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OF THE

Sixty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

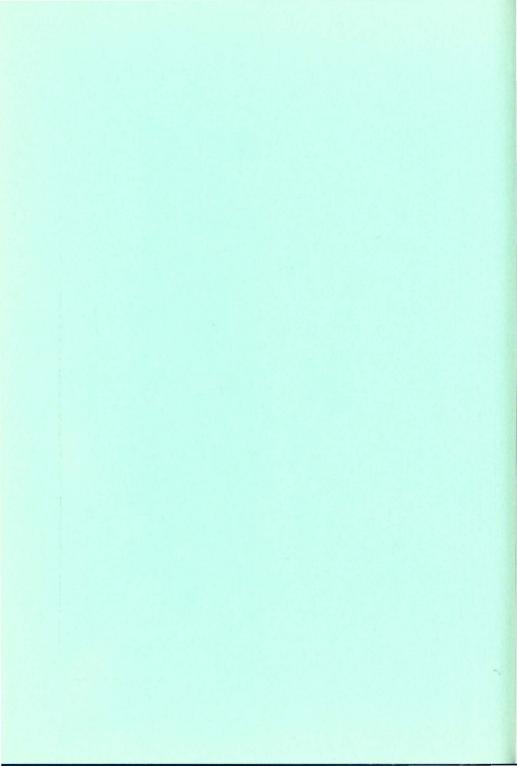
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FIRST DAY

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

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Church Letter

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To the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, to be held at the Assembly Grounds, Duplin County, North Carolina, commencing on Wednesday before the fourth Sunliv in October, 1963.

We, the church at_____, _____, County, send as delegates to your honorable body______

The condition of our church is as follows: Received by baptism______, by letter______, lost by death______, transfer______, excommunicated _______, total number of members______. Value of all church property \$_______, pastor's salary \$______, sent to all denominational enterprises \$______, total raised by all departments of church \$______, amount sent to conference \$______, additional amount sent for J. W. Alford Scholarship Fund \$______.

Pastor _____

Clerk ______

Post Office_____

It is recommended that each church send at least \$10 for the J. W. Alford Scholarship Fund of Mount Olive College.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Rev. C. B. Hansley, Moderator, Vanceboro, North Carolina Rev. A. C. Lane, Assistant Moderator, Ernul, North Carolina Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Clerk, Ayden, North Carolina H. M. Mallard, Treasurer, Trenton, North Carolina

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. C. B. Hansley, Chairman, Vanceboro, North Carolina
Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Clerk, Ayden, North Carolina
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H. M. Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina
Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina
Rev. L. Parker, Route 1, Box 88, Holly Ridge, North Carolina

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Rev. S. A. Smith, Beulaville, North Carolina

Rev. D. W. Hansley, Kenly, North Carolina

Rev. Lemmie Taylor, Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina

Rev. Clifton Rice, 1805 West Vernon Avenue, Kinston, North Carolina

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TO REPRESENT THIS CONFERENCE IN THE MEETING OF THE PRINTING COMPANY

Rev. D. W. Hansley, Kenly, North Carolina H. M. Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina

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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Marie Gaskins Rev. Ralph Lightsey Mrs. Clara Jarman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

L. J. Lupton Virgil Day O. B. Everette

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

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H. Pipkin (Retired), Mount Olive B. F. Ringgold (Retired), Bridgeton A. C. Auston (Retired), Aurora Lloyd Vernon, Richlands Wesley Price, Seven Springs I. R. Davenport, Deep Run F. E. Jones, Kenansville Clifton Rice, Kinston D. W. Hansley, Kenly I. C. Griffin, Bridgeton S. A. Smith, Beulaville Clinton Lupton, Bayboro Elmo Harper, Maribel E. E. Edwards, Chocowinity W. E. Stilley, New Bern Clifton Styron, Davis L. E. Styron, Morehead City O. B. Everette, Holly Ridge N. D. Wiggs, Greenville J. E. Howard, Newport L. L. Parker, Holly Ridge D. W. Cleve, Vanceboro H. W. Armstrong, Washington A. Graham Lane, Ernul J. W. Grimsley, Jr., Bridgeton Elmer Goodwin, New Bern Alton Mason, Harker's Island J. B. Starnes, Morehead City L. J. Lupton, Vanceboro C. T. Rice, New Bern C. B. Hansley, Vanceboro Lemmie Taylor, Richlands O. B. Taylor, Pink Hill Virgil Day R. L. Cauley, Kinston J. Albert Harris, Jacksonville R. M. Fader, Kinston Ralph Lightsey, Ayden S. R. Kennedy, Greenville A. J. Lyczkowski, Arapahoe W. S. Burns, Cove City Graham Baker, Newport Herman A. Grubbs, Mount Olive Norman Ard, Ayden Thomas Bruce Dudley, Beaufort Albert J. Keech, Arapahoe

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Kenneth Grubbs John Owens Luther Swinson Edward H. Fordham, New Bern Andrew Hill, New Bern R. W. Hardison, New Bern Phillip Rice, Arapahoe David Charles Hansley, Dunn B. M. Taylor David Thomas, New Bern Dallas Bryson Roy C. O'Donnell, Mount Olive Kemery Ard, Pink Hill R. E. O'Ouinn Pat Corbett Lynwood Boyette J. E. Rowe, Newport E. E. Brvan, Kinston P. C. Wiggs, Merritt A. B. Bryan, Kinston

LICENSED MINISTERS

J. R. Carmady, Harry A. Jones, J. B. Daw, W. W. Silverthorne, James Ronney Parker, Owen Arthur, Eugene Sumner.

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Core Point Chapel-Mrs. J. B. Paul, Blount's Creek, N. C.

- Dublin Grove-David Mayo, Aurora, N. C.
- -Ephesus-J. L. Carrington, Blount's Creek, N. C.
- Mount Olive-Mrs. C. C. Ireland, Route 2, Aurora, N. C.
- Smyrna-Maury Roy Whitford, Chocowinity, N. C.
- Union Chapel—Ethel T. Whitehurst
- White Hill-Mrs. Elsie G. Rowe, Aurora, N. C.

CARTERET COUNTY

- Crab Point—Mrs. Cleta Buck, Morehead City, N. C.
- -Davis-Leslie Styron, Davis, N. C.
- -Edwards Chapel-Mrs. Marie Wallace, Route 1, Beaufort, N. C.
- /Faith-Mrs. Beatrice Lovick, Morehead City, N. C.
- Free Union-Mrs. Dollie Taylor, Sea Level, N. C.
- Holly Springs-Leo Gray, Newport, N. C.
- Mount Pleasant-Mrs. John D. Brown, Route 2, Newport, N. C.
- -Otway-Mrs. Evelyn Golden, Route 2, Box 480J, Beaufort, N. C.
- Pilgrims Rest-Mrs. Mattie Daniels, Cedar Island, N. C.
- -Russell's Creek-Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Route 1, Beaufort, N. C.
- Sound View-Larry Pelletier, Newport, N. C.
- -Welcome Home-Mrs. Dorothea Lawrence, Rt. 2, Box 165, Beaufort, N. C.

CRAVEN COUNTY

- -Antioch-I. M. Tyndall, Route 5, New Bern, N. C.
- -Bridgeton-Mrs. Nelson Simpson, P. O. Box 55, Bridgeton, N. C.
- Core Creek-Robert A. Avery, Cove City, N. C.
- Croatan-Mrs. Wilbur Herring, Route 4, Box 335, New Bern, N. C.

- Gethsemane—Mrs. R. E. Morton, Route 2, New Bern, N. C. Juniper Chapel—William C. Morris, Vanceboro, N. C. Macedonia—Mrs. Beulah Best, Route 2, Box 60, Vanceboro, N. C.
- Moseley's Creek-Mrs. Hazel White, Dover, N. C.
- -New Haven-Mrs. Dicie Ipock, Ernul, N. C.
- New Salem-Mrs. Charlie Smith, Route 2, Vanceboro, N. C.
- -Oak Grove-Donald Smith, Route 1, Vanceboro, N. C.
- Pleasant Acres-James E. Davidson, Route 5, New Bern, N. C.
- Reunion Chapel-E. C. Laughinghouse, Vanceboro, N. C.
- -Saint's Delight-Mrs. Worth Williams, P. O. Box 5, New Bern, N. C. Saint Mary's-S. M. Harrison, Route 3, New Bern, N. C.
- Spring Hope-Mrs. Annie Jones, Route 5, Box 164, New Bern, N. C.
- -Vanceboro-Mrs. O. C. Buck, Vanceboro, N. C.
- Wintergreen-Mack D. Ange, Route 1, Cove City, N. C.

