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GENERAL OFFICERS

Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Moderator Glennville, Ga.
 Rev. J. B. Lovering, Assistant Moderator Colquitt, Ga.
 Ernest J. Barker, Clerk Rochelle, Ga.
 Rev. H. J. Kelly, Assistant Clerk Columbus, Ga.
 Rev. E. C. Morris, Promotional Sec. - Treas., P. O. Box 553, Tifton, Ga.

BOARD CHAIRMEN

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Rev. S. T. Shutes,
 Colquitt, Ga.

BOARD OF MISSIONS—

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION—Rev. H. J. Kelly, Columbus, Ga.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—Rev. T. G. Hamilton Glennville, Ga.

BOARD MEMBERS AND THEIR TIME OF EXPIRATION

BOARD OF MISSIONS—Rev. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga., 1955; G. W. Cloud, 1167 Wolfe Ave., Jacksonville, Fla., 1955; Rev. H. L. Knighton, 1911 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala., 1957; Rev. Manse Cason, Seville, Ga., 1957; W. N. Wilson, Pearson, Ga., 1957; Rev. B. W. Clenney, Colquitt, Ga., 1955; Walter Sloan, Moultrie Ga., 1955.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—G. C. King, Sylvester, Ga., 1957; Idus Goocher, 1957; C. J. Faison, Hartsfield, Ga., 1957; Rev. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga., 1957; Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Rochelle, Ga., 1955; E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga., 1955; Rev. J. D. Little, Kirkland, Ga., 1955.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—Rev. L. S. Anthony, Thomaston, Ga., 1957; Curtis Gay, Hartsfield, Ga., 1957; Rev. Riley Giddins, Ray City, Ga., 1957; Ernest J. Barker, Rochelle, Ga., 1957; Oscar Brunson, Colquitt, Ga., 1955; W. B. Griffin, Leary, Ga., 1955; H. N. Baxter, Glennville, Ga., 1955.

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION—Rev. H. L. Kelly, Columbus, Ga., 1957; C. F. Martin, Rochelle, Ga., 1955; Rev. A. L. Sellers, 1008 West Lafayette St., Quitman, Ga., 1957; L. E. Wynn, Alapaha, Ga., 1957; W. B. Knight, 1957; R. B. Pyle, Hilton, Ga., 1955; W. E. Lane, Iron City, Ga., 1955.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—Consists of all General Officers and the Chairman of each standing board.

CAMP COMMITTEE—G. C. King, 1957; Rev. T. B. Mellette, 1957; A. D. Ivey, 1955; Mrs. Sallie Woodard, 1957; Mrs. K. V. Shutes, 1955.

BUILDING COMMITTEE—G. C. King, C. J. Faison; Rev. J. D. Little; ————Fincher; Ernest J. Barker.

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches convened with Thomaston Church, Thomaston, Ga., on Tuesday evening November 10, 1953, in her 17th annual session. Song Service conducted by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder. Devotional by Rev. H. J. Kelly, reading from Matthew 11:28-30, using 29th verse for theme (Humility). Song, "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Rev. Manse Cason. The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. Louis H. Moulton, reading Mark 16:17-18. The message was very timely and enlightening. Prayer by Bro. Moulton. The Moderator then declared the body in order for a short business session. Moderator appointed Credentials Committee as follows: Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Chm.; Rev. H. J. Kelly, Rev. Neal H. Parrish.

Committee on Committees—Rev. J. B. Lovering, Chm.; Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Rev. Manse Cason.

Delegates and visitors were assigned places to stay by host pastor. Dismissed by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song service conducted by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder. Prayer by W. R. Lawhorne. Devotional by Rev. Emmett McDuffie, reading from John 17. Theme, "Glorify Thy Father".

Moderator made a report, naming some of the progress that had been made in the State work, also expressed to all his appreciation for the cooperation that had been given him during his tenure of four years as Moderator.

Report of Committee on Committees called for by Moderator. Report read. (See report.) Motion that report be accepted and Committee released.

Words of Welcome were extended to all by Mayor of Thomaston, a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Thomaston, Marvin Adams, a member of City council, and Rev. Oliver, Pastor of Methodist Church and Chairman of Ministerial Association.

Response to words of welcome was given by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention was given by Mrs. Edith Shiver, President. Song service conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes. A worshipful offering was taken for the Unified Program. Special music was arranged by Rev. S. T. Shutes. The morning message was brought by Rev. Raymond Riggs, reading Acts 13:42, "Missions" being the theme of his message.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song service conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Devotional by Rev. Lamar Parrish. Moderator called for report of Credentials Committee. A partial report was given, (See report.) Motion that report be accepted and delegates seated. Report of Christian Education called for. Report read. Motion that report be accepted, releasing Committee. (See report.)

Rev. K. V. Shutes, a member of College board of Trustees, extended greetings from the college, also made a report relative to the growth and conditions of the Bible College. Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Mrs. T. G. Hamilton and Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Bible College students, also spoke of the College.

Rev. E. C. Morris, State Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, made his annual report. Motion that report be received. (See report.) Motion that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Bro. Morris for his great work as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer.

Greetings from the National Association were extended by Rev. Damon C. Dodd. Telegram from Dr. L. C. Johnson, President Bible College, was read, expressing his regrets not being able to attend this session. Dr. Johnson's idea and plan for raising funds to liquidate the indebtedness of the College was given to the body.

