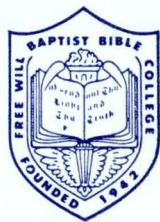


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Order of Business

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 Holly Springs Church, Carteret County, North Carolina, commencing on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1959.

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 last _____, 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.

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TO REPRESENT THIS CONFERENCE IN THE MEETING OF THE PRINTING COMPANY

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Clifton Rice J. R. Forest

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Mrs. Alice Lupton

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H. Pipkin (Retired), Mt. Olive, N. C.
B. F. Ringold (Retired), Bridgeton, N. C., Route 1
A. C. Austin (Retired), Aurora, N. C.
J. R. Forest (Retired), New Bern, N. C.
J. W. Alford, Morehead City, N. C.
Lloyd Vernon, Richlands, N. C., Route 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 Street, New Bern, N. C.
S. A. Smith, Beaulaville, 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. Stilley, New Bern, N. C., Route 5
W. H. Willis, 1502 Hyman Ave., Kinston, N. C.
Lee W. Whaley, Anchorage, Alaska
Clifton Styron, Davis, N. C.
Leon E. Styron, Morehead City, N. C.
T. O. Terry, New Bern, N. C., Route 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 Ridge, N. C.
J. F. Miller, 3801 Richlands Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
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H. W. Armstrong, Washington, N. C.
C. M. Dixon, Chocowinity, N. C.
A. Graham Lane, Ernul, N. C.
Danny Jenkins, Holly Ridge, N. C.
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Elmer Goodwin, New Bern, N. C., Route 2, Box 33
Alton Mason, Harkers Island, N. C.
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A. L. Hines, New Bern, N. C.
L. J. Lupton, Vanceboro, N. C., Route 3
C. T. Rice, New Bern, N. C., Box 445
Noah Brown, Morehead City, N. C.
Cecil Campbell, New Bern, N. C.
T. C. Smith, Sea Level, N. C.

Melvin K. Everington, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D.
 C. B. Hansley, Newport, N. C.
 L. W. Rowe, Bridgeton, N. C.
 Lemmie Taylor, Richlands, 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. Fadar, Kinston, N. C.
 A. M. Rollins, Dover, N. C.
 Bill McClintock, New Bern, N. C., Route 1, Box 505
 Winston Sweeney, Stacy, N. C.
 C. S. Howard, Newport, N. C.
 W. M. Fulcher, Bridgeton, N. C.
 J. L. Hughes, Bridgeton, N. C.
 L. R. Cutler, Jacksonville, N. C.
 J. H. Ingram, Mt. Olive, N. C., Route 2, Box 281
 G. A. Ludwig, Cove City, N. C.
 S. R. Kennedy, Greenville, N. C.

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Earl Hanson, Nelson Simpson, Frank H. Dunn, H. G. Gaskill, D. A. Thomas, R. W. Hardison, B. M. Taylor, E. L. Purifoy, Virgil Day, T. A. Hughes, J. R. Carmady, D. E. Paramore, J. E. Rowe, A. J. Lyczkowski.

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., Route 2
 Antioch—J. M. Tyndall, New Bern, N. C., Route 5
 Croatan—Mrs. Wilbur Herring, New Bern, N. C., Route 4
 Juniper Chapel—William C. Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Spring Hope—Mrs. Annis Jones, New Bern, N. C., Route 5
 Macedonia—Mrs. Beulah Best, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Wintergreen—Mack D. Ange, Cove City, N. C., Route 1
 St. Mary's—E. A. Mallard, New Bern, N. C., Box 376
 Sts. Delight—Whitford Gaskins, New Bern, N. C., Route 1
 Moseley's Creek—Mrs. Viola White, Dover, N. C.
 Reunion Chapel—E. C. Laughinghouse, 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. Martie M. Fulcher, New Bern, N. C.
New Salem—Mrs. Charlie Smith, Vanceboro, N. C., Route 2
Vanceboro—Mrs. Otis C. Buck, Vanceboro, N. C.
Pleasant Acres—James E. Davidson, New Bern, N. C., Route 5

WAYNE COUNTY

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

DUPLIN COUNTY

Sarecta—Wilbur A. Jones, Kenansville, N. C., Route 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., Route 2
Beulaville—W. D. Thigpen, Beulaville, N. C.
Pearsall's Chapel—Mrs. C. B. Jernigan, Kenansville, N. C.
Snow Hill—Mrs. Rotha Readron, Mt. Olive, N. C., Route 2
Bethlehem—L. E. Jones, Chinquapin, N. C.
Long Ridge—Mrs. Jonas Dail, Mt. Olive, N. C., Route 1
Cabin—Calvin Mercer, Beulaville, N. C., Route 1
Lanier's Chapel—Richard Pickett, Beulaville, N. C.
Warsaw—Mrs. E. C. Taylor, Clinton, N. C.
Bethany—

LENOIR COUNTY

Christian Chapel—Coy Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C.
British Chapel—Mrs. Marjorie Daughtery, Kinston, N. C.
Dailey's Chapel—W. T. Shivar, Seven Springs, N. C., Route 1
Kinston—Miss Mavis Owens, 807 Oriental Avenue, Kinston, N. C.
White Oak Grove—Ben D. Herring, LaGrange, N. C., Route 3
Smith's New Home—Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C.
Deep Run—Mrs. Odell Griffin, Deep Run, N. C.
Gray Branch—Lynwood Smith, Kinston, N. C., Route 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. Lucy McDaniel, Beaufort, N. C., R. F. D.

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 Route, Beaufort, N. C.
Davis—Leslie Styron, Davis, N. C.
Otway—Mrs. Evelyn Golden, Beaufort, N. C.
Faith—Mrs. Beatrice Lovick, Morehead City, N. C.
Crab Point—Brenda Smith, Morehead City, N. C.

PAMLICO COUNTY

Arapahoe—Mrs. Howard Lee, Oriental, N. C., Route 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. 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., Route 1
Core Point Chapel—Mrs. J. B. Paul, 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—Mrs. Colon Ireland, Aurora, N. C.

JONES COUNTY

Friendship—Mrs. Harold Mallard, Trenton, N. C.
Whaley's Chapel—O. B. Taylor, Richlands, N. C., Route 2
Pilgrim's Home—Mrs. Earl Thomas, Dover, N. C., Route 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. W. J. Parker Jr., Maple Hill, N. C.
Calvary—Mrs. E. R. Ferrell, Jacksonville, N. C., Route 3, Box 142-A
Immanuel—Mrs. B. A. Avery, Jacksonville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at the Third Union Meeting Assembly Grounds in Duplin County, on October 22, 1958, at ten o'clock a. m.

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

Rev. D. W. Hansley, moderator; H. M. Mallard, treasurer; Rev. J. W. Alford, clerk; Rev. Lloyd Vernon, reading clerk.

The credentials committee reported many delegates and ministers as being present, and the moderator proceeded with the business.

The list of ministers was called, and absentees noted.

On motion Richard A. Ethridge be excommunicated for departing from the faith.

On motion a letter of transfer to the Albemarle Conference be granted to Rev. Herbert Bryan.

On motion the name of J. T. Forest be dropped from the list of ordained ministers.