DUPLIN COUNTY

Bethany-

- Beulaville-Mrs. Milton Edwards, Beulaville, N. C.
- -Calvin Mercer, Route 1, Beulaville, N. C.

Bethlehem—Sutton Fountain, Chinquapin, N. C.

Lanier's Chapel—Richard Pickett, Beulaville, N. C.

- Long Ridge-Mrs. Lina Belle Pate,, Route 1, Mount Olive, N. C.
- Mount Zion-William Bryant, Route 2, Beulaville, N. C.
- Pearsall's Chapel-Mrs. Carl Powell, Kenansville, N. C.
- Piney Grove—Paul Lee, Albertson, N. C.
- Rooty Branch-Mrs. Pearl Amon, Route 2, Mount Olive, N. C.
- ---Sandy Plain-Ann S. Chesmore, Route 2, Pink Hill, N. C.
- -Sarecta-Wilbur A. Jones, Route 1, Kenansville, N. C.
- Snow Hill-Mrs. Rotha Reardon, Route 2, Mount Olive, N. C.
- -Warsaw-Leonard F. Anderson, Warsaw, N. C.

JONES COUNTY

- -Friendship-Mrs. Harold C. Mallard, Trenton, N. C.
- -Pilgrim's Home-Mrs. Evelyn Hood, Route 2, Dover, N. C.
- Whaley's Chapel-James W. Batchelor, Route 2, Richlands, N. C.

LENOIR COUNTY

- -British Chapel-Mrs. Major Daughtey, Kinston, N. C.
- -Christian Chapel-Ralph Taylor, Route 1, Pink Hill, N. C.
- -Daly's Chapel-Willie T. Shivar, Route 1, Seven Springs, N. C.
- "Deep Run-Mrs. Shirley Griffin, Route 1, Deep Run, N. C.
- Gray Branch-Lynwood E. Smith, 608 Tyree Road, Kinston, N. C.
- Kinston-Mrs. Robert Taylor, 600 Carey Road, Kinston, N. C.
- -Smith's New Home-Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C.
- White Oak Grove-Ben D. Herring, Route 3, LaGrange, N. C.
 - Tower Hill-Mrs. Carl Freeman, Kinston, N. C.

Onslow County

- -Angola-Mrs. Luther Swinson, Maple Hill, N. C.
- Emmanuel-Mrs. B. A. Avery, Route 2, Box 553, Jacksonville, N. C.
- -Folkstone-Ernest Parker, Route 1, Holly Ridge, N. C.
- Geiger Mission—Mrs. Paul Baggett, Jacksonville, N. C.
- -Mount Zion-William Bryan, Beulaville, N. C.
- Snead's Ferry-Mrs. Judy Brown, Snead's Ferry, N. C.
- Verona-Thurman Sewell, Route 3, Box 342, Jacksonville, N. C.

PAMLICO COUNTY

- Arapahoe—Mary Salter, Arapahoe, N. C.
- Bethel-Mrs. Kathleen Slade, Route 1, Box 144, Merritt, N. C.
- Mount Zion-R. B. Newton, Route 1, Bayboro, N. C.
- ___New Bethlehem_Donald W. Dixon, Grantsboro, N. C.
- Oriental-Mrs. Bertha S. Thompson, P. O. Box 42, Oriental, N. C.
- Rock of Zion-Mrs. Eva Belle Brinson, Grantsboro, N. C.
- Trent-Mrs. Gladys Harris, Merritt, N. C.
- Warden's Grove—George M. Jarvis, Lowland, N. C.

WAYNE COUNTY

- Grant's Chapel-Mrs. Carlie Summerlin, Route 2, Seven Springs, N. C.
- -Indian Springs-Elton Price, Route 4, Mount Olive, N. C.
- ---May's Chapel-Mrs. Charles Johnston, 206 Banks Avenue, Goldsboro, N. C. ---North East--Oliver Cook, Route 4, Mount Olive, N. C.

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The Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at the Assembly Grounds, Duplin County, North Carolina, October 24, 1962, at 10:00 a.m.

The session opened by singing "There Is Power in the Blood." After the devotional by the Reverend Albert Keech, the Reverend Robert M. Fader welcomed the ministers, delegates, and visitors.

The Reverend C. B. Hansley, moderator, expressed appreciation for the confidence placed in him, and he pledged to stand by Original Free Will Baptist faith and practices. He also reminded the delegation of the crisis our nation is facing during the quarantine of Cuba relative to the buildup of nuclear weapons by the Russians. He asked that the whole delegation pause for prayer, and the Reverend R. N. Hinnant led the prayer.

Visiting ministers were recognized and enrolled as follows:

Albemarle Conference: A. B. Bryan and Everette Bryan.

Cape Fear Conference: C. F. Bowen

Central Conference: L. B. Manning, C. D. Hamilton and Jerry Rowe. Tidewater Association (Virginia): W. A. Hales.

Western Conference: R. H. Jackson, M. L. Johnson, H. M. Minchew, and R. N. Hinnant.

By motion, second, and vote the program was adopted with the stipulation that the moderator have the privilege of making any necessary changes.

At this time, the moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance: L. L. Parker, S. W. McCoy, Jr., and Phillip Rice.

Temperance: W. E. Stilley, Fountain Taylor, and A. B. Bryan.

Sunday School: A. J. Lyczkowski, Henry Armstrong, and Francis Garner. Ministerial Character: Examining Board.

Digest: Andrew Hill, Bruce Dudley, and Albert Keech.

Allocations: Lemmie Taylor, W. J. Gaskins, and H. C. Mallard.

Resolutions: Clifton Rice, W. A. Jones, and J. B. Starnes.

Memorial: J. C. Grffin, Lloyd Vernon, and O. B. Everette.

Nominating: Graham Lane, J. R. Davenport, and Clifton Styron.

At this juncture, Ralph Lightsey gave the report of the Free Will Baptist Press. By motion, second, and vote the report was received as information.

The Reverend David W. Hansley reported for the North Carolina State Ministerial Association. That report was also received as information.

The report of the Children's Home was given by the Reverend M. L. Johnson. By motion, second, and vote the report was accepted as information. An offering in the amount of \$156.96 was received for the Home.

The business session was recessed at this time for the worship service. The Reverend Llovd Vernon preached a stirring message from Matthew 24: 13: "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Following this service, lunch was served.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story," and the Reverend L. L. Parker led in the devotional.

The Credentials Committee made a partial report at this time. A motion was carried to accept the report and seat the delegates and ministers present. See report.

A motion was passed to revise the list of ministers before the minutes are published.

The Executive Committee made its report at this time; and by motion, second, and vote, the entire report was adopted. (See report.)

The Examining Board made its report. By motion, second, and vote, it was adopted in its entirety; but the motion was amended to vote on the item dealing with requirements for ordination separately. By motion, second, and vote this part of the report was tabled.

The Reverend Walter Reynolds made the Superannuation report; and by motion, second, and vote, the report was received as information. (See report.)

The conference mission report was given by the Reverend A. G. Lane; and by motion, second, and vote it was adopted. (See report.)

At this point, the congregation sang "Amazing Grace." The benediction was pronounced by the Reverend Ralph Lightsey.

THURSDAY MORNING

The session opened by singing "When We All Get to Heaven." The Reverend Kenneth Grubbs led the devotional.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Reports of the following organizations and enterprises were given and received as information: Cragmont Assembly, Church Finance Association, State Mission Board, State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, State Convention, and Mount Olive College.

An offering of \$82.48 was received for Mount Olive College.

At this juncture, the business session recessed for the worship service. The Reverend J. B. Starnes preached a stirring message, after which Lynwood Boyette, Pat Corbett, and Robert Earl O'Quinn were ordained to the gospel ministry.

A motion was passed that their names, together with the others who were ordained, licensed, or received into the conference this year, be placed on the ministerial list.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation sang "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," and the Reverend Kemery Ard led the devotional.

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The Reverend M. L. Johnson reported on the progress of the Edgemont case pending before the Supreme Court, and it was received as information.

The Examining Board made a further report; and by motion, second, and vote it was adopted.

The Credentials Committee made its final report; and by motion, second, and vote it was adopted.

The Temperance Committee report was made and adopted.

The report of the Sunday School Committee was made and adopted.

The treasurer made his report and it was adopted.

The Nominating Committee's report was given and adopted.

The Allocation Committee's report was given and adopted.

A motion was carried to include the J. W. Alford Scholarship Fund in the church letter.

The Digest Committee's report was made and adopted.