All ministers present gave a rising vote of thanks to all laymen of the state for their support of the Unified Program.

Report of Superannuation Board was read. Motion that report be accepted. (See report.)

Report of Mission Board read. Motion that report be accepted.

(See report.) Motion that regular order of business be suspended and that report of Nominating Committee be heard. Report read. (See report.) Motion that report be received and tabled until regular order of business Thursday morning.

Report of Camp Committee was read. Motion that report be received. (See report.) A rising vote of thanks was given the Camp Committee for the work accomplished by them.

Report of Committee on study of revising Constitution was read. Motion that report be received and tabled until Thursday. (See report.) Dismissed by Rev. B. W. Clenney.

THURSDAY MORNING

Song service conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Devotion by Rev. W. S. Driggers, reading Psalms 23. The message was interesting and inspiring. Greetings were extended by Rev. A. J. Lambert, Moderator Alabama State Association.

Report of Board of Trustees was read and received. (See report.)

Final report of Credential Committee was read. Motion that report be accepted and Committee released. (See report.) Report of Resolutions Committee was read. Motion that report be accepted and Committee released, provided it is amended to provide for a rising vote of thanks to the Chattahoochee Association and the City of Thomaston for the great hospitality during this session, and further that we have 1500 copies of minutes printed and the Clerk and Moderator be paid an honorary fee of \$25.00 and \$15.00 respectively. Motion that clerk and Moderator be paid \$25.00 and \$15.00 respectively for all future sessions, unless otherwise established by this body.

Report of Temperance Committee read. Motion that report be accepted and release Committee. (See report.)

Constitutional Committee re-read report relative to proposed changes of Article IV, Section 5. Motion that proposed change be adopted. Report of Auditors was made. Motion that report be accepted. (See report.) Motion that Rev. I. J. Blackwelder and Rev. S. T. Shutes be elected as Auditing Committee.

Motion that we adopt a plan of taking an offering on each Fifth Sunday, or at least an offering once a year, of one dollar (\$1.00) per member for the purpose of cooperating with the Home Mission Board in the expansion program.

Motion that the body proceed to elect officers and election be by acclamation. All officers as nominated by Nominating Committee, except Assistant Clerk, were elected. Rev. H. J. Kelly was nominated from floor for Assistant Clerk and was elected. All Board Members as nominated by Nominating Committee were elected.

Motion that this body endorse the plan of promoting a state paper and the plan be brought before the joint board at next meeting.

Motion that a rising vote of thanks be given the City of Thomaston, Thomaston Free Will Baptist Church, and other churches of the Chattahoochee Association for the great hospitality shown during this session.

Motion that the Nominating Committee's nomination of Midway Church, Moultrie, Georgia, be accepted as place for 1954 session.

It was voted to accept the invitation of Midway Church, Moultrie, Georgia, to entertain the meeting of all boards on December 5, 1953.

Song service conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Special music by Mrs. Louis H. Moulton and Rev. S. T. Shutes. Sermon by Rev. T. G. Hamilton, reading two (2) verses from 1st Chapter of Romans. Theme being "I Am Ready"--ready to preach, suffer, die to be offered as a sacrifice. After having heard this inspiring message, all had a greater determination upon returning home to also say, "I Am Ready." Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. H. L. Roberts.

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON, Moderator

ERNEST J. BARKER, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

AUDITOR'S REPORT

All books checked as best we could and found to be in fine shape.

REV. S. T. SHUTES

REV. I. J. BLACKWELDER.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 6, 1952, Cash on hand	\$535.06
Received from State Treasurer	1854.42
TOTAL	\$2389.48
Paid out for building and repairs	2234.67

November 6, 1953, Cash on hand	154.81
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The Trustees owe the Mission Board \$225.00, also some to the Board of Education.

ERNEST J. BARKER, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

We, your committee on Constitutional Amendments, appointed by the Moderator in a meeting of the Executive Board, wish to offer for your consideration, the following:

Section 5 of Article IV be changed to read as follows:

A member of any board who fails in the function of his or her duties without a reason, the board to which the delinquent member has been elected, shall declare the office vacant. Further, the body shall have and does reserve the right to deal with any officer or board member who does not conduct his or her office in a Christian and business like manner, according to the rules of Christian conduct laid down in the New Testament. Should such board fail to have a sufficient number of its members present to constitute a quorum, it shall then become the duty of the Executive Board to deal with any delinquent member. Also, a charge against a member of this body and a member of a local church shall constitute a charge against said member in this body and the body shall abide accordingly.

Prayerfully submitted,

REV. J. B. LOVERING

R. B. PYLE

G. W. CLOUD.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Temperance Committee, wish to make the following report. We as Christians should practice temperance in every phase

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of life, speech, dress and our influence. Further, that we be careful to manifest through our lives, a love and respect for Christ and His cause. Christians must follow the Commandment of Christ in the fight against intoxicating beverages and all other appearances of evil to be real witnesses for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. L. SELLARS
AARON McKINNEY
REV. S. T. SHUTES.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, the work of the State Association is of such importance that it requires the service of those who know the work at heart, therefore;

Be it resolved that only members who are faithful and loyal to their local Church be elected as delegates to take active part in the State Association.