Visiting ministers were enrolled as follows:

Central Conference: Revs. J. C. Lynn, Rashie Kennedy, C. J. Harris, W. B. Raper, J. O. Fort.

Western Conference: J. A. Evans.

Cape Fear Conference: Herman Hersey.

Cumberland Association of Tennessee: Raymond Riggs.

Piedmont Association: R. H. Jackson, Seldon Bullard.

Indian Association of India: Carlisle Hanna.

Cuban National Association of Cuba: T. H. Willey.

The various committees were appointed as follows:

Devotional—F. E. Jones, L. L. Parker, Willie Hill.

Finance—J. W. Grimesley, John Kornegay, T. O. Terry.

Temperance—R. M. Fadar, C. M. Dixon, M. K. Everington.

Sunday Schools—W. H. Willis, C. E. Howard, O. B. Taylor.

Ministerial Character—Clifton Rice, S. A. Smith, R. W. Mallard.

Digest—J. Albert Harris, J. E. Howard, Roy Cauley.

Allocations—J. W. Alford, Lemmie Taylor, K. W. Gaskill.

Nominations—Lloyd Vernon, L. L. Parker, H. M. Mallard.

Resolutions—C. B. Hansley, L. J. Lupton, W. E. Stilley.

The moderator spoke a few minutes expressing appreciation for the privilege of presiding, and ask for close co-operation of the body during the session. He also urged that each church look well into the title of their property.

Rev. W. B. Raper, president of Mt. Olive Junior College, was called forth, and he made a very fine report of the work of the college, showing us the growth and its program, also the proposed plans for its future development. His report held the rapt attention of the audience. After his report an offering was received which amounted to \$122.89. In his address Bro. Raper stated that the college has grown since 1954 from an enrollment of 22 to 143 this year. Of this number enrolled this year there are 28 from the Eastern Conference. He feels very confident that the college will be fully accredited this fall, and on a national basis very soon thereafter.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, treasurer of the National Foreign Mission Board, was recognized, and he spoke very glowingly of the work in the foreign missions field.

Rev. J. O. Fort, editor of the Free Will Baptist Press, announced that he has a display of the products of the Press at the front of the building.

At this time Rev. E. E. Edwards came forward, and brought the introductory sermon. Text, John 10:10. After a very inspiring sermon, we dismissed for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After a very fine lunch the conference reconvened at one o'clock p. m. Devotions were led by Rev. Lemmie Taylor; prayer by Rev. L. J. Lupton.

The executive committee reported as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met in session at Core Point Chapel on December 19, 1957, at 6:30 o'clock. All members were present except Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Prayer was offered by Bro. H. M. Mallard.

The chairman stated that we are here to hear both sides in the controversy concerning the property.

Bro. S. J. Tripp spoke in the behalf of the church, and gave a history of the organization, and the controversy concerning the title to the property which has existed for a number of years. He said that a deed for the property was made by Bro. Jeff Bennett about 1900, which deed was never recorded, and is now lost. He had the clerk of the church read a copy of a deed offered by Bro. W. J. Smithwick in 1954, in which he offered the land on which the building stands, and also 24 inches around the building to be possessed by the church. He also had the church clerk read another deed made by the Bennett heirs in 1955 to correct the deed made by them to Bro. W. J. Smithwick in 1940, which made no exception of the church property.

Bro. W. J. Smithwick spoke for himself concerning the matter under discussion, and stated that he has a deed for the entire property from the Bennett heirs, which deed was made in 1940.

The committee excused the group from the church, and asked if they would be satisfied to be dismissed, and allow the committee to deliberate while driving back. This they agreed to, and the committee decided that

the quit-claim deed does not give anything to the conference, and the question is and still remains a local controversy. We therefore recommend that, if possible, the matter be settled by the parties concerned.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by J. W. Alford.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met in session at Kinston Church on January 23, 1958. All members were present. Prayer by the chairman.

The matter of the title to Core Point Chapel property was further considered.

Since the developments that have so recently taken place there, and this committee having already decided, and so advised all parties concerned, that the conference has no title or property rights there, we therefore agreed to instruct the trustees of the Eastern Conference to sign any paper the church may submit, relinquishing any supposed rights or claim the conference may have acquired as a result of any deed having named the conference or its trustees as a party concerned.

On motion the clerk of the conference be ordered, when this release is submitted to him, to call the trustees of the conference together in a body, and if necessary, get legal advice before signing the release.

On motion we adjourn.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met in session at Ruth's Chapel, New Bern, N. C., on May 6, 1958, at two o'clock p. m.

Present: Revs. D. W. Hansley, chairman; J. W. Alford, secretary; J. C. Griffin and Lloyd Vernon. J. W. Alford was proxy for Bro. H. M. Mallard.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Griffin.

The purpose of the meeting was to confer with Bro. Griffin, the pastor of Ruth's Chapel, and help him plan for acquiring more and much needed land for enlarging the present facilities.

On motion we authorize the trustees of the Eastern Conference to make a deed to the trustees of Ruth's Chapel, transferring the entire property to the trustees of Ruth's Chapel and their successors in office; the deed to carry a clause that if the organization ever ceases to function as an organized Free Will Baptist church, then the property immediately reverts to the trustees of the Eastern Conference.

The church is to bear all expense in the transfer.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. Vernon.

As a result of a trial in the Superior Court of Beaufort County, held on May 12-14, 1958, in which the church at Core Point Chapel was suing Mr. W. J. Smithwick for title to the property. On the third day of the trial a

compromise was agreed to, and Mr. Smithwick made deed for the property to the aforesaid church, which deed was made to the trustees of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and there was in the court order, the provision that the executive committee of the said conference attend a meeting of the church, and preside over and supervise the election of officers for the church. In compliance with this order, the Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference in a body and as a whole, presented themselves at the Core Point Chapel on Monday night, May 26, 1958, and proceeded as follows:

The moderator of the conference, Rev. D. W. Hansley, presided; J. W. Alford, secretary.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

The chairman stated that we were called together according to the order of the court to preside over the election of officers for the church, which resulted as follows:

Mrs. J. B. Paul, Blount's Creek, N. C., clerk.

Mrs. Sallie Bennette, treasurer.

Joseph Paul, Jack Tripp and Louis Haynes, deacons.

Carlos White, custodian of the church property.

Rev. Charles Keith, pastor to finish out this church year.

Rev. Elmer Goodwin, pastor for next church year.

The deacons were called to the altar by the chairman, and they were ordained as deacons by the executive committee. The prayer of consecration was offered by J. W. Alford.

The Sunday school officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. Vera Haynes, superintendent.

Mrs. Florence Tripp, assistant superintendent.

Mrs. Nathan Tripp, secretary-treasurer.

The minutes were read and approved.

We adjourned by singing, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Dismissed by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference met with the mission at Wilmington, N. C., on July 31, 1958, at eight o'clock p. m. All members were present except Bro. H. M. Mallard.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Conrad Williford.

The chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to determine the status of the Mission, and if found favorable, to organize it into a regular Free Will Baptist church.

The chairman outlined the principles that regulate Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina.