The Resolution Committee reported at this time, and a motion was passed to vote on each item separately. All the items were adopted by vote except item 4 which was tabled.

The Memorial Committee report was made and adopted.

The following were appointed as delegates to the 1963 session of the State Convention: Francis Garner, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. Velma Morris, Mrs. E. E. Edwards, Mrs. W. E. Baldree, Wayne Heath, Mrs. Elmo Harper, Wilbur Jones, Tommy Bass, Alton Whitford, Carl Rowell, W. E. Holliday, Mrs. A. G. Lane, Milton Styron, Mrs. L. L. Parker, Ralph Morris, Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Mrs. James Lupton, and Mrs. R. W. Mallard.

The following were appointed as delegates to the various conferences: A. G. Lane, Western; Lloyd Vernon, Cape Fear; S. A. Smith, Central; J. B. Starnes, Piedmont; A. B. Bryan, Pee Dee; David W. Hansley, Albemarle.

A motion was passed to give a rising vote of thanks to the Third Union Meeting and those responsible for our entertainment during this session.

The minutes were read and approved by vote.

A motion was carried to adjourn; and after the congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie," F. E. Jones pronounced the benediction.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met at Kinston, North Carolina, November 1, 1961. All members were present.

The meeting was called in keeping with the action of the Eastern Conference while in session October 18, 19, 1961, relative to Seldon Bullard, Gordon Sebastian, and Melvin Worthington and their pastorates.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that these ministers and churches be declared out of fellowship with the conference and that the ministers be silenced. The Executive Committee met again at Mount Olive November 27, 1961, to discuss the National Association's entry into the Edgemont lawsuit. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that since the National Association had entered the case that we employ a lawyer to represent the Eastern Conference in the lawsuit on behalf of the Western Conference. The moderator and clerk were instructed to work with Attorney Art Vann in employing a lawyer.

The next meeting was on February 19, 1962, concerning the situation at the Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, North Carolina. After hearing reports from the representatives of the church, it was decided to meet with the church to further explore the situation.

Approved recommendations of Examining Board regarding Richard Mabe.

At the meeting, March 13, 1962, at the Davis Community Building, the committee looked further into the situation; and after studying the reports, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to recognize the group standing true to the Eastern Conference and State Convention as the true Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church. (See Resolution below.) The other group, by their own choice, voted previous to this date to leave the Eastern Conference and State Convention and affiliate with other groups not recognized by the Eastern Conference.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church of Davis, North Carolina, Carteret County, has been a member of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina since it was formed in 1896 and was, prior to that, a member of the General Conference, and

Whereas, the said church has actively participated in the proceedings, ministry, and provisions of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and has elected to be governed by the *Statement* of *Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, and

Whereas, the pastor of Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church, together with the following officers: Clinton Piner, deacon; Lloyd Davis, deacon; Julius Willis, deacon; Ralph Lowrimore, superintendent of Sunday School; Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, president of Woman's Auxiliary; Virginia Willis, president of leagues; and others (number undetermined) have agreed by vote, voice, and attitude that they do not wish to remain members of, and in fellowship with, the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and

Whereas, this group has rejected and refused to be governed by the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina which constitutes a departure from the doctrine, customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists, and

Whereas, the following officers of Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church of Davis, North Carolina: Charlie Paul, chairman of the board of deacons; J. B. Williams, deacon; Milton Styron; Reginald Styron, treasurer; and Leslie Styron, clerk, and others (the number undetermined) who are members of said church did oppose the action taken by the pastor and his followers, and

Whereas, Charlic Paul, J. E. Williams, Milton Styron, Reginald Styron, Leslie Styron, and those affiliated with them in this action did, and do hereby, reaffirm their loyalty to Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and especially the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina of which they have been members, and therefore wish to remain as such, and

Whereas, this loyal group does hereby endorse and reaffirm faith in the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina has investigated alleged statements and charges against the pastor and the seceding group, and

Whereas, it is our opinion that the minutes recording the action of the seceding group show clearly that the pastor and the seceding group have departed from the customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina,

Be it resolved that we declare that Charlie Paul, J. E. Williams, Milton Styron, Reginald Styron, Leslie Styron, and those affiliated with them do constitute, and are therefore recognized and accepted as, the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church and that all rights and privileges belonging to said church shall be maintained, exercised, enjoyed ,and perpetuated by them.

Be it further resolved that their membership in the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina has not been questioned nor terminated by the aforesaid action.

C. B. Hansley, *Chairman* Ralph Lightsey, *Clerk* H. M. Mallard L. L. Parker Lloyd Vernon

The Executive Committee met again on September 18, 1962, at Ayden. All members, except H. M. Mallard, were present; and D. W. Hansley was his proxy.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that we make application to file a brief *Amicus Curiae* with the North Carolina Supreme Court in support of the position of the Western Conference and the J. G. Teasley faction of the Edgemont church in the litigations now on appeal to the Supreme Court from the Superior Court of Durham County, that a lawyer be employed to prepare the brief, and that his fee be paid by the Eastern Conference treasurer.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to appoint R. M. Fader, Ralph Sumner, and Ralph Taylor as the entertainment committee. The meeting was adjourned.

Examining Board Report

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met Monday, January 22, 1962, at 10:00 a.m. in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina. Prayer by Brother Adrian Grubbs, Jr.

Brother Adrian Grubbs, Jr., came before us for license to preach recommended by Long Ridge church. After having given Brother Grubbs examination we recommend that his church grant him license.

Brother W. W. Silverthorne came before us for license to preach recommended by Bethel church. After having given Brother Silverthorne examination we recommend his church grant him license.

On motion the wording of the certificate of ordination be changed to meet the demand of present day needs of our conference.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion we adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Lemmie Taylor.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at 10:00 a.m. February 19, 1962, in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina.

Prayer by Rev. A. G. Lane.

Rev. Richard Mabe came before us in order to clear certain rumors and misunderstandings. Brother Mabe stated that he had resigned as pastor of Northeast church, effective May 11, 1962, and asked to be allowed to serve until said date.

On motion we recommend to the Executive Committee that Brother Mabe's relationship with Northeast church be not interfered with provided he does not attempt to divide or pull off any part of said church and that he abide by the 1955 revision of *State of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.* On motion Brother Oliver Cook, clerk of Northeast church, be sent a copy of the above motion.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by Rev. C. B. Hansley.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, April 16, 1962.

Prayer by Rev. S. A. Smith.

Mr. Owen Arthur came before us for license recommended by Spring Hope church. On motion we recommend license be granted.

Mr. Eugene Sumner came before us for license recommended by Sandy Plain church. On motion we recommend license be granted.

Mr. Andrew Kemery Ard came before us for examination for ordination having taken the examination in South Carolina, and having passed said examination but having moved to North Carolina before being ordained. The chairman of the Ordaining Council of the South Carolina Conference requested that we ordain him. After re-examining Brother Ard we recommend that he be ordained on April 28, 1962, at 11:00 a.m. in the services of the Third Eastern Union Meeting.

Having received a letter from E. A. Mallard requesting letters of recommendation for Revs. T. O. Terry and B. G. Outland to the Coastal Association the following motion was made and carried.

Since the Coastal Association is not recognized by the State Convention as an Original Free Will Baptist organization the Eastern Conference cannot grant a letter of recommendation to any minister or church to affiliate with same until such time as it becomes a member of the State Convention.

Dismissed by Rev. Lemmie Taylor.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at 10 a.m. July 16, 1962, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina. Praver by D. W. Hansley.

Brother Ray Carmody came before us for license recommended by Rock of Zion church. After examining him we recommend that license be granted.

On motion we recommend to the Executive Committee that Leroy Cutler be excommunicated from the Eastern Conference because of having departed from the polity and or doctrine and faith and practices and customs of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by Lemmie Taylor.

A joint session of the Executive Committee and the Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met at 10 a.m. July 30, 1962.

After prayer motion made and carried that we go into Executive Session for the discussion of matters concerning our work.

Brother James Ronnie Parker of Holly Ridge, Route 1, came before us for license recommended by Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church. After examining him on motion the license be granted.

On motion J. E. Floyd, Sr., and Calvary Free Will Baptist Church be excommunicated from the Eastern Conference for having departed from the polity and/or doctrine and practices and customs of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Delegates to the North Carolina State Convention appointed as follows: S. W. McCoy, Ralph Morris, Eugene Exum, Francis Garner, W. E. Holliday, B. F. Chambers, Mrs. Lemmie Taylor, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. C. B. Hansley, E. M. Prescott and Leslie Styron.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by S. A. Smith.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met September 24, 1962, at 10 a.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina.