Be it resolved that we send to the Grace Primitive Baptiste Church a letter of thanks for their hospitality.

Be it resolved that we have 1500 copies of minutes printed and that the Clerk and Moderator be paid an honorary fee of \$15.00 respectively.

Be it further resolved that we give to the City of Thomaston, First Free Will Baptist Church of Thomaston, and other Churches of the Chattahoochee Association a rising vote of thanks for their wonderful hospitality during this session.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. INEZ BRUNSON
RAY MORTON
IDUS GOOCHER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on Committees, appoint the following for various committees, as shown:

RESOLUTIONS—Mrs. Inez Brunson Idus Goocher and Ray Morton.

NOMINATION—C. J. Faison, W. B. Griffin and Mrs. J. B. Rice.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. S. T. Sellars. Aaron McKinney and Rev. A. L. Sellars.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. B. LOVERING
REV. MANSE CASON
REV. I. J. BLACKWELDER.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credentials Committee, make the following report:

ASSOCIATIONS

Georgia Union	\$15.00	South Georgia	\$10.00
Little River	10.00	Martin	15.00
Midway	15.00	Union	10.00
Chattahoochee	15.00		

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

Ruth Kinnon	\$5.00	South Georgia	12.00
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Georgia Union 15.00

CHURCHES

First Church, Valdosta	\$2.00	Midway	\$5.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00	Bellview	1.00
Spring Hill	1.00	New Salem	1.00
First Church, Thomaston	1.00	First Church, Columbus	5.00
Mount Olive	1.00	Oak Hill	5.00
St. Paul	1.00	Interprise	2.00
New Prospect	1.00	New Home No. 1	5.00
Colquitt	2.00	Blakely	5.00
Patmos	5.00	Albany	1.00
Corinth	1.00	New Prospect	1.00
Christian Hill	5.00	First Church, Savannah	1.00
Total Money Received		\$175.00	

DELEGATES RECORDED

Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. W. J. Starr, L. W. Wynn, Aaron McKinney, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Mrs. Inez Brunson, Idus Goocher, Ray Morton, Mrs. Ray Morton, Frank Bennett, Ralph Jenkins, F. C. Cox, Fred Middleton, James M. Miller, Hoyt Lindley, G. C. King, Mrs. G. C. King, B. R. Dent, Lee Posey, Mrs. H. O. Purcell, M. H. Hinson, Eva Trussell, E. W. Pattillo, J. L. Clark, Leonard Grimsley, W. H. Cochran, Mrs. Louis H. Moulton, O. F. Everson, Roscoe Langford, Donald Selph, E. C. Roland, Mrs. J. D. Little, Elzie Franks, A. B. Edwards, J. A. Mercer, Mrs. R. B. Pyle, Bobby Potter, A. L. Boone, Mrs. T. G. Hamilton, Mrs. Cliff Anderson, Mrs. Wallace Knight and G. W. Cloud.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. LOUIS H. MOULTON

REV. H. J. KELLY

REV. NEAL H. PARRISH.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, make the following nominations as our report:

Moderator—Rev. T. G. Hamilton; Assistant Moderator—Rev. J. B. Lovering; Clerk—Ernest J. Barker; Assistant Clerk—Rev. H. J. Kelly; Promotional Secretary - Treasurer—Rev. E. C. Morris; Board of Missions—Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. Manse Cason, W. N. Wilson, Rev. B. W. Clenny; Christian Education—G. C. King, C. J. Faison, Rev. S. T. Shutes and Idus Goocher. Board of Superannuation—Rev. A. L. Sellers, L. E. Wynn, Wallace Knight, Rev. H. J. Kelly. Board of Trustees—Ernest J. Barker, Curtis Gay, Rev. L. S. Anthony and Rev. Riley Giddins. Camp Committee—G. C. King, Rev. T. B. Melette and Mrs. Sallie Woodard. Building Committee—G. C. King, Rev. J. D. Little, Fincher, C. J. Faison and Ernest J. Barker.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. GRIFFIN

C. J. FAISON

MRS. J. B. RICE.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We, your Superannuation Board of the Georgia State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist, convened at the Grace Primitive

Baptist Church, Thomaston, Georgia, Tuesday, November 10, 1953, with the following present: R. B. Pyle, Chairman; Tom Hamilton, Proxy Secretary; L. E. Wynn, Proxy; A. L. Sellers, H. J. Kelly, Proxy; E. C. Rowland, Proxy. We submit the following recommendations:

1. That the district associations and the quarterly meetings of the Georgia State Association Original Free Will Baptist channel their finance given for Superannuation through the State Promotional Secretary, and that the distribution of these funds be based on the service rendered by the Superannuate to the cause of Christ among Free Will Baptist Churches.

We also wish to make clear that the Superannuation Program and the amounts given to the Superannuate is not to be considered as charity, but rather as expression of recognition for the service rendered by the Superannuate to the cause of Christ and to His Church.

2. That each minister of this Association investigate the opportunities of the Superannuate Program and avail themselves of the same.

3. That the Ministers inform and inspire their people concerning the Superannuation Program of the State Association. Moreover, to do the same for the unified program as a whole.