Bro. Vernon requested a definite statement as to the number of prospective members, also a financial statement. We were informed that

there are 25 prospective members. The financial obligation of the mission is \$1,756.18, besides the first mortgage payments. There is \$46.36 in the treasury. Inquiry was made whether the income is sufficient to support an organization, and take care of the obligations. No assurance was given.

A motion was made and carried that we ask the group to continue as a mission for another six months, or until they are better prepared for organizing, and we request the mission board to continue its allocation to the mission.

On motion we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. O. B. Everette.

On motion these minutes adopted.

The examining board reported as follows:

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at Bridgeton Church February 17, 1958, at 9:30 a. m.

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

Prayer by Bro. Clifton Rice.

Bro. Dan Gaskins came before us with his papers in order, as requested by the board, and we recommend, after examining him, that he be ordained on February 20, 1958, at 7:30 p. m. in Antioch Church by Bros. D. W. Hansley, Clifton Rice and Lloyd Vernon.

Minutes were read and approved.

Dismissed by Bro. D. W. Hansley.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met on June 16, 1958, at nine a. m. in Bridgeton Church.

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

Prayer by Lloyd Vernon.

Bro. Winston Sweeney came before us and was cleared before the board and we recommend him to the fellowship of our brethren.

Bro. Elmo Truitt came before us, recommended by Ruth's Chapel, and finding him unqualified, we decline to recommend that he be licensed.

Bro. D. L. Purifoy came before us recommended by Ruth's Chapel and we recommend that his church license him.

Bro. Virgil H. Day came before us recommended by Vanceboro Church and we recommend that his church license him.

Minutes were read and approved.

Dismissed by Bro. K. W. Gaskill.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in Bridgeton Church at 9:30 a. m. on June 23, 1958.

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

Bro. Thomas Bruce Dudley came before us recommended by Beaufort Church, and in view of the fact that he has not been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for the required length of time, we cannot recommend that he be licensed, but after examining him, it was moved and carried that we endorse him as a ministerial student to Mount Olive College.

Bro. Thomas A. Hughes came before us recommended by New Haven Church and we recommend that New Haven grant him license.

Minutes were read and approved.

Dismissed by Bro. D. W. Hansley.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in Bridgeton Church at 9:30 a. m. on August 27, 1958.

Members present were Bros. J. W. Alford, chairman; D. W. Hansley, Lloyd Vernon, and J. W. Alford as proxy for Clifton Rice.

Prayer by Bro. Sheldon Howard.

Bros. Clarence Sheldon Howard, J. L. Hughes and W. M. Fulcher came before us properly recommended by their churches for examination for ordination and after examining them we recommend that they be ordained on Tuesday, August 26, 1958, after the meeting of The Ministerial Association of the Eastern Conference in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston by Bros. J. W. Alford and D. W. Hansley.

Bro. James R. Carmady came before us recommended by Rock of Zion Church for examination for license and we recommended that his church license him.

Bro. David Charles Hansley came before us asking endorsement as a prospective licensed minister to Mount Olive Jr. College and we granted same.

Bro. David E. Paramore came before us recommended for license by First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston and we recommended that he be licensed.

Bro. Jerry E. Rowe came before us recommended for license by Faith Church of Morehead City and we recommend that he be licensed.

Bro. Alexander J. Lyczkowski came before us recommended by Arapahoe Church for license and we recommend that he be licensed.

Dismissed by Bro. Jimmy Hughes.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in Bridgeton Church on October 20, 1958, at 9:30 a. m.

All members were present.

Prayer by Bro. J. C. Griffin.

Bro. David A. Thomas came for examination for ordination, recommended by Ruth's Chapel, and we recommend that he further prepare and come before us later.

Bro. Leroy R. Cutler came before us recommended by the Albemarle

Conference for transfer to the Eastern Conference and we recommend that his name be placed on the list of ordained ministers.

The minutes were read and approved.

By motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by Bro. D. W. Hansley.

On motion these minutes were adopted.

The committee from the last conference recommended that we appoint a reading clerk, and have all church letters read.

On motion the recommendation be accepted.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon was appointed reading clerk.

On motion a letter of transfer be granted to Bro. Daniel Gaskins to the Albemarle Conference.

On motion a transfer be granted to Bro. Billy Jackson to the Central Conference.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, treasurer of the National Foreign Mission Board, was recognized, and he gave a very strong appeal for continued support for the foreign mission program.

Rev. Carlisle Hanna, missionary to India, was recognized and he spoke to us about the work in India.

Rev. J. W. Everton reported for superannuation as follows:

Contributions made by the Eastern Conference to the superannuation program. Financial report by departments:

Given by Churches	\$1,137.98
Given by Woman's Auxiliaries	29.75
Given by Sunday Schools	218.38
Given by Leagues	26.50
Given by Individuals	54.50
Given by Union Meetings	230.00
Given by Conference	100.00
Total Contributions	<hr/> \$1,797.11

On motion this report was received as information.

Rev. R. H. Jackson made a verbal report for the state mission board, and made a plea for our people to more earnestly support the mission program.

Rev. A. G. Lane made report for the conference mission board and its activities:

The financial statement is as follows:

On Hand Last Year	\$333.79
Received 1957-58	437.10
Total	<hr/> \$770.89
Paid Wilmington Mission	\$161.00