Prayer by C. B. Hansley.

Motion made and carried that we recommend to the Eastern Conference that it request Mount Olive College to conduct a two week's course for ministers each summer and that the conference request all ministers, both licensed and ordained, who are members of the conference to attnd.

On motion we recommend that the Eastern Conference endorse the night courses conducted by Mount Olive College.

On motion we recommend the Eastern Conference request Mount Olive College to conduct extension courses wherever deemed advisable in this state.

On motion we recommend to the Eastern Conference that the Examining Board of the Eastern Conference be authorized to meet with a combined session of all ordaining councils and/or examining boards of all the conferences belonging to the North Carolina State Convention for the purpose of setting up standards for the ministry.

On motion we recommend that all newly ordained ministers be under the supervision of an experienced minister for a period of one year. Supervising minister be appointed by the Examining Board. At the expiration of the one year period if the supervising minister and the Examining Board are satisfied with the progress made the new minister is to be given the privilege to pastor according to the rules and regulations of the Eastern Conference and the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. If sufficient progress has not been made the newly ordained minister is to remain under supervision until capable to pastor.

On motion we recommend to the Eastern Conference that it require a two-year college education by those desiring to be ordained with 12 semester hours of training in Free Will Baptist doctrine, church polity, and church administration.

On motion clerk of the Examining Board notify Brother Lee Whaley to appear before us on October 22, 1962.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by D. W. Hansley.

The Examining Board met October 22, 1962 at 9 a.m. in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina.

Prayer by Linwood Boyette.

On motion Rev. A. B. Bryan be enrolled as a member of the Eastern Conference on receipt of letter from his conference.

We recommend that the name of David Paramore be dropped from our list of ministers as he has surrendered his credentials to the Examining Board.

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Harry A. Jones of Route 6, Kinston, came before us for license recommended by British Chapel church. After examination on motion we recommend license be granted.

Rev. D. L. Whaley came before us to clear up rumors concerning his stand, whether state or national. He stated he was with the National Association. As a result of his statement the following motion was made and carried: That he surrender to us his ordination papers and that said ordination papers be declared null and void and that his name be dropped from our list of ministers.

Linwood Boyette, Pat Corbett, and Robert O'Quinn came for examination for ordination. Each having passed the examination we recommend that they be ordained Thursday, October 25, at the 11 a.m. service of the 1962 session of the Eastern Conference. Ordination service to be in charge of the chairman of the Examining Board.

J. B. Daw came for examination for license recommended by Arapahoe church. After examination on motion we recommend license be granted.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion we adjourned.

Dismissed by D. W. Hansley.

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference met in the Conference Assembly Building October 24, 1962, at 3 p.m. Rev. Jerry E. Rowe presented himself for membership in the conference, and we recommend that he be enrolled pending receipt of letter of transfer from his conference.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant came before us and cleared for work in the Eastcrn Conference. Rev. Everette E. Bryan presented himself for membership, and we recommend that he be enrolled pending receipt of letter of transfer.

Rev. P. C. Wiggs presented himself for membership, and we recommend that he be enrolled pending receipt of his letter of transfer.

Rev. Sheldon Howard asked for a letter of transfer to the Central Conference, and we recommend that the letter be granted.

On motion, the names of Frank H. Dunn, E. L. Purifoy, T. A. Hughes, Carl R. Johnson, and J. W. Long, Jr., be excommunicated from the Eastern Conference for having departed from the faith, polity, practices, customs, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

On motion, we recommend that any minister licensed or ordained who joins any conference or association affiliated with the National Association be automatically excommunicated.

No charges having been filed with us against any minister of the conference; we report them all in good standing.

On motion, Bobby Bazen be granted letter of transfer to the Central Conference.

On motion, we adjourned.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, recommend:

1. That all delegates representing churches and union meetings in this Eastern Conference and adhering to the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina be seated in this 1962 session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina with the privilege of voting and/or discussing any issue coming to the floor of said conference.

2. That all ordained ministers who are members of this Eastern Conference and adhering to the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina be seated in this 1962 session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina with the privilege of voting and/or discussing any issue coming to the floor of said conference.

3. That any person not having on an identification card and/or who has not properly registered with the Credentials Committee will not be recognized by the moderator and/or chairman of this conference.

4. That this Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina shall be composed of all general officers, members of standing boards and committees, all ordained ministers in good standing with the conference and wearing the identification card, one delegate from each church in good standing with the conference for each hundred members and/or fraction thereof and wearing the identification card, and one delegate from each Union Meeting within the bounds and/or jurisdiction of the Eastern Conference and in good standing for each 1,000 members and/or fraction thereof and wearing their identification card.

5. That this Eastern Conference is still open to any minister willing to adhere to the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and the regulations of said conference, even though his church of which he is a member and/or which he pastors and/or the Union Meeting of which he is a member has disqualified themselves. We further recommend that this conference be still open to any church and its delegates willing to adhere to the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and willing to abide by the regulations of this conference, even though the pastor or Union Meeting of which it is a member has disqualified themselves.

If this involves you as a delegate or minister, please see the Credentials Committee immediately.

Ministers Registering First Day	41
Delegates Registering First Day	108
Licensed Ministers Registering First Day	3
Visiting Ministers Registering First Day	12
Total Registering First Day	164
Ministers Registering Second Day	10

Delegates Registering Second Day Visiting Ministers Registering	13 3
Total Registering Second Day	26
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Total Ministers Registering Both Days Delegates Registering Both Days Visiting Ministers Registering Licensed Ministers Registering	51 121 15 3
Total Registering Both Days	190

Resolution Committee Report

1. Resolved: That this, the sixty-seventh annual session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, publicly declares on this the 24th day of October, 1962, that it has never been the intention of this conference to be bound or governed by the form of church government as set forth in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, nor have we ever understood that this conference was bound by the said form of church government, which is in fact the form of church government as developed and established by the Free, or Freewill, Baptists of the north (Randall Movement). It has always been the intention of this conference to abide by, be governed and bound by, and to practice the form of church government as developed and established by the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina (Palmer Movement). It has in fact been the understanding of this conference, during the entire time of our affiliation with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, that the spirit and stated principles upon which the National Association was formed, and subsequently upon the PROVISION AND CLAIM on page 39 of the National Treatise, this conference, as well as other state and district organizations, has been and is still free to continue to operate under our own established usages, customs, and practices. Therefore this conference has at all times considered and understood that it was bound and governed, and we do still consider, understand, and intend to be bound and governed by, and remain loyal to the doctrines, usages, customs, practices, rules and regulations of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina in general and the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in particular.

2. Whereas, some of our ministers have been asked to surrender their ordination papers for having departed from the faith and having failed to surrender them therefore be it resolved:

That all ministers of the Eastern Conference, in good standing, be issued a new certificate of ordination that has been revised with proper wording in keeping with regulations of the Eastern Conference and that all other certificates of ordination be declared null and void after the 1963 session (annual) of the Eastern Conference. That all ministers who are members of the Eastern Conference, in good standing, forward to the secretary of the