4. We recommend to the Nominating Committee the following men to compose the Superannuate Board: Bro. A. L. Sellers to succeed himself as a member of this board as his term expires this year; H. J. Kelly, Columbus, Ga.; Wallace Knight, Glennville, Ga., for W. N. Purcell, whose term expires; L. E. Wynn, Alapaha, Ga., for W. R. Corbitt, Pearson, Ga., whose term also expires.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. PYLE, Chairman,
TOM HAMILTON, Secty.
L. E. WYNN, Proxy,
E. C. ROWLAND, Proxy,
A. L. SELLERS.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION TREASURER PAID OUT TO SUPERANNUATES

A. C. McKinnon for 12 months at \$10.00	\$120.00
E. C. Williams for 12 months at \$10.00	120.00
J. B. Harris for 12 months at \$10.00	120.00
S. E. Bowen for 12 months at \$10.00	120.00
W. C. Coleman for 12 months at \$10.00	120.00
Total	\$600.00
To J. O. Fort—February 14, 1953	\$ 45.45
To J. O. Fort, May 6, 1953	26.54
To J. O. Fort, August 1, 1953	48.17
To J. O. Fort, November 7, 1953	55.17
Total	\$175.33
To Board Expense, December 15, 1952	\$ 15.02
To Postage for year	1.92
	\$ 16.94

TOTAL PAID OUT	\$792.27
Brought Forward November 11, 1952	\$ 132.41
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, Dec. 8, 1952	48.75
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, Jan. 5, 1953	55.67
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, Feb. 6, 1953	37.02
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, April 6, 1953	40.32
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, May 6, 1953	26.65
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, June 4, 1953	73.59
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, July 7, 1953	37.80
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, Aug. 6, 1953	47.30
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, Sept. 9, 1953	74.72
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, Oct. 7, 1953	61.38
Received from Bro. C. E. Morris, Nov. 6, 1953	64.57
Received from Mrs. Willie M. Haire, Dec. 12, 1952	17.00
Received from Mrs. Willie M. Haire, June 12, 1953	7.00
Received from Bro. Fleming McD., July 5, 1953	2.00
Received from Bro. A. D. Ivey, Jan. 23, 1953	23.33
Received from Bro. A. D. Ivey, April 26, 1953	20.00
Received from Bro. A. D. Ivey, July 26, 1953	25.00
Received from Bro. A. D. Ivey, November, 1953	20.00
Received from Bro. Morris, March 9, 1953	19.19
Total	\$833.72
Total received	\$701.31
Total Paid Out	\$792.27
Balance on hand	\$ 41.45

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. PYLE, Secretary-Treasurer,

BOARD OF EDUCATION

We, your Board of Education in our individual board meeting at the Joint Board Meeting which convened with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Georgia, submit the following report: Members present were: G. C. King, E. C. Davidson, Emmett McDuffie, S. T. Shutes, C. J. Faison and Idus Goocher. Election of Officers were: Chairman, S. T. Shutes; Secretary-Treasurer, C. J. Faison. The Board expressed their desire that fixed or prescribed courses for the youth students at Camp Mt. Bethel. December 5, 1954.

S. T. SHUTES, Chairman,

C. J. FAISON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The State Superannuation Board met with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Georgia, on December 5, 1953. Rev. H. J. Kelly was elected chairman. The board now has 5 superannuates receiving funds from this board in the amount of \$10.00 each per month.

This board requests that the pastors of all churches go all out for the support of the unified program so that we might have funds to take care of additional superannuates. We have requested that two additional superannuates be placed on the list for payment.

REV. H. J. KELLY, Chairman,

R. B. PYLE, Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The various boards met with First Thomaston Free Will Baptist Church, on November 10, 1953. Rev. H. L. Knighton, Moderator, read Psalms 29:1-5. Prayer by Rev. T. G. Hamilton. The Moderator made a roll call of all board members. Several members absent. The group discussed the matter of absent board members. A motion was made and properly seconded that the Moderator appoint three, one from Executive Board, one from Education Board, and one from Mission Board, to study this matter and to prepare and offer ways and means of trying to remedy this condition.

Motion that Rev. J. B. Lovering, G. W. Cloud and R. B. Pyle be appointed as a Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Motion that Chairman be given authority to appoint members to various boards when members are absent.

Those appointed were as follows: Mission Board—Rev. B. W. Clenny, M. T. Goff and Rev. C. B. Dowdney. Superannuation—Rev. H. J. Kelly, Rev. T. G. Hamilton, E. C. Roland and L. E. Wynn.

Motion that full time Promotional Secretary-Treasurer be continued and that Rev. C. E. Morris be employed as same at salary as for past year unless conditions require different and further that the 1953-54 budget be same as for past year. \$20,000, also that the allocation for each phase of the work be on same percentage basis as for past year.

Joint Board meeting suspended to meet as individual boards. Dismissed by Rev. J. L. Little.

The various boards met together at 4:00 P. M.

Boards making reports were as follows: Christian Education, Superannuation, and Mission.

Motion that C. J. Faison and Ernest J. Barker be recommended to nominating Committee to become additional members of Camp Building Committee, making a total of five (5).

Motion that the names of G. C. King and Rev. T. B. Melette be recommended to Nomination Committee for Camp Committee.