County and Churches	Delegates	Members Received	Members Lost	Total Members	Amount Sent to Conference	Value of All Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Sent to All Denominational Enterprises	Raised by Church	Raised by Sunday School	Raised by Auxiliaries	Raised by Leagues	Total Raised
Craven County													
Core Creek	Earl Ipock & Wife	16	7	292	\$49.27	\$ 9,000	\$3,600.00	\$1,340.00	\$ 960.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5,900.00
Gethsemane	Mrs. Roy Wetherington, Mrs. H. E. Stewart	0	7	145	25.00	10,000	1,200.00	450.00	1,400.00	1,000.00	75.00		2,925.00
Antioch													
Croatan	Mrs. Wilbur Herring, Janice Williams	0	5	100	12.50	10,000	1,200.00	160.00	1,957.00	1,002.00	50.00	142.00	3,151.00
Juniper Chapel	Velma Morris, Mrs. Liddell Tripp	6	1	85	10.00		1,200.00						
Spring Hope	Troy Jones	3	4	42	10.00	6,000	360.00	52.51					807.43
Macedonia	Clyde Spruill, Rudolph Gaskins	9	4	259	20.00	16,550	4,498.86	698.74	6,493.12	1,291.82	510.76		8,295.70
Wintergreen	W. J. Tilghman, W. A. Wood	1	7	245	34.00	35,000	1,440.00	845.33	3,080.33	522.95	80.13		3,683.41
St. Mary's	Mrs. Versie Baldree, Mrs. Ethel Koonce, Mrs. Elsie Dixon, Mrs. Delphia Davis, Mrs. Alice Lupton												
Sts. Delight	Mrs. Carl Bell, Mrs. Sadie Rice	14	4	194	18.00	17,000	2,400.00		3,000.00				
Moseley's Creek	Mrs. Annie White, Mrs. Elizabeth Daugherty	12	6	98	25.00	20,000	1,200.00	300.00	2,433.45		75.00	50.00	2,558.45
Reunion Chapel													
Palmetto Chapel	Mrs. Annie Buck, Mrs. Effie Clark	4	2	127	10.65	30,000	1,200.00	300.00	1,800.00	300.00			1,800.00
Bridgeton	Mrs. Lee Griffin, Mrs. Sam Taippi	3	16	168	25.00								
Oak Grove	By Letter	9	0	154	10.00	10,000	720.00	157.16	860.00	178.73	89.36		1,108.09
New Haven	Rodman & R. W. Whitford	3	1	146	33.00	15,000	960.00						1,200.00
Ruth's Chapel	D. K. Purifoy & Wife	27	0	267	5.00	8,000	3,640.00		2,973.67	5,300.11			6,000.00
Vanceboro													
New Salem													
Pleasant Acres	Mrs. Earl Hanson	20	4	74	10.00	25,000	4,240.00	400.00	7,000.00			234.00	
Wayne County													
Northeast	N. L. Tadlock	6		87	25.00								
Indian Springs	Mrs. Maggie Kilpatrick	0	4	35	10.00	3,000	285.00	100.00	444.81	200.00	900.00		1,924.81
Grant's Chapel	Ivey Dixon & Wife	1	3	57	10.00	12,000	360.00	120.00	532.00	130.00			1,142.00
May's Chapel	H. W. Brogden, David Wilkins		3	80	5.00								
Duplin County													
Sarecta	J. W. Lee, Ransom Brock	3	4	126	25.00	15,000	1,320.00	600.00	2,610.36	573.60	329.99	156.57	3,670.68
Finey Grove	Ada Outlaw, Gertie Price	5	2	70	20.00								
Sandy Plain	Percy Kennedy, Ralph Smith	4	2	218	5.00	20,000	3,450.00	231.00	17,208.80	599.21		101.09	17,439.80
Rooty Branch	Mrs. T. A. Jernigan			84	5.00	10,000	840.00	419.00					1,757.86
Beulaville	Mrs. Catherine Quinn, Mrs. Grace Summers	5	3	196	10.00	16,000	2,400.00	735.78	8,094.43		125.00	145.00	8,359.43
Pearsall's Chapel	D. F. Chambers & Wife	2	10	89	15.00	15,000	825.00	554.31	3,578.23		162.67	121.18	3,862.08
Snow Hill	Festus & Jane Powell	2	2	142	10.00		1,560.00	646.74					2,885.96
Bethlehem	Dollie Southerland, Jere Williams	5	2	121	30.00								
Lanier's Chapel	Richard Pickett	0	0	74	10.00	4,500	600.00	150.00	852.00	410.00			1,262.00
Long Ridge	Mrs. Bennie Outlaw, Mrs. Lucy Baker	3	0	64	10.00	7,800	1,200.00	234.38	1,333.50	539.32	65.57		2,172.77
Cabin	Norwood Mercer	10	2	137	10.00	10,000	1,560.00	475.30	2,538.39	375.35	66.98		2,980.72
Bethany													

Lenoir County												
Christian Chapel	Mrs. Ralph Taylor, Mrs. Jimmie Tyndall	6	7	169	23.00	10,000	1,000.00	364.00	1,469.60			
British Chapel	Mrs. Hilda Tyndall, Mrs. Major Daughety	5	2	158	18.00	20,000	960.00	315.72	1,200.00	550.00		1,750.00
Woodington	By Letter	0	6	50	10.00	1,500	240.00	322.00				600.00
Dailey's Chapel	William Carter & Wife	4	2	191	20.00	30,000	1,200.00		1,800.00			
Kinston	I. E. Harris, Brooks Owens	50	3	450	50.00	186,000	4,160.00	996.88	9,071.26	23,802.35	606.43	33,635.45
Smith's New Home	Webster Riggs, J. J. Blizzard	5	4	178	50.00	10,000	1,200.00	500.00	1,817.00	500.00	80.00	2,397.00
Deep Run	George Benson & Wife	3	2	194	40.00	25,000	1,440.00	2,380.10	3,720.00	400.00	630.00	4,750.10
Gray Branch	Pearl & Nora Smith	8	0	219	15.00	5,000	1,560.00	188.00	2,372.00	60.00	68.00	2,500.00
White Oak Grove	Mrs. William Coltrain	5	0	135	15.00	4,500	960.00	419.42	1,015.64	45.00	60.00	1,120.64
Carteret County												
Holly Springs	Roy Garner & Wife	6	11	251	25.00	30,000	3,550.00	1,215.49	6,443.36		412.56	7,047.27
Sound View	W. A. Page, L. L. Hall	5	2	50	10.00	15,000	1,150.00		2,100.00	3,073.40		6,323.40
Beaufort	M. F. Springle & Wife	72	5	245	20.00	50,000	3,900.00	1,063.56	12,557.94	1,220.92	520.42	352.65
Free Union	T. A. Taylor, Mrs. T. C. Smith	7	14	43	5.00	40,000	3,120.00	220.25				3,917.03
Welcome Home	By Letter	10	2	60	10.00	8,000	1,040.00	101.18	1,746.88	271.49	296.58	2,370.15
Morehead City	Mrs. Lillie Kirkman, Mrs. Ruby Barker	19	13	194	15.00	81,100	4,160.00	430.61	10,877.55	2,900.78	748.58	14,799.59
Pilgrim's Rest	By Letter	0	4	31	5.00		460.31	922.95	446.71		172.51	965.98
Russell's Creek	Mrs. Daisy Springle, Mrs. Ira Rhue	7	0	79	36.00	15,000	600.00	125.00		1,020.82	135.00	1,916.82
Davis	By Letter	3	11	198	20.00	55,000	3,900.00	2,168.00	10,074.00		96.00	10,254.00
St. John's Chapel	Mrs. Winston Sweeney	9	9	177	5.00	40,000	3,600.00	515.46	5,787.47		143.53	245.60
Mt. Pleasant												
Edward's Chapel	By Letter	6	3	129	10.00	10,000	1,200.00	308.82	3,158.17			
Otway	By Letter	5	1	42	10.00	10,000	1,274.97	43.00	2,267.57	797.54	65.75	101.35
Faith	T. R. Bass	38	9	142	20.00	35,000	3,338.00			5,511.89	286.00	4,550.18
Crab Point	Neva Norris	8	0	64	10.00	12,000	3,120.00	142.00				8,402.45
Pamlico County												
Arapahoe	Mrs. Ira Parson, Mrs. A. J. Lyczkowski	12	12	275	25.00	45,000	3,170.00	2,017.81	7,698.67		323.81	151.49
Trent												8,173.97
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Earl Holton, Mrs. Ella Barnes	5	1	64	20.00	10,000	1,320.00	504.67	3,484.68	165.72	250.25	3,900.65
Rock of Zion	By Letter				20.00							
Oriental	By Letter	1	1	112	10.00	32,000	1,560.00	753.10	3,487.55	840.05	254.00	50.00
Warden's Grove	By Letter	11	3	122	25.00	10,000	1,440.00	1,081.66	2,713.37	639.17	233.71	105.00
New Bethlehem	H. J. Brown, H. S. Price	4	4	111	20.00							4,631.60
Bethel												3,691.25
Beaufort County												
Union Grove	N. D. Wiggs	11	4	125	25.00	45,000	3,600.00	823.70	656.03	167.67		4,500.00
Dublin Grove	Mrs. Beulah Hudnell, Mrs. David Mayo			100	13.50	15,000						
White Hill	R. G. Gillikin, R. N. Baker	4	6	198	20.00	5,000	1,200.00		900.00			2,100.00
Core Point Chapel	S. J. Tripp	18	4	43	5.00	1,500	300.00	122.00	686.00	188.13	171.33	1,045.45
Smyrna	By Letter	0	2	136	10.00							
Bethlehem												
Ephesus	By Letter	2	5	116	10.00	5,000	895.00					1,205.53
Mt. Olive	By Letter	0	0	26	5.00	20,000	1,200.00		1,967.00	167.37	74.30	2,208.67
Jones County												
Friendship	R. W. & Harold Mallard	0	3	99	50.00							
Whaley's Chapel	A. C. Taylor, Parker Taylor & Wife	4	7	232	50.00	23,000	1,200.00	1,051.96	2,588.60	420.79	185.62	93.43
Pilgrim's Home												3,288.44
Onslow County												
Folkstone	Kenneth Saunders, Leonard Hobbs	8	2	221	10.00	15,000	1,200.00	520.00	2,037.63	429.28	86.97	2,553.98
Snead's Ferry	By Letter	2	0	55	10.00	10,000	600.00					3,800.00
Jacksonville	Mrs. Leslie Oliver, Mrs. Jackie Yopp	12	6	129	10.00	15,000	3,640.00	1,200.00	2,400.00	700.00	342.00	6,000.00
Verona												
Community	Daniel Raynor & Wife	0	1	27	5.00				157.47	183.46		340.93
Calvary												
Mt. Zion	Odell Cowan, Maude Rouse	3	2	73	10.00	12,000	840.00	300.00	3,000.00	300.00	500.00	3,800.00
Immanuel	By Letter			25			480.00		200.00			680.00