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Beaufort County Core Point Chapel	Mrs. Lowis Howard, Mrs. Bruan Smithwick
Dublin Grove	Mrs. Lewis Haynes, Mrs. Bryan Smithwick
Ephesus	Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Cutler
Mount Olive Union Chapel	By Letter
White Hill	Mr. and Mrs. George Hollowell
Carteret County Crab Point	Mrs. Robert Davis
Davis	Leslie Styron, Mrs. Stella Styron
Edwards Chapel	By Letter
Faith Holly Springs	T. C. Bass, Obie Turner, T. R. Bass Boy Garner, Agnes Garner, Francis Garner
Mt. Pleasant	Roy Garner, Agnes Garner, Francis Garner Mrs. John D. Brown, Mrs. Lloyd Culpepper
Otway	Mrs. Evelyn Golden
Pilgrim's Rest Russell's Creek	Gladys Lupton By Letter
Sound View	By Letter
Welcome Home Craven County	Emily Gillikin
Antioch	Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Peele
Bridgeton	S. P. Tripp, Joe Hamilton
Core Creek	Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hawkins Mr. Vance Williams, Mrs. Wilbur Herring Mr. and Mrs. L. H. White
Gethsemane	Mr. and Mrs. L. H. White
Juniper Chapel	Miss Velma Morris
Macedonia Mosley's Creek	Miss Velma Morris H. W. and I. W. Toler, W. K. Gaskins Mrs. Raymond White, Selma Griffin
New Haven	Elmo Stilley
Oak Grove Sts. Delight	Heber Barrow, Jasper Barrow Mrs. C. H. Gaskins, Mrs. M. G. Ross Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Morris,
St. Mary's	Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Morris
Spring Hope	Lannis Rowe
Vanceboro Duplin County	Mrs. Sollie Oliver
Bethlehem	Sherwood Fountain, Jerry Williams
Beulaville Cabin	L. B. Williams, Floyd Brown Roy Kennedy and Wife, Piccola Kennedy
Lanier's Chapel	Richard Picket
Long Ridge	John Kornegay
Rooty Branch	Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Chambers
Sandy Plain	Mr. and Mrs. Joll Kennedy
Sarecta Snow Hill	Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones
Warsaw	Ruben Bishop, Thomas Wallace Pearl Sutton
Jones County	
Friendship Pilgrim's Home	Harold C. Mallard, Raymond Harrison By Letter
Whaley's Chapel	Cain Taylor, Parker Taylor
Lenoir County	
British Chapel	Mrs. Harry Jones Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howard
Daly's Chapel	Doris Shiver
Deep Run Gray Branch	Mrs. Elton Harper, Mrs. Lula Taylor, Mrs. Carrie Hill Mrs. Clayton Tyndall, Mrs. Jimmy Tyndall
Kinston	Mrs. Clayton Tyndall, Mrs. Jimmy Tyndall Ed Harris, C. E. Bexton, J. T. Everett, A. Hall, M. Dai Mrs. Thelma Lee, Howard and Vertie Hill
Smith's New Home White Oak Grove	Mrs. Thelma Lee, Howard and Vertie Hill Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Herring
Onslow County	
Angola	M. O. Ottoway
Folkstone Geiger (Mission)	Leonard Hobbs, Malcome Duff By Letter
Emmanuel (Group)	B. A. Avery
Snead Ferry Verona	Georgia Brown Willie Mohn, Lester Potts
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Arapahoe	Mr. and Mrs. Will Swindell Mrs. W. W. Silverthorne, Mrs. T. R. Slade
Bethel Merritt	Mrs. W. W. Silverthorne, Mrs. T. R. Slade By Letter
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Earl Holton Mrs. H. L. Bowe *
New Bethlehem	Nina Price, Minnie Dixon
Oriental Bock of Zion	By Letter Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Mayo
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Warden's Grove	
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Examining Board all facts contained on their old certificates such as address, church membership, and date of issue of old certificate.

3. Being very familiar with the report entitled "Edgemont Church," and the action taken by the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina on January 18, 1961, relative to Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, and finding said action to be in complete accord with the usages, customs, and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, we do hereby enter the following in our official minutes as our official position relative thereto:

- 1. It is the judgment of this Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina that the action taken by the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina on January 18, 1961, wherein it recognized the J. G. Teasley Faction as the true congregation of Edgemont Original Free Will Baptist Church, was within the authority and jurisdiction of the Western Conference; and that the Western Conference did act within its authority, jurisdiction, forms, and rules in so recognizing the J. G. Teasley Faction as the true congregation on January 18, 1961.
- 2. It is further the judgment of this Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina that the Western Conference not only had the right to take the action it did on January 18, 1961, but that it also had a duty, in view of the findings of facts and the usages, customs, and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and the Western Conference, to take such action.
- 3. We further instruct the Executive Committee of this Eastern Conference to make application to file a brief *Amicus Curiae* with the North Carolina State Supreme Court in support of the position of the Western Conference and the J. G. Teasley Faction of Edgemont in the litigations now on appeal to the Supreme Court from the Superior Court of Durham County.
- 4. We further instruct the Executive Committee of this Eastern Conference to furnish any necessary affidavits, briefs, or statements, properly giving verification to any previous action or expression by this Eastern Conference in support of the Western Conference and the J. G. Teasley Faction of Edgemont relative to any litigation now pending which is related to the Edgemont dispute and Ronald Creech.

4. Whereas, the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina has suffered through the years by invasion of other denominations; forces, doctrines and church polities contrary to what the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina believe, and whereas, the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina have found it necessary to withdraw from the National Association, because it has been invaded by individuals who are not true Original Free Will Baptists;

Vy acreas, because of these past experiences, we should be cautious of any further invasions and should elect only men and women to office and members of boards in the State Convention, conferences, and union meetings who are known to be members of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination in good standing with his or her local church, conference, State Convention, and who subscribe to the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original , Free Will Baptists of North Carolina;

Whereas, on September 13, 1962, during the regular annual session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, a report from Mount Olive College offered a recommendation that two members of the Board of Directors be elected from the locality in which the college resides and who are not members of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination; and, whereas, this action has caused some embarrassment and mistrust among some of the most ardent supporters of the college; and, whereas, if this action is followed through in the future it could cause the same experience to the denomination as that which happened in the past by allowing outsiders to help set policies for one of our main educational institutions.

Therefore, be it resolved: That this Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina during this regular session October 24 and 25, 1962, protest this action and ask that the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, together with the Board of Directors and the president of the college, hold this matter in obeyance until each conference belonging to the State Convention is allowed to express itself by vote.

5. Whereas, It is observed that during recent months many absolutely false, misleading, and deceiving reports and items of information relative to Original Free Will Baptist institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals, including those of the Eastern Conference and those endorsed and supported by the Eastern Conference, have been circulated through the United States mail and otherwise, and,

Whereas, We have reasons to believe that at least a part of the above constitutes criminal action and the illegal use of the United States mail for the purpose of fraud, in that there appears to have been the willful intent to deprive the above-mentioned institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals of their good name and reputation and the confidence of those to whom knowledge of the false, misleading, and deceiving reports and items of information have come, and,

Whereas, It appears to us that the above publication and circulation constitutes criminal action and illegal use of the United States mail for the purpose of fraud in that there appears to have been present the intent to use deception, deceit, trickery, artifice, and the intentional perversion of truth and fact in efforts to induce the readers and those to whom knowledge of such publications should come to believe that the institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals mentioned above are not worthy of their good name and reputation and the confidence of the public, thereby depriving said institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals of their civil and constitutional rights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- 1. That the officers and Executive Committee of this Eastern Conference be, and are hereby, authorized and instructed to join with other organizations, institutions, programs and/or individuals which may be involved, interested, or have a mutual interest, in calling upon proper authorities to fully investigate these matters and things,
- 2. That the officers and Executive Committee of this Eastern Conference be, and are hereby, authorized and instructed to furnish any information and/or evidence that may be in their possession or the possession of this Eastern Conference which would be useful in the investigation called for above.

6. Be it resolved that this conference urge all candidates for the ministry to get at least two years of college training. Be it further resolved that those who cannot conveniently take regular college training be strongly urged and encouraged to take advantage of the courses offered in the Palmer Institute of Mount Olive College.

Allocation Committee Report

 Minutes Superannuation State Missions Eastern Conference Missions Cragmont Mount Olive College Children's Home Clerk Treasurer 	\$200.00 50.00 25.00 25.00 100.00 100.00 60.00 30.00
7. Treasurer Total	\$615.00

DIGEST REPORT

Number Counties	9
Number Churches by delegate 62, by letter 7, 7	Fotal 69
Received by Baptism	271
Received by Letter	139
Died	83
Transferred	208
Excommunicated	14
Total Membership	8,920
Value of Church Property	\$1,462,726.12
Combined Pastors' Salaries	\$99,405.16
Average Pastor's Salary Paid by Churches	\$1,461.84
Sent to All Denominational Enterprises	\$36,506.40
Total Raised by All Departments of Churches	\$244,886.18
Sent to Conference	\$1,022.06
Sent for Mount Olive College	\$5.00

Andrew Hill, Chairman Albert Keech Bruce Dudley We, the Nominating Committee recommend the following:

Board of Missions to replace the Rev. C. B. Hansley, Rev. J. B. Starnes. Credential Committee to replace the Rev. D. W. Hansley, Rev. Shel-

- don Howard, Rev. Virgil Day, Rev. O. B. Everette.

A. Graham Lane J. R. Davenport Clifton Styron

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Because of the general laxity of many of our people in relation to the following:

1. The general worldly attitude which has crept into the membership of our churches.

2. The general laxity of many of our people concerning the type and contents of literature and advertising which our people are exposed to.

3. The idea of prosclyting of many of our congregations which choose to remain loyal to stewardship responsibility as accepted by the Original Free Will Baptist Church.

4. The accepted philosophy of some of the so-called religious organizations that alcoholic beverages are becoming accepted in society, and that we take note and condemn the slogan of the liquor industry which seeks to put alcoholic beverages in every home.