Rev. H. L. Knighton requested that the Camp Committee make plans and arrangements for a care taker at the camp. The same later be made as a motion.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

The various boards met with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Georgia, on December 5, 1953. Song service conducted by Rev. B. W. Clenny. Prayer by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

Devotional by Rev. T. G. Hamilton, reading Acts 1:8. "Lack of Power." Prayer by Moderator. Any items of business that should come before joint boards were called for. Rev. E. C. Morris asked that delegates to National Association from various Associations be called for, which were as follows: Midway—Mrs. T. B. Melette; Union—Curtis Gay; Georgia Union—Elbert Powell; Little River—L. E. Wynn; Martin—Emory Tulley.

State Delegates to National Association were as follows: G. C. King, Wallace Knight, G. W. Cloud, Mrs. B. W. Clenny and Mrs. L. E. Wynn.

Motion that State Association have 1500 copies of the letter form as adopted by various district Associations who purchase same from

State body.

Motion that we adopt a \$280.00 monthly budget for Promotional Secretary-Treasurer Office for 1953-54 Associational Year.

The idea of sponsoring a State Paper as suggested at State Association by Rev. Neal H. Parrish, was discussed. Motion that Moderator appoint a committee to make an investigation with reference to the State Paper the committee to make recommendations at a called session of the Executive Board or at the next session of the State Association. Those appointed to serve on this committee were as follows: Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. J. B. Lovering, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. B. W. Clenny, Ernest J. Barker, C. J. Faison and L. E. Wynn.

The matter of organizing a State Sunday School Convention was discussed. Motion that the Committee as appointed by league convention—Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. K. V. Shutes and Rev. Manse Cason, be appointed as a committee to time and place for a State Convention and report back to the Executive Board. Dismissed for preaching services.

Song service conducted by Rev. B. W. Clenny. Prayer by H. L. Knighton. Sermon by Rev. Manse Cason, reading from Luke 16:19-31. Theme: "Leadership." Announcements by Host pastor. Dismissed, by Rev. C. E. Morris.

The various boards met back in joint session. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Lovering. Motion that New Salem Church be given a rising vote of thanks for the great hospitality during this board meeting.

Moderator called for reports as follows: Educational Board, Mission Board and Superannuation Board. The reports were read and received as read.

The Committee for Sunday School Convention recommended Saturday, June 12, 1954, First Albany Church, Albany, Georgia, as date and place for convention.

Motion that the above suggestion be accepted and that the above named committee plan program.

Nomination for a member of Board of Trustees from Little River Association was called for. Rev. Riley Giddins was nominated and elected, who is to serve a period of 4 years, provided it does not cause 5 members to be elected at any one year.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. B. W. Clenny.

REV. T. G. HAMILTON, Moderator,

ERNEST J. BARKER, Secretary.

MISSION BOARD

Blakely, Ga., November 10, 1952.

The Mission Board met in joint session with all boards on this date and after some matters were brought to our attention, we met in regular session to consider anything that should properly come before us.

First, we had the minutes read of the year's work, and after considering same, accepted them as read.

The matter of the possibility of the renting the Mission Tent was discussed as there was some question of it being used when we are not using same and after a motion which carried the handling of the tent was left in the hands of Bro. Harvey and Cloud for them to use their discretion and look out for same.

Bro. Harvey then made the finance report for the year, which we accepted and are ordering same to be placed before the State Association in session for their reception, etc. Motion carried that we create a revolving loan fund from the funds which come into our board for the purpose of aiding worthy churches in their building programs. This fund to be administered in the following manner: We are setting aside in this fund now, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) as the starter to build to in the following manner: Fifty per cent of all incoming funds, and the loans are to be made to churches when they have good and sufficient titles to their property to satisfy the State body, and a charge of five percent, per annum (5%) be charged on all loans after thirty days. The loans to be repaid in thirty, sixty and ninety and six months and yearly basis. Same to be agreed upon by the church and board representatives. The Board was authorized to proceed with the securing the proper legal aid and papers to enter into this program. Also the treasurer is to be bonded in the full amount that five dollars (\$5.00) will pay for in security bond.

By prayer we were dismissed till further call or at State meeting.

ELDER C. J. HARVEY, Chrm.,

G. W. CLOUD, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Georgia, do ordain this constitution for the purpose of advancing, promoting and increasing all phases of the cause of Christ.

Article I

Section 1. The assembly shall be known as the Georgia State Association of the Original Free Will Baptists.

Article II

Section 1. The Officers of this Association shall be Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Secretary, an assistant Secretary and a Promotional Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. All regular officers and the Chairman of each standing board shall compose the Executive Board.

Section 3. This Association shall be composed of all active ministers who are members of an affiliated body, one delegate for every 500 members or fraction thereof of each affiliated union meeting, and one delegate for every 100 members or fraction thereof of every affiliated local Free Will Baptist Church. Any Union or local church shall have the privilege of affiliating with the State body independent of the District Association.

Section 4. All delegates from Associations, Union meetings and local churches shall be elected from the laity of the body sending them.

Section 5. Funds to meet the current and benevolent of allocations shall be paid in on a voluntary basis to the Treasurer of this Association; however, it is suggested that each affiliated body contribute as minimum in the following order: Each district Association three-fourths of one per cent per capita of their respective membership and \$5.00 in addition for the National Association dues; each Union meeting one-half of one per cent per capita of their respective membership, and each local church five cents per capita of their respective membership.

