clothing	50.00
Salary and Expense of Secretary	24.80
Salary and Expense of Corresponding Secretary	22.36
Gifts and Flowers in Declamation Contest	8.00
Paid to State Treasurer, Mrs. Woodard	250.00
Stroller and Shipping Charges, Willey Baby	20.00
Founder's Day Gift for Cragmont	319.00
Life Membership Fee, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby	25.00

Total Paid Out	928.15
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Convention Money on Hand	\$ 97.99
Paid Out for Executive Board Meeting in July	21.28

Balance September 1, 1957	\$ 76.71
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Missionaries on Our Cuban Missionaries, the Willeys

Received From March, 1957 to September 1, 1957	\$811.05
Paid to Mission Board	803.60

Balance in This Fund September 19, 1957	8.45
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Total Balance in Treasury September, 1957	\$ 85.15
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Mrs. Rom Mallard, Treasurer

Minutes of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention

March, 1957

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention met with the Beaufort Free Will Baptist Church, Thursday, March 21, 1957.

Th program as previously arranged was adopted.

Rev. J. W. Alford, by request, led the devotions, speaking on the importance of being partners with God. Mrs. L. E. Ballard led in the singing of "The Church's One Foundation."

The program was a Founder's Day arrangement in keeping with the fiftieth anniversary of the women's work. The theme used was "The Light Shines From Christian Influence." The thought for the day was taken from 1 Corinthians 3:9, "For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

Greetings were given by the local church with response by Mrs. T. O. Terry.

Rev. S. A. Smith gave important news from the Children's Home at Middlesex.

Ministers were recognized, several expressing appreciation of the work being accomplished through prayers and service of the women.

Mrs. S. A. Smith asked for help in securing tables and chairs for the Children's Home which met with a ready response. An offering was taken amounting to \$124.02.

Rev. Bruce Barrow made a strong plea for our missionaries both home and foreign that we pray regularly and earnestly for them.

At this time the minutes of the executive session held in Kinston on February 14, 1957, were read and adopted.

The following recommendation was adopted: That we continue the maintenance of Tommy and Emma Ruth Willey on the Cuba mission field for another year, or until March, 1958.

At this time the treasurer, Mrs. Mallard, gave a report of the amount of funds raised for this purpose during the year by the auxiliaries. Since there is a new baby born to the Willeys during the year, it was moved and carired that we send a gift, and at the suggestion of Rev. J. W. Alford, including in the motion was that we assume the maintenance of the baby for a year, the cost to be \$15 monthly. Mrs. Rom Mallard and Mrs. W. J. Gaskins were appointed to secure the gift and send it to the Willeys. Mrs. Mallard informed us that 48 auxiliaries had contributed to the support of the Willeys during the year.

On motion we recommend that 50% of all monies sent to the convention, except that which is earmarked for other purposes, be used for convention expenses and for the woman's auxiliary work. Motion carried.

A letter was read from Mrs. Ben Sutton, our district study course chair-

man, tendering her resignation as circumstances compelled her to take this step and asked that we remember her in our prayers. There was a motion that we accept her resignation with regret, and that a letter of appreciation be sent her for her fine spirit of cooperation during her tenure of office.

There was a motion by Mrs. J. C. Griffin and seconded by Mrs. Fannie Swindell that Miss Juanita Dunn of New Bern be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Sutton. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ballard, who is vice-president of the State Auxiliary Convention, explained their plan of reporting at the next convention, and after some discussion it was decided that we adopt their plan, which is: that the reports of the chairman be mimeographed and placed in the printed program for the convention instead of having them read as heretofore.

There was some discussion relative to the life membership plan as adopted by the State Auxiliary Convention, each membership \$25. It was moved and carried that we recommend that Mrs. J. H. Oglesby be given a life membership in our district convention as a token of our appreciation for her many years of faithful service.

There was a motion that we go on record as standing solidly and prayerfully with all those favoring a liquor referendum during the present session of the State Legislature.

Recognition was given to national and state officers who were present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. L. Johnson. Hymn, "Faith of Our Mothers," was sung.

The president appointed committees at this time.

Mrs. W. J. Gaskins rendered a very impressive program of "Scenes of Other Days as They Reflect on Our Auxiliary Work Today."

The enactment of the first woman's work, as established fifty years ago, was carried out with precision. There were seven women in the first organization which was called "The Ladies' Aid Society," and in the re-enactment there were seven; one, Mrs. G. W. Garrison of New Bern, who made one of the seven original members being one of the seven on this occasion. Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, organizer and the promoter throughout the fifty years, was recognized and given a seat of honor as Mrs. Gaskins pinned on her a beautiful corsage of yellow and green.

The same Scripture was read that was used in the beginning, James 1. The same hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus With You," was sung. Mrs. Gaskins represented Mrs. Lupton in taking the initiative, giving the purpose of the meeting and warned that we might expect some opposition as the women of the Free Will Baptist church had never served in the church except to teach in Sunday school and to sing. After some discussion the organization was completed, Mrs. Gaskins closing with a few encouraging remarks relative to the progress of fifty years, and of the need for earnest prayer and faith in the Lord that we may continue to serve Him with gladness and with the same courage that has been manifested through the years.

A processional of all past presidents of the convention came to the altar and gave the number of years they served and when. "How Firm a Foundation" was sung, after which the pastor made announcements for the lunch hour.

Rev. Burkette Raper closed the session with prayer and asked a blessing of the food.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a bountiful lunch served by the ladies of the local church, the convention reassembled for the afternoon session.

Mrs. Leslie Daniels led the devotional, stressing the need for a right foundation, which is Jesus Christ, if we hope for progress in the cause. She urged that we continue to put Christ first, knowing that our work on His promises that He would be with us always, even unto the end of the world, if we put our trust in Him. She used Scriptures Isaiah 54:4; Psalm 11:3 and 1 Corinthians 3:11.