5. That many of our people have accepted or become soft or silent on the teaching that worldliness and laxity of living is not detrimental to the Christian testimony.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That our ministers be encouraged to speak out boldly against all things which tend to lessen or destroy the Christian faith.

2. That we encourage our church leaders, Sunday school teachers, and auxiliaries to faithfully encourage restraint and conservative living in all things which tend to influence the church towards worldliness.

3. That our people be encouraged and taught to be temperate in all things.

4. We therefore recommend that the clerk of this conference write to the broadcasting company officials, our representatives, and congressman voicing our strong protest against commercial advertising of products which are detrimental to moral and Christian living.

Report of Memorial Committee

We find that we have lost by death one of our brother ministers, the Rev. Danny Jenkins. We, therefore, acknowledge our loss and pray that we may be reconciled to the will of our heavenly Father in calling him to his reward. We request that at this moment we stand and commit ourselves to the will of God who does all things well, and after a moment of silent prayer that the Rev. L. L. Parker close the prayer.

J. C. Griffin, *Chairman* Lloyd Vernon O. B. Everette

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grand Total on Hand, To Be Accounted for

\$1,705.45

Disbursements

2. 3.	Free Will Baptist Press, Bibles Rev. S. A. Smith, Expenses Rev. David Hansley, Expenses	\$	$17.51 \\ 100.00 \\ 75.00 \\ 50.00$	
5. 6.	Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Expenses Rev. Lemmie Taylor, Expenses Rev. Clifton Rice, Expenses Rev. Melvin Everington, Expenses		45.00 50.00 24.00	
8. 9.	Clerk Fee \$60, Expenses \$65 Treasurer Fee \$30, Expenses \$50 Superannuation, State Use		125.00 80.00 50.00	
11. 12.	Children's Home Offering \$142.53, Allocation \$100 Mount Olive College Offering \$159.71, Allocation \$100, J. W. Alford Fund \$85		242.53 344. <u>71</u>	
14. 15.	Free Will Baptist Press, Identification Cards Rev. R. H. Jackson, State Missions Rev. Graham Lane, Conference Missions Fountain Taylor, Cragmont		8.76 25.00 25.00 25.00	
17. 18.	Robert D. Wheeler, Attorney at Law Free Will Baptist Press, Minutes Free Will Baptist Press, Bibles		100.00 278.10 30.23	
	Total Disbursed		\$1	,696.84
	Total in Treasury Received Today for Allocations Children's Home Offering Mount Olive College Offering	\$1	\$,022.06 156.96 82.48	8.61

Grand Total

Respectfully submitted, this 25th day of October, 1962.

H. M. Mallard, Treasurer

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SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Sunday School Committee, respectfully recommend the following:

1. That since there has been so much trouble with doctrine, which is foreign to Original Free Will Baptists, that our pastors assume the responsibility of training our Sunday school teachers. Materials are available at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

2. That our Sunday schools give more time in the Sunday school hour

for the study of the Word of God and that less be taken for the discussion of business.

3. That our educational institutions supported by our State Conven-. tion be constantly placed before our Sunday school students in the classrooms.

4. That the Sunday school teachers impress all students of the Sunday school to attend the worship services of the church.

5. That we enlarge the effort to win each student to the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted, Alexander J. Lyczkowski H. W. Armstrong, Jr. Francis Garner

REPORT OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, INC.

We had a wonderful session this year. Our camps were well attended as shown by the reports of the different departments, Ministers' Conference, the Sunday School, the League, the Woman's Auxiliary, and Family Week.

We had a total of 770 paying guest and about 300 that visited briefly, making a total of over 1,000 people.

Total Received this Year Total Paid Out	\$14,394.95 10,767.79
	\$ 3,627.16 Fountain Taylor Acting Chairman
	Fountain Taylor, Acting Chairman

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION REPORT

Greetings:

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Eastern Conference for the year 1961-1962.

1. We now have 14 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks, of this number (2) are from your conference.

2. We have 19 minister's widows who receive regular monthly pension checks, of this number (5) are from your conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

Churches	\$1,225.15
Sunday Schools	293.08
Auxiliaries	22.00
Leagues	32.87
Individuals	12.50
Union Meetings	126.00
Conference Total	$\frac{150.00}{\$1,861.60}$

4. The budget for 1962-1963 is 20,000.00 based on 50ϕ per member of the churches of this state.

5. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

6. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

Respectfully submitted, Walter Reynolds

Conference Mission Board Report		
Received from General Fund, 1961-1962	\$	523.80
Received from Loan Retirement, 1961-1962		377.08
Total Received On Hand Last Conference	\$	900.88 223.06
On Hand Last Conteicher		
Total to Account For	\$1	,123.94
Paid Out: Wilmington Mission Travel, Board Expense, Promotion and Postage		
Total Paid Out		681.59
Balance on Hand	\$	442.35
A. Graham Lar	ne, Treasure	er

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MINUTES OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

CONVENING WITH

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF KINSTON, N. C. MARCH 22, 1962

The semi-annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston. The theme for the day was "Arise, Go Forth!" (Ezekiel 3:22).

The meeting was called to order and presided over by the president, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, who expressed the sentiments of all present concerning the loss of our dear sister and the organizer of our Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Alice Lupton (deceased). After a moment of silent prayer paying tribute to her memory, we were then led in prayer by the Rev. Henry Melvin. After congregational singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the president welcomed everyone present.

Devotional was brought by Mrs. Carol Hansley. Scripture reading, Ezckiel 3:22, was followed with her remarks on the theme that we "arise and go forth through love, knowledge, good leadership, and by putting on the whole armor of God."

Officers, delegates, and visitors were extended a very warm welcome by Mrs. Charles Lancaster.

Response was given by Mrs. Roy Hill.

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The president welcomed and recognized each of the five ministers present. Mrs. J. C. Moye, state president, and Mrs. H. L. Spivey, state pin awards chairman, were recognized. Each expressed their delight in being with us.

Mrs. Griffin, president, brought for her message a letter of interest to the convention members from the missionaries that we are supporting, the Tommy Willey, Junior, family. She also urged the delegates to take back a good report to their local auxiliary.

"Arise, Go forth in the Children's Home Work," was the subject used by Rev. Wilbert Everton, superintendent of the Home. He mentioned a few of the needs at the Home. Two of these are an electric mixer and a double oven (baker) for the kitchen. This will be a recommended project for the state. Mr. Everton sincerely thanked everyone for her support of the Home and expressed his gratification for everything and asked for continued prayers and support. An offering was received for the home. Amount, \$95.60. Offertory prayer by Rev. A. J. Lyczkowski.

A Forum: "Arise, Go Forth" in Enlistment; Youth; Program Prayer; Study Course; Children's Home; Benevolence; and Field Work. The officers of the various departments of their work gave the yearly report at this time. (See Reports.) A prayer of consecration and dedication of the officers to their duties in this work by Mrs. J. C. Move, state president. Declamations were given by the G.T.A. and Y.P.A. contest winners. They were: Miss Brenda Jenkins, G.T.A. Winner; Miss Karen Hancock, Y.P.A. Winner (both from St. Mary's Church in New Bern, N. C.)

Essay Winners were: Miss Jo Ann Bryan, G.T.A. Winner, Kinston Church; Miss Anna Lynn Gaskins, Y.P.A. Winner, St. Mary's Church, New Bern.

Special prayer for our youth by Mrs. W. J. Gaskins.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, state president, reported that contributions were coming in slowly for our state Alaskan Mission project this year, and asked us to help do our part; she also urged us to help support the needs at Cragmont and the state work in general. We were reminded to send a \$5.00 contribution from local auxiliaries to the state convention.

Committees were appointed.

We adjourned for lunch with grace and benediction by the Rev. H. M. Minchew.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order and opened by congregational singing, "Send the Light." Devotional was brought by Mrs. Hazel Mason. Scripture reading: Mark 13:10; Mark 16:15; Proverbs 11:30; Luke 10:2; John 4:35; Isaiah 6:8. Prayer by the Rev. Ralph Lightsey.

Next we entered into reports from denominational enterprises.

The Rev. A. B. Bryan (proxy for the Rev. R. H. Jackson) brought greetings from the mission field. He asked for continued support of this great work and to pray for God's guidance through it all.

Special music, a duet, "Just Where He leads Me I Will Go," was rendered by ladies of the host church.