Article III

Section 1. It shall be the privilege of each affiliate district Association to furnish a member for each standing board, with terms of office rotating which will necessitate one member of each board being elected annually, the number of each board shall not be less than five except the board of auditors which shall consist of two members who shall be elected at the same time of the general officers.

Section 2. There shall be a board of missions composed of members who are noted for missionary zeal and they shall have the supervision of all mission interest sponsored by this body. All undesignated mission funds shall be equally divided between home and foreign.

Section 3. There shall be a board of Christian Education whose duty it shall be to keep the body informed of all christian education sponsored by the body and make such recommendations as they shall deem proper to the body from time to time.

Section 4. There shall be a board of superannuation whose duty it shall be to make plans and rules which shall be in harmony with the National Superannuation Board. And shall be authorized to formulate plans whereby necessary funds for superannuation may be raised.

Section 5. There shall be a board of trustees whose duty it shall be to hold titles of all property belonging to this body.

Section 6. A Board of Auditors, whose duties it shall be to audit the books of the Associational Treasurer and the Treasurers of all Boards.

Article IV

Section 1. All officers except board members shall be elected to serve a term of two years.

Section 2. Any officers may be re-elected as the body shall see fit.

Section 3. When vacancies occur for any cause they shall be filled by the Executive Board, or by any of the standing boards, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, until the convening of the annual session of the body.

4. Election years shall take place on the odd years of the calendar.

Section 5. A member of any board who fails in the function of his or her duties without a reason, the board to which the delinquent member has been elected, shall declare the office vacant. Further, the body shall have and does reserve the right to deal with any officer or board member who does not conduct his or her office in a Christian and business-like manner, according to the rules of Christian conduct laid down in the New Testament. Should such board fail to have a sufficient number of its members present to constitute a quorum, it shall then become the duty of the Executive Board to deal with any delinquent member. Also, a charge against a member of this body and a member of a local church shall constitute a charge against said member in this body and the body shall abide accordingly.

Section 6. The duties of officers so defined shall be the same as those for any deliberative assembly.

Section 7. All boards may be called in session only by the Chairman of the Executive Board and any standing board may be called in session only by the Chairman of said board, unless said chairman be-

comes uncapacited in which case the assistant assumes the authority of said uncapacited chairman.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution shall not be changed or altered except by a majority vote of all members present to regular session. All amendments shall lie on the table at least from the morning session until evening session or from evening session until morning prior to adoption and shall during that time be read at least twice in open session. Additions of boards or officers may be added as there is need.

MINUTES

OF THE

GEORGIA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Georgia State League Convention met November 27, 1953 at New Salem Church, Colquitt, Ga. Opened with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes. Devotion by Hallie Murkerson. A program was presented by New Salem Church, and some specials were sung. A play was given by the Women's Auxiliary of Patmos Church. Rev. T. G. Hamilton of Glennville, Ga., brought the message. His subject was "A Man Who Went God's Way." Dismissed for lunch.

We re-assembled after lunch with congregational singing and a prayer.

Entered into business session with Mrs. Burnice Still presiding. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Doris Sheffield; Vice President, Bro. T. G. Hamilton; Recording Secretary, Miss Regina Woodard; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sue Worsham; Treasurer, Miss Faye Knighton; Chorister, David Still; Pianist, Mrs. Pauline Rush.

Moved and carried that the constitution be put in the State Minutes. President appointed Bro. Morris and the Secretary to send each League report blanks for the 1954 convention. Moved and carried that a committee (Bro. K. V. Shutes, Bro. T. B. Mellette, and Bro. E. C. Morris) speak to the executive committee about organizing a State Sunday School Convention. Moved and carried that members of the Committee that was appointed by Bro. T. B. Mellette take steps to organize a District League Convention. Members of the Committee are: Bro. Martin Wilson, Bro. Mance R. Cason, Bro. E. C. Morris, Miss Sue Worsham and Bro. Lewis H. Moulton.

Moved and carried to hold the 1954 Convention at Corrinth Church eight miles east of Tifton, on the day after Thanksgiving. Moved and carried to give New Salem a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Moved and carried that the Treasurer pay the President and Secretary ten dollars each. Moved and carried to give rising vote of thanks to the President and the Secretary.

\$52.00 in dues was given from the churches represented at the Convention. Churches represented were Martin Association—New Salem, Bellview, Blakely, Colquitt and Thompson, Midway Association—Cedar Springs, Albany, Mt. Zion and Patmos. Georgia Union Association—Double Branches. Chattahoochee Association—First Church of Columbus and St. James. Little River Association—Cor-

rinth, Pine Level and Valdosta. Union Association—Greenwood.

Moved and carried to adjourn to meet with Corrinth Church on November 26, 1954.

MISS SUE WORSHAM, Secretary,
MRS. BURNICE STILL, President.

CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Georgia, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the purpose of advancing and promoting Free Will Baptist Leagues in the State of Georgia.

Article I

NAME: The name of this organization shall be the Original Free Will Baptist State League Convention of Georgia.

Article II

OFFICERS: The Officers of this State League Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Chorister, Pianist, and Bible Quiz Leader. All of whom shall be elected annually by this Convention.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP: Section I. Each District League Convention shall be entitled to send five (5) delegates to this Convention. Each individual League shall be entitled to one (1) delegate to represent in this body. All Ordained Ministers shall be considered members of this State League Convention and shall be privileged to vote.