A life membership in the convention was presented to Mrs. J. H. Oglesby by the president, Mrs. Harold Mallard.

Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, youth chairman, presented the winners in the declamation contest, which were George Stevenson, 17 years old, from Kinston, and Suzanne Mallard, 10 years of age, of the G. T. A. group of St. Mary's Church in New Bern. Mrs. Gaskins urged that the auxiliaries take more interest in our youth and especially that the youth chairman throughout the district make an effort to enter their young people in these annual declamation contests.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard spoke on the topic, "Our Past, Our Present and Our Hope for the Future." In speaking of the past, Mrs. Ballard used John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." Our women's work through the years has been successful because our trust was stayed on the One who was able to uphold, sustain and comfort those who have so faithfully served. It started with a purpose, it has a goal and it has worked diligently and prayerfully during the years to obtain the best possible results. One of the great incentives of past years is found in these words, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." We have only to cast our eyes over the great territory covered by the activities of the women of our present day to realize the fact that we are filling a place in our denominational life that we can look on with gratification and thanksgiving. In 1 Corinthians 11:1 we find these words, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Look at our colleges, orphanages, assembly grounds, etc. and take knowledge of the fact that we have been and are carrying the banner high for Christ. Note the missionaries of foreign fields, as well as in the homeland, and our part in the maintenance of these. We are not to become self-satisfied, however, we have no time to rest. Read Hebrews 12:1, 2 for an incentive to keep on.

On our look ahead, Mrs. Ballard said in part, that love must be at the

root of all of our activities. John 13:35 was quoted as a basis, and John 4:35 was given as a stimulus for future activities. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, gave a very informative and impressive talk of the work and plans and prospects of the college. He was very encouraging in the expansion program and stressed the need for greater interest in the educational training of our youth. He suggested that the convention furnish a room in the new enlargement in honor of Mrs. Lupton, who has given fifty years of loyal service to the denomination. An offering was taken for the college amounting to \$84.97. Rev. Raper expressed his appreciation, not only for the offering, but for the support of cooperation that the convention had rendered in the past, and asked that we continue our support, together with our prayers, for Mount Olive College.

Mrs. Cecil Campbell was elected by motion to act as a representative on our Cragmont Board.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, the promotional chairman, recommended that this convention arrange for a work shop in the district at an early date, as an aid in promoting auxiliary work.

The petition committee recommended that the location for the next convention be left in the hands of the executive committee. On motion this was accepted.

Mrs. Cecil Campbell was appointed and elected to the State Auxiliary Convention in May.

The finance committee made report which was accepted as read.

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

The courtesy committee asked for a rising vote of appreciation to the church and community for the fine spirit of cooperation given through the day, together with the delicious dinner served at the noon hour. This was done, everyone standing to express their thanks for every courtesy.

The resolutions committee recommended that we stand by with our prayers and support in behalf of the liquor referendum for our state during this present session of the legislature.

There was a gratifying number of our auxiliaries that responded to our Cragmont plan of raising \$1,000 during the year, for which we were very thankful.

There was a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The benediction was given by Mrs. J. K. Rhodes.

Mrs. Harold Mallard, *President*

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, *Secretary*

Reports

I. *Enlistment Department*: 1. Enrollment at beginning of year, 1,212; present enrollment, 1,218; number lost, 62; average attendance, 950. 2. Number making contacts to enlist new members, 191; bring back absentees, 185.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin

II. *Youth Department*: Number members in youth organizations—GTA., 156; YPA, 369; BA, 25; FWBL, 1,010. 2. Participation in declamation contest, 4. 3. Do you have a church library? 14. 4. Did you have VBS? 45. 5. Number college students helped, 37. 6. Number YP helped to go to Cragmont youth conferences, 38.

Mrs. W. J. Gaskins

III. Study Course Department:

1. Courses Conducted	Average Attendance
Missions, 22	106
Stewardship, 32	32
Guidebook or Manual, 22	125
Evangelism, 15	85
Prayer, 30	50

2. Reading Circle, 40. 3. Number daily Bible readers, 270.

IV. *Program-Prayer Department*: 1. Number special programs, 34. 2. Number weeks of prayer, 33. 3. Number family altars, 220. 4. Number observing WNAC prayer fellowship, 26. 5. Number members of North Carolina prayer band, 35. 6. Number subscribing to Free Will Baptist papers—The Free Will Baptist, 237; Contact, 48; Cragmont Courier, 20; Young People's Friend (Children's Home publication), 30.

Mrs. Fannie Swindell

V. *Children's Home Department*: Contributions to Children's Home—Clothing, 395; commodities, \$121; equipment, \$15; number coupons, 11,450; do you clothe a child? 6; cash, \$115.50.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

VI. *Benevolence Work*: 1. Number sending cards to superannuation ministers or minister's widows, 148. 2. Number making soul winning efforts—contacts, 220; attending cottage prayer meetings, 230. Number making personal service efforts—visited sick, 645; gave garments, trays, baskets, or flowers, to church, shut-ins or needy persons, 350; gave to Red Cross, 169; WCTU, 1; community chest, 5; other civic or benevolent projects, 139; given Bibles, 23; tracts, 55; others, 160.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes

VII. *Publicity Work*: I. Number articles written for publication,
84. 2. Other publicity work done, radio, pulpit, bulletins, etc.

VIII. *Personal Gifts Contributed Through Channels Other Than Woman's Auxiliary*: Home Missions, \$381.65; Foreign Missions, \$415.65; Mount Olive College, \$525; Bible College, \$381.65; Children's Home, \$475; Cragmont Assembly, \$152; Superannuation, \$73.70.