Board Travel Expense	63.85
Stationary and Postage	4.50
Binder and Paper	11.01

Total Paid Out	<u>240.36</u>
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Balance on Hand	<u>\$530.53</u>
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Seventeen churches supported the board; also the Fifth Eastern Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion a letter of transfer to Bro. Paul Lee to California be granted.

Rev. T. H. Willey, from Cuba, was called forward, and he spoke to us about the work in Cuba, and it was a very good report.

Rev. J. O. Fort, editor of the Free Will Baptist Press, was recognized, and he reported for the Press that the Press has experienced its greatest and most prosperous year.

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

Dismissed by Rev. R. H. Jackson.

THURSDAY MORNING

Conference convened at nine o'clock a. m. Devotions were conducted by Rev. C. B. Hansley.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The examining board made final report as follows:

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at the Assembly Building of the Third Union Meeting on October 22, 1958, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Bros. Joseph H. Ingram, Route 2, Box 281, Mt. Olive, N. C., and George Ludwig, Box 3, Cove City, N. C., presented themselves for membership in the Eastern Conference, and on assurance of the moderator of the Western Conference that their letters have been granted, we recommend that their names be placed on list of ordained ministers, subject to their letters being received.

Bro. Sam R. Kennedy of the Central Conference presented himself for membership in the Eastern Conference, and we recommend that his name be placed on the list of ordained ministers, subject to his letter being received.

Dismissed by Bro. S. R. Kennedy.

On motion the report was adopted.

The temperance committee reported as follows:

It is the recommendation of this committee that the practice of temperance be not an oral practice, but rather a practical example toward all people.

Whereas our adoption of temperance has become too liberal, we recommend that all churches, under the leadership of their pastors, promote a

definite stand toward total abstinence from the use, sale or handling of intoxicating beverages, regardless of their small alcoholic content, as set forth in our church covenant.

Whereas a program designed to indoctrinate our youth concerning the evil practice of strong drink be made available by tracts and teaching in all church schools and worship services.

Whereas, due to the increasing percentage of juvenile crime, that a censorious approach be taken by the parents toward the viewing of many television programs that tend to elevate crime and introduce social drinking as a practice by all people.

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee on Sunday schools reported as follows:

We recommend to the churches of the Eastern Conference that all the churches support the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., by purchasing its literature and Sunday school supplies from the Press.

We further recommend that the Sunday schools in this conference use the six point program system.

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee on ministerial character reported all ministers in good standing, and it was adopted.

Rev. J. C. Griffin reported on New Salem Church as follows:

(After reciting a history of the past activities and status of the church in question) Bro. Griffin recommended that it be dropped from our list of churches, and the conference forget the whole matter.

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon reported investigating the organization of Bethany Church in Duplin County, and recommended that it be placed on the list of churches.

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, treasurer, reported for the Church Finance Association as follows:

His report shows for January 1, 1958:

Total Assets	\$81,843.01
Total Liabilities	75,473.40
Earned Profit	\$ 6,369.61

The Eastern Conference has \$537.00 in the association, and holds twenty-one \$25.00 certificates.

On motion the report was received as information.

Rev. N. B. Barrow, president of the State Convention, was called forward, and he spoke to us about the potential of our State Convention, and encouraged us to get fully behind the work of that body.

Rev. E. E. Edwards reported for the Conference Ministerial Associa-

tion, and stressed the need of every minister of the conference to unite with association.

On motion we adopted the report.

Rev. C. B. Hansley reported the work of the State Ministerial Association, and urged full attendance of the ministers at the next session.

Rev. L. J. Lupton came forward and gave a brief memorial service and reported as follows: God in His wisdom has called many of our loved ones to be with Him during the past year. Among those was Bro. D. A. Kirk, one of our licensed ministers, who was dear to the hearts of all who knew him. Also, there was Bro. W. E. (Uncle Bill) Anderson. Although he was not a member of this conference, he was loved by all who knew him. All will be missed very much, but we realize "Thy will be done." So with humble hearts let us observe a moment of silent prayer, to be closed by Rev. Noah Brown.

We stood in silent prayer for one minute, and Bro. Brown offered a closing prayer.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Fountain Taylor made a verbal report of the Cragmont Assembly, and it was received as information.

Rev. S. A. Smith of the Children's Home made a report as follows:

Received from the Eastern Conference During the Past Year

For the Superintendent's Account	\$14,688.13
Concert Class	5,916.59
Clothing	1,716.00
Dining Room Tables and Chairs	193.31

Total	\$20,514.03
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After the report, an offering was received for the home which amounted to \$87.47.

Bro. J. W. Everton, who will succeed Bro. Smith as superintendent of the Children's Home, was called forward, and presented by Bro. Smith. Bro. Everton pledged to do his best for the home, and earnestly begged for the loyal co-operation and liberal support of all the people.