The Rev. Ralph Lightsey brought greetings from Mount Olive College and reported that this is the greatest year the school has seen and that it continues to move on in progress. He expressed his gratitude for all that had been done and said that he was looking for continued support. Mrs. S. A. Smith made a motion, which was seconded and carried, that we receive an offering at this time for the college. Amount received, \$45.00.

Our president urged all who could to attend the Woman's Conference at Cragmont this summer.

Mrs. Bruce Barrow from the Free Will Baptist Press reported that the yearbook of programs for woman's auxiliaries was off the press and being mailed out. The president urged members to subscribe to the Free Will Baptist paper. Mrs. David Hansley made a motion, which was seconded and carried, that we send a card of appreciation to the press for the help they have given us in getting out our yearbook of programs.

We entered into the business session. Mrs. Rom Mallard, treasurer, gave her report; and by motion and vote it was accepted. (See Reports.)

The secretary read the minutes of the executive committee meeting; and a motion was made by Mrs. Carl Bell that we accept these. This motion was seconded and carried. Y.P.A.'s that are not using our Y.P.A. material are asked to order recommended books from the press; also they would do well to supplement their material with the book 30 Programs for Young ., People.

Committee reports were given, and by motion and vote were accepted. (See Reports.)

Mrs. J. Blizzard made a motion that this convention give \$55.00 to Mount Olive College; \$25.00 to Cragmont Assembly; and \$50.00 to the Children's Home on the electric mixer.

Delegates were appointed to the various conventions, to attend either in person or by letter. Mrs. Pearl Sutton volunteered to serve as a delegate to the state convention in May.

The meeting was closed with members singing "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again," with a prayer in their hearts that we be of one mind and one spirit.

We adjourned with benediction by Mrs. Norman Ard.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President

Mrs. Nelson Simpson, Recording Secretary

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 22, 1962

Balance Received Later for Convention	\$ 19.04 15.00
Received for Willev Fund (Salary) Special Gift for Willeys, Jr.	\$ 34.04 \$780.00 175.00
Disbursements	\$989.53
Executive Board Expense\$ 32.98To State Treasurer for Willeys' Salary765.00To Willeys (Special)175.00	
	972.98
Balance in Bank, March 1, 1962 Mrs. Rom Mallard, Tree	\$ 16.55 isurer
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MARCH 22, 1962	
Received for This Convention Offering for Children's Home Mount Olive College Lunch for \$1,000.00 Club, Mount Olive Junior College Arapahoe Auxiliary \$1,000.00 Club, Mount Olive Junior College Balance Brought Forward	\$503.62 95.00 45.00 124.00 25.00 1.06
	\$794.28

Disputsements	
Children's Home Offering	\$ 95.60
Paid on \$1,000 Club	124.00
From Arapahoe Woman's Auxiliary	25.00
State Dues	91.43
National Dues	91.43
District Dues	91.43
Adopted Child's Clothing	45.00
Adopted Child's Birthday	5.00
Funeral Design for Mrs. Alice Lupton	10.30
Secretary	20.00
Assistant Secretary	10.00
Secretary Expense	5.76
To Mount Olive College	45.00
State Convention Fee	5.00
Total Paid Out	<u></u>

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Balance on Hand

Finance Committee: Mrs. Al Lyczkowski Mrs. J. J. Blizzard Miss Velma Morris Mrs. Rom Mallard

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There were 169 report blanks mailed out with 121 reporting. Three auxiliaries reported A-1 standard. They were as follows: Jacksonville Auxiliary, St. Mary's, and Davis. Ten reported Grade B and 4 Grade C. Twentysix cards, 11 letters, 2 sympathy cards, and 1 get well card were sent. Also information concerning auxiliary work whenever requested. Attended two executive meetings and two district conventions and prepared minutes for these; also attended two district workshops and taught classes at these.

> Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Nelson Simpson Recording Secretary

Report of Resolutions Committee

Be it resolved this day: (1) That the women of the Eastern District Auxiliary Convention "arise, to go forth" and to do the Master's will in *all* the areas of their Christian life. (2) That this convention stand by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists as it seeks to set up a complete program of work to promote the cause of Christ throughout the whole world.

> Respectfully submitted, Mrs. T. O. Terry Mrs. Carol Hansley Mrs. E. M. Prescott

Petition Committee

The Petition Committee wishes to report that one auxiliary asked for the convention to meet with them in September. This was Macedonia 'Auxiliary at Ernul, N. C.

> Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Carl Bell Mrs. Arthur Kennedy Mrs. Ellis Banks

Courtesy Committee

We, the Courtesy Committee, want to take this opportunity to thank the members of this church for their very warm welcome and the fine hospitality that has been shown to this convention throughout the day, for the delicious lunch, and for the Jaycees making it possible for us to eat in their heated building. We thank Mrs. Rider for the lovely flowers in our district colors of red, white, and blue, which were given in behalf of our denomination. For all who had a part on the program or helped in any way to make this day a success, we will always remain grateful.

A motion was made that this convention give a rising vote of thanks to this church for their wonderful hospitality that has been extended to us today.

> Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Viola White Mrs. Walter Sutton Mrs. Hilda Tyndall

REPORTS OF CHAIRMEN

I. Enlistment Department:

(1) Enrollment at beginning of year, 1,138; present enrollment 1,174; number lost, 69; average attendance, 663. (1) Number making contacts to enlist new members, 375; bring back absentees, 219.

Miss Velma Morris

II. Youth Department:

(1) Number members in youth organizations: G.T.A. 326; Y.P.A. 309; B.A. 34; F.W.B.L. 684. (2) Participation in declamation contest, 11; essay contest, 5. (3) Do you have a church library? 10. (4) Did you have vacation Bible school? 40. (5) Number college students helped, 17. (6) Number young people helped to go to Cragmont Youth Conference, 12.

I attended seven Y.P.A. or G.T.A. meetings; held two workshops on the work; organized five Y.P.A.'s and two G.T.A.'s. The Eastern District Youth Fellowship meeting was a great success.

Mrs. David Hansley

III. Study Course Department:

(1) Courses Conducted Missions Average Attendance 223

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Stewardship	15	220
Guidebook or Manual	16	261
Evangelism	9	112
Prayer	13	216

(2) Reading Circle, 26; Number daily Bible readers, 409.

Mrs. Rivers Winstead

IV. Program-Prayer Department:

(1) Number special programs, 51; (2) number weeks of prayer, 58; (3) number family altars, 160; (4) number members of North Carolina prayer band, 13; (5) number observing WNAC prayer fellowship, 28; (6) number subscribing to Free Will Baptist papers: The Free Will Baptist, 453; Contact, 71; Cragmont Courier, 13; Young People's Friend, 7.

Mrs. D. W. Hancock

V. Children's Home Department:

Contributions to Children's Home: Clothing, \$757.10; commodities, \$185.03; equipment, \$251,02; number coupons, 9,162; Do you clothe a child? 16.

Mrs. S. A. Smith

VI. Benevolence Work:

(1) Number sending cards to superannuated ministers or widows, 160; (2) number making soul winning efforts: contacts, 165; attending cottage prayer meetings, 201; (3) number making personal service efforts: visited sick, 688; gave garments, trays, baskets or flowers to church, shut-ins or needy persons, 705; gave to: Red Cross, 213; Community Chest, 42; other projects, 231; (4) given Bibles, 23; given tracts, 57.

Mrs. Woodrow McCoy

VII. Publicity Work:

(1) Number articles written for publication, 98; (2) other publicity work done, 24.

VIII. Personal gifts contributed through channels other than Woman's Auxiliary:

Home missions, \$425.48; foreign missions, \$444.40; Mount Olive College, \$1,404.05; Bible College (Nashville), \$60.60; Children's Home, \$830.01; Cragmont Assembly, \$100.00; superannuation, \$32.16.

IX. Stewardship of Possessions:

Number members contributing to missions, 531; number members tithing at beginning of year, 190; number tithers gained as result of stewardship study course, 16; number new tithers this year, 18; present number of tithers, 186.

MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

CONVENING WITH

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MACEDONIA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ERNUL, N. C. SEPTEMBER 20, 1962

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention held its semiannual session, September 20, 1962, at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, North Carolina. The theme for the day was "Unity in Christ" (Romans 12:5).

The meeting was called to order by congregational singing of "The Church's One Foundation," with music being directed by Mrs. W. S. Burns.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Reginald Styron. Her subject was "Fruits of Unity in Christ." Scripture reading: Proverbs 15:33; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5. Mrs. Styron brought inspirational thoughts on the importance of being united. She used a display of fruit in a basket, with some fruit on the outside, to bring out her subject effectively.