DUES: Section II. The Dues for this State League Convention shall be as follows: (1) District League Convention \$5.00. (2) Each individual League Convention representing \$3.00.

Article IV

COMMITTEES: The Committees of this State League Convention shall be as follows:

1. The Program Planning Committee, whose duty shall be to plan the program for each State League Convention, and shall be composed of the officers of the Convention.

2. The Resolutions Committee, shall consist of three members appointed by the President of the League Convention, or elected from the floor.

3. The Digest Committee, shall consist of three members appointed by the Chair, or elected from the floor.

The duty of the Digest Committee shall be to receive the reports from the various leagues representing (District and Individuals), along with the dues from each, and furnish a digest of the reports to the Convention.

4. The Nominating Committee, shall consist of five members elected from the floor. Whose duty it shall be to furnish the Convention with the names of persons nominated for the various offices of the State League Convention.

Article V

MEETINGS: The Original Free Will Baptist State League Convention of Georgia, shall convene annually on the day after Thanks-

giving.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution shall not be changed or altered except by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present. All amendments shall lie on the table at least from the morning session prior to adoption and shall, during that time be read at least twice in open session.

FINANCIAL REPORT STATE MISSION BOARD FOR 1953

Nov. 1st, 1953. Balance in Treasury	\$163.39
Received from Promotional office up to Oct. 1st	332.66
April 25, 1953. Rent on tent and organ by G. W. Cloud	17.50
July 23, 1953. Rent on tent and organ by G. W. Cloud	25.50
Total	\$539.05

PAID OUT OF THIS FUND

Dec. 13, 1952. Transferred to loan fund	\$200.00
Dec. 19, 1952. Paid E. C. Morris Joint Board Meeting	15.02
Feb. 17, 1953. Paid G. W. Cloud Mailing Form Letters	2.05
Feb. 17, 1953. Paid C. J. Harvey Mailing Form Letters	1.75
April 20, 1953. Paid Ed Roberts Mailing Form Letters	1.50
June 1, 1953. Paid E. C. Morris on Savannah Revival	50.00
July 1, 1953. Paid Cairo Free Will Baptist Church	50.00
Sept. 28, 1954. Paid G. W. Cloud mileage to Cairo Meeting	22.00
Sept. 28, 1953. Paid L. W. McKinney mileage to Cairo meeting	13.10
Sept. 28, 1953. Paid C. J. Harcey mileage to Cairo meeting	3.10
Total paid out of this fund	\$358.52
Balance in this fund	180.53

**MISSION BOARD LOAN FUND SET UP AT
STATE ASSOCIATION, 1952**

Dec. 13, 1952. Tranferred from general fund	\$200.00
Received from Promotional office	260.25
April 25, 1953. Rent on tent and organ by Cloud	17.50
July 25, 1953. Rent on tent and organ by Cloud	25.50
Total received this fund	\$503.25
Dec. 13, 1952. Loaned to Mt. Bethel Camp Ck. A. D. Ivey	225.00
Balance in this fund	278.25
Total Balance both funds	\$458.78

C. J. HARVEY, Treasurer.

CAMP OPERATION**MONEY RECEIVED, 1953**

June 4, 1953, Received from E. C. Morris	\$16.15
July 10, 1953, received from E. C. Morris	15.14
Aug. 8, 1953, received from E. C. Morris	16.00
Sept. 4, 1953, received from E. C. Morris	24.27
Oct. 7, 1953, received from E. C. Morris	23.97

Oct. 18, 1953, Total Received	\$95.53
Oct. 18, 1953, Total Disbursements	31.29
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Oct. 18, 1953, Balance on hand	\$64.24
Oct. 28, 1953, Disbursed to G. C. King	37.00
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Oct. 28, 1953, Balance on hand	27.24

DISBURSEMENTS, 1953

June 24, 1953, Paid Rev. T. B. Mellette, Stationary & Postage ...	\$ 9.70
July 22, 1953, Paid G. C. King	21.59
Oct. 28, 1953, Paid G. C. King	37.00
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Total	\$68.29

CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT

June 8, - June 13. Ministerial & Woman's Aux. Institute		
Total Receipts	\$ 301.06	
Total Expense		\$ 347.63
June 21 - June 26. 1st Session Youth Encampment		
Total Receipts	539.71	
Total Expense		497.96
July 19 - July 24. 2nd Session Youth Encampment		
Total Receipts	571.06	
Total Expense		524.00
Aug. 2 - Aug 7. 3rd Session Youth Encampment		
Total Receipts	746.57	
Total Expense		695.03
Aug. 16 - Aug. 21. Old-Fashioned Camp Meeting		
Total Receipts	203.00	
Total Expense		237.09
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Total Receipts for 5 sessions	\$2361.40	
Total Expense for 5 sessions		2301.71
Net Profit (transferred to expansion fund)		59.69
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	\$2361.40	\$2361.40

Average attendance for 5 sessions 84.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