Rev. S. R. Kennedy came forward at 11:30 o'clock and preached using as a text, Exodus 14:15, 16; after which we called off for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

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

Devotions were led by Rev. O. B. Taylor. Prayer was offered by Rev. Cecil Campbell.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following resolutions:

Whereas, Mount Olive Junior College is currently conducting a Loyalty Fund Campaign to raise \$50,000 in gifts this fall, and

Whereas, Sunday, November 2, has been designated as Mount Olive Junior College Fund Day, and

Whereas, we feel that the purpose and objective of Mount Olive Junior College deserves the whole-hearted support of all our people, Therefore be it resolved: (1) That we endorse the Loyalty Fund Campaign now being conducted. (2) That we recommend that all our churches and Sunday schools observe Sunday, November 2, as Mount Olive Junior College Loyalty Fund Day.

On motion the above resolution was adopted.

Whereas, The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, has furnished Free Will Baptist literature for our denomination for more than half a century, and

Whereas, The Free Will Baptist Press is a non-profit institution which invests its earnings in improved service to the denomination, and

Whereas, the Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina have individually and through this conference, conventions, union meetings, and local churches, sacrificially given to make the Free Will Baptist Press an adequate publishing house for the denomination, Therefore be it resolved: (1) That the North Carolina Eastern Conference express its disapproval of the action taken by the 1958 session of the National Association in authorizing a competitive program of literature through the National Association Sunday School Board. (2) That this conference go on record today as commending the Free Will Baptist Press for its literature program and other service to the denomination. (3) That this conference request that the National Association extend the courtesy to the Free Will Baptist Press of allocating to it adequate display space at future sessions of the association. (4) That this conference recommend to the churches of this district that they use the literature and services of the Free Will Baptist Press. (5) That a copy of this resolution be printed in the Free Will Baptist, and a copy be filed with the executive secretary of the National Association.

On motion this resolution was adopted.

Whereas, the 1958 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists officially went on record as declaring the use of tobacco to be sinful and classified the use of tobacco with the drinking of alcoholic beverages; and

Whereas, some agencies of the National Association consider the use of tobacco sinful; and

Whereas, there is morally no distinction between the growth, use, manufacture and sale of tobacco; and

Whereas, a major portion of the income of Free Will Baptists is derived from the growth, manufacture and sale of tobacco, therefore be it resolved: (1) That this conference express its opinion that the growth, sale, manufacture or use of tobacco is a matter of individual conscience; and (2) that this conference express its opinion that the growth, sale, manufacture or use of tobacco should not be allowed to become a test of fellowship by

individuals or organizations within the denomination; and (3) that we respectfully remind those agencies of the National Association that consider the use of tobacco to be sinful that much of the money received by them from eastern North Carolina is money received from the growth and sale of tobacco.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Whereas, the Co-Operative Program of the National Association is in direct conflict with the fundamental policies of the original Free Will Baptists of the Eastern Conference in North Carolina, therefore be it resolved that this conference go on record as disapproving the Co-Operative Program of the National Association, and the fundamental churches and ministers of the conference refrain from supporting the same.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Whereas, this conference approved the Code of Ethics for its ministers and required that all its ministers sign the same; and

Whereas, several ministers have failed to sign the said Code of Ethics; and

Whereas, it is required by this conference that all ministers from other states and conferences when they accept pastorates in this conference, or enter into churches to preach, to first clear themselves through the examining board; and

Whereas, two or three ministers have failed to do this; therefore be it resolved: If these ministers do not sign the Code of Ethics and clear themselves through the examining board before this conference closes, the examining board, which is the ministerial character committee between conference sessions, be directed to summons them to appear before them, and then and there sign the Code of Ethics and clear with the board. Upon failure to do this they shall be dealt with according to the regulations of the conference and the North Carolina Discipline.

On motion this resolution was adopted.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Grand Total on Hand Last Session	\$1,833.92
Deposited Since Last Session	21.11
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Total to Account For	\$1,855.03

DISBURSEMENTS

For Minutes \$125.00, Allocation \$68.66	\$ 193.66
Clerk's Fee	60.00
Treasurer's Fee	30.00
Expenses	292.67
Offering for Children's Home	177.35
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	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 Windows, \$10.00 Each	90.00
Mt. Olive College Offering	71.35
Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.	50.00
National Association Fee	5.00
Allocation to Mt. Olive College	330.00
Allocation to Children's Home	325.00
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Total Disbursements	\$1,855.03
Received Today	\$1,308.92
Children's Home Offering	89.47
Mt. Olive College Offering	122.89
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Grand Total	\$1,521.28

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Mallard explained the financial set-up of our conference and appealed for greater financial support.

The digest committee made their report as follows:

Number Received During the Year	601
Number Lost	296
Net Gain	308
Total Number of Members	13,840
Total Amount Sent to Conference	\$1,308.92
Total Value of All Church Property	\$1,647,018.00
Total Paid Pastors	\$113,432.17
Total Sent Denominational Enterprises	\$34,877.77
Total Raised by Churches During Year	\$18,525.60
Total Raised by Sunday Schools	\$57,043.34
Total Raised by Auxiliaries	\$10,079.39
Total Raised by Leagues	\$3,439.26
Grand Total Raised for All Purposes by Churches, Sunday Schools, Auxiliaries and Leagues	\$302,507.04

On motion this report was adopted.

On motion we accept the invitation of Holly Springs to entertain the next session of the conference.

Rev. D. W. Hansley was selected to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. T. O. Terry alternate.

Delegates to the various bodies were appointed as follows:

State Convention—Mrs. W. A. Jarman, T. A. Taylor, Roy Garner, H. M. Mallard, Mrs. S. A. Hansley, J. J. Blizzard, Mrs. J. H. Lewis, Mrs. Alice Lupton, Kenneth Sanders, L. W. Hobbs.

National Association—S. W. McCoy and wife, Mrs. L. J. Lupton, Mrs. W. H. Willis, Mrs. W. J. Koonce, Mrs. R. L. Edwards.

Western Conference—Rev. A. M. Rollins.

Central Conference—Rev. R. M. Fadar.

Piedmont Association—Rev. E. E. Edwards.

Pee Dee Association—Rev. C. B. Hansley.

Albemarle Conference—Rev. Clifton Rice.

Blue Ridge Association—Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

French Broad Association—Bro. Fountain Taylor.

Cape Fear Conference—Rev. F. E. Jones.

Rockfish Association—Rev. S. R. Kennedy.

On motion we extend a rising vote of thanks to the Third Union Meeting (churches and individuals) for the nice way in which they have entertained this conference.

The committee on Allocations reported as follows:

We Have on Hand to Allocate \$1,308.92

We allocate as follows:

For Minutes	\$200.00
Clerk's Fee	60.00
Treasurer's Fee	30.00
Expenses	383.55
Offering to Children's Home	89.74
Superannuation	100.00
Foreign Missions	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 Windows, \$10.00 Each	90.00
Mt. Olive College Offering	122.89
Bible College	25.00
National Association Fee	5.00
Allocated to Mt. Olive College	142.68
Allocated to Children's Home	142.69

Total Allocated \$1,308.92

Grand Total to Pay Out \$1,521.28

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion any church desiring to help take care of the expense of the next session of the National Association at Asheville, N. C., be instructed to raise a donation at once, and forward same to the conference treasurer.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

On motion we adjourn.