A very warm welcome was given to everyone present by Mrs. Arthur Whitford. Response by Mrs. Bertha Thompson.

Recognition of ministers (12 present), officers, and delegates by the vice-president, Mrs. M. L. Johnson who presided due to absence of the president, Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

State officers were recognized. They were Mrs. J. C. Moye, president; Mrs. Carl Dudley, field worker; Mrs. H. L. Spivey, pin award chairman; and Mrs. D. W. Hansley, youth chairman. Each expressed delight in being present.

A short business session was held. Minutes of the executive committee meeting were read, and a motion was made by Mrs. Rom Mallard, seconded by Mrs. Clyde Banks, to accept them. Miss Velma Morris was re-elected for another two years to serve on the Finance Committee. Mrs. Helen Adkins was appointed by the president to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. J. K. Rhodes, who resigned as field worker. The convention passed a resolution concerning our mission work: First, Be it resolved that we support no missionary that is not lined up with the missionary endeavor of the original Free Will Baptist State Mission Board of North Carolina. Second, And be it further resolved that we cooperate to the fullest extent with our North Carolina State Mission Board. Mrs. W. J. Gaskins and Mrs. D. W. Hansley were elected to receive Life Membership Awards.

The convention also voted to endorse "Notes and Quotes" by Elder J. C. Griffin, a weekly article published in the Free Will Baptist paper.

Mrs. S. A. Smith, Children's Home chairman, spoke briefly on "Unity in Christ" as we promote the Children's Home. She presented the Rev. M. L. Johnson, superintendent of the Children's Home, who in turn expressed his deepest appreciation for all that had been done for the home. He reported that 504 children had been served at the home since it first opened. Mr. Johnson stated that the dormitories were in need of some repairs and that painting needed to be done. An offering was received for the home. Amount \$105.00. Offertory prayer by Dr. Burkette Raper.

Committees were appointed at this time.

Dr. Burkette Raper spoke on "Unity in Christ as We Promote Mount Olive Junior College." Scripture reading: Ephesians 4. We should think of the college in terms of its service to our children, churches, auxiliaries and our conventions in the state. An offering of \$71.60 was received for the college. Offertory prayer by the Rev. James E. Howard.

Miss Winnifred Averette, student at Mount Olive College and a missionary candidate, gave her testimony very forcefully.

The convention message was brought by Dr. Roy O'Donnell who spoke on "Christian Service." Scripture taken from Deuteronomy 2:12 and John 12:26. Inspirational and impressive remarks were given. He stated that those who love the deepest will render the greatest service.

We adjourned for lunch. Grace and benediction were given by the Rev. Carol Hansley.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing, "The Light of the World is Jesus." An impressive memorial service for deceased members during the past year with special tribute to Mrs. Alice E. Lupton (mother of the Woman's Auxiliary) was given by Mrs. W. J. Gaskins. Deceased members were as follows:

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, St. Mary's Church

Mrs. Ruby Stilley, St. Delight Church

Mrs. Martha Chapman, St. Delight Church

Mrs. Sadie Willis, Davis Church

Mrs. Clarissa Brock Jones, Sarecta Church

Mrs. Mary Heaty, British Chapel Church

Mrs. Mollie Norman, Smyrna Church

Mrs. Francis Price, New Bethlehem Church, Pamlico County

Mrs. Belma Griffin, Faith Church

Mrs. Sula Heath, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston

Mrs. Clyde Banks presented Life Membership Awards to Mrs. W. J. Gaskins and Mrs. D. W. Hansley. Each expressed their deepest appreciation for these awards.

We entered into reports of denominational enterprises. The Rev. C. L. Patrick, president of the State Convention, spoke briefly on the convention work.

Mrs. N. B. Barrow, representing the Free Will Baptist Press, urged everyone to use the press material and to subscribe to the Free Will Baptist paper. A letter was read from the Rev. Walter Reynolds, chairman-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation. Mrs. Rivers Winstead gave names of three candidates for missionaries. They are Misses Phoebe Cherry, Winnifred Averette, and Barbara Beeton.

Mrs. Carl Dudley, state field worker, brought information concerning our state work. She reported a complete turnover in the work. There is a change in our weeks of prayer service offerings (a) pre-Easter—offering for North Carolina Missions, (b) pre-Thanksgiving—offering for Children's Home, (c) pre-Christmas—offering for Mount Olive College expansion. The state project for the year is the purchase of a metal building for the State Mission Board. This district is to give \$400.00 on this.

The literature program:

(a) 1963 Devotion (yearbook of programs) will be available.

(b) A new manual for North Carolina Auxiliaries.

(c) A new chart of Standards of Achievement.

(d) Individual report blanks condensed.

There will be a new name for Co-Laborer Band offering. Designation of funds and name to be announced later.

Mrs. David Hansley, state youth chairman, stated that YPA's and GTA's name would be changed. Many changes are being made concerning the work.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, state president, expressed her appreciation for the work that the auxiliaries had been doing, and asked for continued monthly support for our projects. Mrs. Moye presented a special state project for Mount Olive College, which is the purchase of a concert grand piano.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey urged members to buy the auxiliary pins.

We entered into the business session. The treasurer's report was given and by vote it was accepted (see reports). The secretary stated that 53 auxiliaries reported to this convention with 15 striving to be A-1 Standard.

Committee reports were given (see Reports). Mrs. S. A. Smith made motion to accept these; it was seconded by Mrs. Rivers Winstead, and by motion and vote they were accepted. The entire convention voted in favor of the Resolution Committee Report.

Delegates were appointed to attend the various conventions.

Elder J. C. Griffin thanked this convention for endorsing "Notes and Quotes" as recommended by the Executive Committee.

The convention, by standing vote, expressed its appreciation to Elder J. C. Griffin, others, and the Free Will Baptist Press, for the informational service they rendered to Original Free Will Baptists in the recent denominational crisis.

Special music, "God's Tomorrow," was rendered by Mrs. J. C. Moye.

A motion was made and passed on that these minutes be read and approved by the Executive Committee.

We adjourned with prayer by Elder J. C. Griffin.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Vice-President

Mrs. Nelson Simpson, Recording Secretary

PETITION COMMITTEE

The next convention will convene with Long Ridge Church near Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Willie Stilley Mrs. Ella Barnes Mrs. John Taylor

COURTESY COMMITTEE

We, the auxiliaries of this convention, extend to this church our sincere thanks for their kind hospitality, the beautiful flowers, and the bountiful lunch by a rising vote of thanks. We would like to give our thanks to Mrs. Styron for the wonderful devotion and also to the officers of this convention for their untiring efforts in making this convention a wonderful success. May we continue to work together in unity for our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Calvin Mercer Mrs. Elbert Prescott Mrs. Nora Gautier

Resolution Committee

Be it Resolved:

That the Eastern Auxiliary Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, adopt as a special missionary project the providing of scholarships at Mount Olive College for Original Free Will Baptist students preparing for both home and foreign missions and the ministry and students from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex. That this fund be known as "The Alice E. Lupton Scholarship Fund" and that the administration of these scholarships be delegated to Mount Olive College in keeping with the established policies of the college.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Pearl Sutton Mrs. Mildred Rouse Mrs. Jack Nobles

Woman's Eastern Auxiliary Treasurer's Report	
March to September, 1962	
Macedonia Church, Craven County	¢ 00 74
Balance from March 1962 Convention Received for the Willey Fund	\$ 80.26 371.00
Total Balance	\$451.26
Disbursements	
The Willey Fund\$371.00Executive Board Expense24.30	
Paid Out	395.30
Convention Money Received for Missions Since July 1962 and not Sent	\$ 55.96 65.55
Total Balance, September 1, 1962	\$121.51
Mrs. Rom Mallard, Trea	surer
Finance Committee Report for September 20, 1962	
Receipts Today Offering for Children's Home Offering for Mount Olive College Lunch Offering for \$1,000 Club	\$210.50 105.00 71.60 80.05
	\$467.15
Balance on Hand	55.96
	\$523.11
Disbursements	
Children's Home\$105.00Thousand Dollar Club80.05Secretary Expense4.35Mount Olive College71.60Children's Clothing50.00Christmas Gift10.00Birthday Gift5.00Minutes92.70Secretary Salary20.00Recording Secretary10.00Pins5.41	
	454.11
Balance Spending Money for Child	\$ 69.00 4.00
Left on Hand	\$ 65.00

Life Membership Pin

Balance

By the Finance Committee, Mrs. Rom Mallard Mrs. J. J. Blizzard Mrs. Al Lyczkowski Miss Velma Morris

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