Our closing exercise was with a good old-time hand shake all around and benediction.

D. W. Hansley, Moderator
H. M. Mallard, Treasurer
Lloyd Vernon, Reading Clerk
J. W. Alford, Clerk

Minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Eastern Conference, North Carolina, Convening With British Chapel Church Near Kinston, March 20, 1958

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at British Chapel Church near Kinston, N. C. The theme for the day was: "Go Set a Watchman" (Mark 13:32-37). Subject, "God's Watchman."

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Mallard, and services began by singing "We're Marching to Zion." Prayer by the Rev. J. W. Alford.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Grover Daughtry of the host church, and the response was given by Mrs. Earl Thomas from Pilgrim's Home Church.

The president's message and welcome were warmly given. A hearty welcome was given the ministers who were present.

State officers were recognized and made welcome. Mrs. Mallard used as her subject the "Message of God."

Mrs. Cecil Campbell, enlistment chairman, brought her message on "God's Watchman Sees Needs in Enlistment Work," with timely remarks given.

The Rev. S. A. Smith who substituted for Mrs. Smith, chairman of the Children's Home, used as his subject, "God's Watchman Views Needs in Our Children's Home." Mr. Smith brought greetings from the home and thanked each Auxiliary for what they had done. An offering was received for the Children's Home which amounted to \$105.50. Offertory prayer was by Rev. Smith.

Mrs. D. W. Hansley, study course chairman, gave her report and spoke on "God's Watchman Views Needs in the Field of Missions." She asked, "Are we watching with our praying and giving?"

The Rev. Burkette Raper representing the state, reported from Mount Olive College for our information. He asked all Free Will Baptists to get behind the school, and make an investment in the best crop that we would ever produce, our children.

The Rev. T. O. Terry, representing the national, told of the school and its program.

Each speaker used as his subject, "Unlimited Possibilities in Christian Education."

The resolution and courtesy committees were appointed at this time.

Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, youth chairman, gave a report on her work, and the declamation contest. She reported much progress had been made during the past year, and that we should have an understanding of our youth as God's watchmen.

Little Miss Martha Glenn Jenkins, 11 years old, from St. Mary's Church in New Bern, was the winner of the GTA contest, and gave her speech at this time. Miss Alice Hall, age 17 of the Kinston Church, was winner of the YPA contest. She also gave her speech.

An offering was taken for Mount Olive College, amount received was \$55.55. Rev. Griffin gave the offertory prayer.

Benediction and grace were prayed by Rev. Campbell, after which we adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting was called to order and opened by singing, "Will He Find Us Watching?" Devotional by Mrs. T. O. Terry. Scripture reading was taken from Ezekiel. 3:15-21. Mrs. Terry asked, "Are we watchmen to our neighbor?" Mrs. Terry then led in prayer.

Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, program-prayer chairman, gave her report and spoke on "God's Watchman Responsible to Pray." Scripture was taken from John 15:7, 8. Timely remarks on prayer were given.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin gave her report, using as her subject, "God's Watchman Striving for More Spiritual Auxiliaries." She said in order to be more spiritual, we must have missionary zeal.

Mrs. Seldon Bullard, benevolence chairman, gave her report and spoke on "God's Watchman in Loving Service." She said that if we have love, we will want to serve.

Mrs. Carl Dudley, state president, spoke on Cragmont and told of its advantages.

The secretary read the minutes of the executive meeting and gave her report. On motion these were adopted.

Mrs. Al Lyczkowski was appointed to the finance committee to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Oliver.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Motion was made by Mrs. Campbell to continue the salary and support of the Willey's, our missionaries in Cuba. The motion was carried.

Motion was made and carried that we condense our minutes, but still have them printed. This was to cut down on the expense of the convention.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin was given the authority to receive offerings at

different workshops that she conducts as field worker. The money is to be used at her discretion.

Motion was made and carried to send \$50.00 to Mount Olive College on the furnishings of the room that we have in honor of Mrs. Alice Lupton.

Delegates were appointed to attend the different conventions in the state.

The courtesy report was given and accepted as follows: "We, the courtesy committee, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the British Chapel Church and its auxiliary members for the wonderful hospitality shown to this convention today; for the bountiful dinner served us, as well as for the beautiful floral arrangements. Also for entertaining the youth meeting last night, we are most grateful."

Respectfully,

Mrs. C. M. Prescott

Mrs. Lemmie Taylor

Mrs. J. W. Stille

A rising vote of thanks by everyone present was given to the host church.

The resolution committee had no report.

The next convention will meet with the Wintergreen Church in the fall. Rev. Burkette Raper requested that all vacation Bible school offerings be sent to Mount Olive College.

There was a motion to adjourn. Benediction was given by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

Mrs. Harold Mallard, President

Mrs. Nelson Simpson Sr., Secretary

REPORT OF SECRETARY

Report Blanks Mailed	80
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Report Blanks Received	57
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Amount of Funds Received	\$588.15
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Of this amount \$354.60 was per capita dues and \$208.55 contribution to district convention. These funds were turned over to the treasurer. There were two auxiliaries that reported "A" 1 standards (St. Mary's and Sarecta). There were six auxiliaries that reported "B" standards. There were two auxiliaries that reported "C" standards. The secretary attended four workshop clinics and taught four classes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM SEPTEMBER, 1957, TO MARCH, 1958

Balance in Bank	\$ 81.57
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Received Love Offering for Mrs. Ballard from Executive Board Members	5.00
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Total	<hr/> \$86.57
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Paid Out to Mrs. Ballard \$5.00 and Executive Board Expense	17.76
Total	<u>\$68.81</u>
Paid Out of Treasury by Order of Executive Board Due to Lack of Funds for the Willey's Salary	55.25
Balance in Treasury	\$13.56
Received from Auxiliary for Willey Fund	\$769.75
Paid Out for Willey's Salary and Support	<u>55.25</u>
Total	\$825.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH CONVENTION, 1958

Received Today	\$588.15
Received for Children's Home	105.50
Received for Mount Olive College	55.55
Total Received	<u>\$749.20</u>
Convention Balance in Treasury	13.66
Total	<u>\$762.86</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Children's Home	\$105.50
Mount Olive College	55.55
Child's Clothing	50.00
Secretary	20.00
Assistant Secretary	10.00
Secretary Expense	5.52
For Declamation Prizes	10.00
State Dues	118.20
District Dues	118.20
National Dues	118.20
State Convention Donation	20.00
Woman's Conference at Cragmont	10.00
Minutes for 1957	<u>84.68</u>
Paid Out	725.85
Balance in Treasury	<u>\$37.01</u>

REPORTS OF CHAIRMEN

I. *Enlistment Department*—(1) Enrollment at beginning of year, 1,208; present enrollment, 1,264; number lost, 56; average attendance, 748. (2) Number making contacts to; enlist new members, 249; bring back absentees, 311.

Mrs. Cecil Campbell

II. Youth Department—(1) Number members in youth organizations: Number of GTA, 16; GTA, 274; YPA, 252; 18 YPA's; 22 F. W. B. leagues, 870 members. (2) Participation in declamation contest, 5; church library, 5. (3) Conducted V. B. S., 32. (4) Number of college students helped to go to Cragmont youth conference, 29.

Mrs. W. J. Gaskins

III. Study Course Department—

(1) Courses Conducted		Average Attendance
Missions	20	249
Stewartship	10	109
Guidebook or Manual	19	276
Evangelism	14	147
Prayer	22	252
(2) Reading Circle		124
(3) Number daily Bible readers		178

Mrs. D. W. Hansley

IV. Program-Prayer Department—(1) Number special programs, 34. (2) Number of weeks of prayer, 65. (3) Number family altars, 84. (4) Number observing W. N. A. C. prayer fellowship, 31. (5) Number members of N. C. prayer band, 66. (6) Number subscribing to Free Will Baptist papers: "The Free Will Baptist," 408; "Contact," 53; "Cragmont Courier," 16; "Young People's Friend," 37.

Mrs. J. K. Rhodes

V. Children's Home Department—Contribution to Children's Home: Clothing, \$765.17; commodities, \$93.50; equipment, \$82.45; number of coupons, 12,454. Do you clothe a child? Number, 13.

Mrs. S. A. Smith

VI. Benevolence Department—(1) Number sending cards to superannuated ministers or ministers widows, 204. (2) Number making soul winning efforts: contacts, 129; attending cottage prayer meetings, 297. (3) Number making personal service efforts: visited sick, 2,862; gave garments, trays, baskets, or flowers, to church, shut-ins or needy persons, 1,092; gave to Red Cross, 148; W. C. T. U., 11; Community Chest, 33; other civic or benevolent projects, 131; given Bibles, 62; tracts, 152.

Mrs. Seldon Bullard

VII. Publicity Work—(1) Number articles written for publication, 195. (2) Other publicity work done, posters and radio announcements.

VIII. Personal Gifts Contributed Through Channels Other Than Woman's Auxiliary: Home missions, \$128.00; foreign missions, \$175.50; Mount Olive College, \$407.07; Bible College (Nashville), \$335.41; Children's Home, \$484.11; Cragmont Assembly, \$26.75; superannuation, \$55.50.

Eastern District Field Worker—Contacted 59 auxiliaries; 38 auxiliaries

were represented at workshops; directed 4 workshops; received \$41.25; paid out for material, \$4.60; traveled 245 miles; organized 1 GTA; 1 YPA; conducted 3 installation services; taught 1 study course on manual; wrote 165 cards; 9 letters; number attending workshops, 266.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin

Minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Eastern Conference North Carolina, Convening With Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, September 25, 1958

The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. Harold Mallard. Meeting was opened by congregational singing, led by the Rev. T. O. Terry.

Theme: "Lengthen Thy Cords and Strengthen Thy Stakes" (Isaiah 54:2).

Devotion by Mrs. Annie Heath; subject, "Strengthening Our Stakes and Lengthening Our Cords of Service." Scripture, Isaiah 54:2; Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49.

Prayer by Mrs. Ludwig.

Greetings by the Rev. E. E. Edwards of host church.

Response, Mrs. Gene Outland.

The president welcomed the twenty ministers who were present, also the officers and delegates. State officers present were welcomed.

Playlet, "A Simple Matter of Arithmetic," by Jacksonville Auxiliary.

Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mt. Olive Junior College, gave information about the college and thanked everyone for supporting it.

News from the Children's Home by Rev. S. A. Smith.

Special collection received for the home. Amount received \$83.78.

Special music by Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

The following committees were appointed to serve during this convention:

Petition: Mrs. Clyde Banks, Mrs. Glenn Holt, Mrs. Walter Rhodes.

Resolution: Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, Mrs. W. F. Whorton, Mrs. Margaret McGowan.

Courtesy: Mrs. Walter Buck, Mrs. C. A. Phillips, Mrs. Mary Dail.

The Rev. Everington gave information concerning superannuation, thanking auxiliary members for support of same.

The morning message was brought by the Rev. Alton Hines; subject, "How May We Lengthen Our Cords in Regards to Missions?" (Acts 5:42).

Adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon session was opened by singing, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

An impressive memorial service was given for nine deceased members by Mrs. Henry Van Kulyve.

Prayer by the Rev. Cecil Campbell.

Afternoon devotional brought by Rev. R. N. Hinnant; subject, "Lengthen Thy Cords in Direction of Christian Education." Scripture, Isaiah 52.

An offering for Mt. Olive College was received at this time. Rev. J. W. Alford gave offertory prayer. Amount received \$65.35.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard brought news from Cragmont.

Mrs. Cecil Campbell brought news from the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. J. K. Rhodes brought news from the State Auxiliary Convention.

The Rev. C. H. Overman gave news concerning the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, state and district field worker, stressed the importance of auxiliary workshops.

The following reports were made and accepted. (See reports.)

Motion made and carried that we send \$75.00 to the library fund at Mt. Olive College. Three members will be given a life membership in the woman's auxiliary for this amount. The names will be announced later.

The minutes of this convention were read and approved.

We adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. O. Terry.

Mrs. Harold Mallard, *President*

Mrs. Nelson Simpson Sr., *Secretary*

TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 25, 1958

Balance on Hand from March Convention	\$ 36.91
Received Since March Convention Alaskan	
Mission for the Whaleys	25.00
For Willey Fund	841.09
Co-Laborer Band	15.00
Laura Bell Barnard	16.00
African Missions	4.00
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Total	\$938.00

DISBURSEMENTS

The Willeys	\$825.00
Co-Laborer Band	15.00
Alaskan Mission	25.00
Laura Bell Barnard	16.00
Executive Board Meeting Expense	21.30
African Mission	4.00
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Total Paid Out	906.30
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 31.70
Balance in Willey Fund September 1, 1958	\$16.09
Balance in Convention Fund September 1, 1958	15.61

Balance	\$ 31.70
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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 25, 1958

Received Today	\$251.00
Offering for Children's Home	83.80
Offering for Mt. Olive College	65.35

Total Received	\$400.15
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DISBURSEMENTS

To Children's Home	\$83.80
To Mt. Olive Junior College	65.35
Orphan Child's Clothing	50.00
Orphan Child's Christmas Gift	10.00
Mt. Olive Junior College for Furnishing on a Room in Honor of Mother Alice Lupton	50.00
Secretary's Salary	20.00
Assistant Secretary	10.00
Library Fund at Mt. Olive Junior College	75.00

Total Disbursements	364.15
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 36.00
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Petition committee reported there were no petitions for next convention. The Rev. Burkette Raper, president of Mt. Olive Junior College, invited the convention to meet at the college in March of 1959. Motion was made and carried that we meet there and everyone carry a lunch to be served picnic style.

Mrs. Clyde Banks, *Chairman*
Mrs. Glenn Holt
Mrs. Walter Rhodes

Resolution Committee had no report.

Courtesy Committee

We, the courtesy committee, wish to extend to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church our sincere thanks and appreciation for the fine hospitality shown to us during this session of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention. We recommend this body give a rising vote of thanks to this church.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Walter Buck, *Chairman*
Mrs. Mary S. Dail