November 10, 1953

Dec. 15, 1952. Cash in hand	\$2025.00
Mar. 3, 1953. By E. J. Barker	38.33
May 12, 1953. By E. J. Barker	545.00
May 12, 1953. By A. D. Ivey	65.12
May 12, 1953. By C. J. Faison	37.91
May 12, 1953. By C. J. Faison	10.00
June 30, 1953. By E. J. Barker	160.00
July 10, 1953. By E. J. Barker	95.02
July 26, 1953. By A. D. Ivey (Midway Association)	50.00
July 24, 1953. By A. D. Ivey	21.59
Aug. 31, 1953. By E. J. Barker	94.00

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Aug. 31, 1953. By Mt. Bethel (from operations)	60.00
Sept. 12, 1953. By E. J. Barker	149.00
Oct. 8, 1953. By E. J. Barker	170.00
Sept. 28, 1953. By A. D. Ivey	37.00
Nov. 6, 1953. By E. J. Barker	29.30
Nov. 6, 1953. Close of camp operations account	59.69
Nov. 6, 1953. Discount on material (W. I. Giddens)	4.32
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Total Receipts	\$3651.28

Dec. 15, 1952. Balance due camp expense account \$	17.07
Dec. 15, 1952. Interest to Ashburn Bank	63.33
Dec. 15, 1952. Note to Ashburn Bank	2000.00
Nov. 10, 1953. Light bills to date	54.79
Nov. 10, 1953. Insurance premium on property	60.00
Nov. 10, 1953. Long distance phone calls	3.00
Nov. 10, 1953. Tuning Piano	20.00
Nov. 10, 1953. Total Building Material	884.18
Nov. 10, 1953. Total Labor on Building	540.50

Total amount paid out	\$3642.87
Nov. 10, 1953. Net Balance on hand	8.41

\$3651.28 \$3651.28

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

November 24, 1953.

The Board of Christian Education met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Thomaston, Georgia, on November 10, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. S. T. Shutes, and members present were as follows: S. T. Shutes, C. J. Faison, G. C. King, Emmett McDuffie and J. D. Little.

As a promotional Board for the educational activities of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists we propose the following:

1. That all churches promote Christian Education because our youth of today to be our leaders of tomorrow.

2. We recommend that our budget for our local board be the same as in 1952 and 1953.

3. We urge as we did last year that courses of study be worked out for students at Camp Mount Bethel. (We do think this is necessary.)

4. We would like to urge that every church support the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, with both our money and our prayers.

There was a motion made and sustained by the Board to make a monthly loan to Bro. Kenneth Faison in the amount of \$30.00 per month for nine (9) months that he might attend the college at Nashville to prepare himself for the ministry. We would recommend to any of our churches who may have young people desiring to attend our Bible College and are not financially able, that the church makes loans to them, which may become a revolving fund and that this board cooperate wordly and financially as much as possible.

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

(E. C. Morris)

"Time speeds on wings," is an old saying that seems to be true. Here we are, having reached another mile post on our onward march to the boundless eternity. The year just closing in our Promotional activities is one that has been marked with splendid success. What has been done is not only encouraging but inspiring. The State Association has been an agent in promoting all denominational endeavors from the very beginning of its existence and for some years seed were sown in faith and watered with prayers and devotions and now we have the plants growing which we will soon be gathering the harvest of God's bounties. Many pages could be used in writing the report of Promotional effort and results, but time and space forbids a full detail here, therefore, we will submit factual figures as we have them for your consideration. This is the first report of actual full time service being rendered by your Promotional Secretary. That which has been accomplished will determine whether or not the results justify the efforts. As your Promotional Secretary, we feel humbly grateful for the gracious manner in which we have been received and the splendid cooperation given. We, therefore, must attribute what success has been obtained to the Free Will Baptists of Georgia and adjoining states.

Two new churches have been organized during the year, namely, White Oaks in Macon and the First Church of Savannah. Two churches have changed their affiliations from us to the Florida Association. This leaves us with the same number of churches as that of last year. The net gain in membership, while not so great, yet show that we are still gaining ground. There are nine more Sunday Schools reported this year, five more Leagues and five more Woman's Auxiliaries with the total enrollments showing quite a considerable gain over that of last report. The number of weekly prayer services remain the same which is just a few over half of the churches. This should be made better.

We are glad to report that every church in the State Association can claim having a part in the support of one or more of some phase of the Unified Program and one hundred sixteen supported the entire program with one or more offerings during the year. This nearly doubles any previous number on the Unified list of contributors.

A summary of activities follows:

In the office, we have issued 4,200 mimeographed copies of the monthly Bulletins, kept up with quite a volume of correspondence in which vital contacts have been made. On the field, ninety four churches were visited, six revivals conducted, attended all the district associations, eight union and quarterly meetings. two Sunday School Conventions, the State League Convention, two Missionary conferences, the semi annual session of the National Home Mission Board and the National Association, beside several boards and committee meetings. There have been 187 sermons and forty five special lectures delivered. Conducted one funeral and taught nine Sunday School classes and in two weeks study courses. Assisted in organizing one Church and two dedication services. Visited 185 homes and 31 sick. Received thirty into Church membership.

The GRAND HONOR ROLL CHURCHES number twenty four this year. They are the ones which have made contributions to the Unified Program every month of the year and are as follows: First Columbus in the Chattahoochee Association and Harmony in the South Georgia stands at the head of the list again in the same order, the others, First Thomaston, First Valdosta, First Jacksonville, Mt. Olive, New Ebenezer, Double Branch, Christian Hill, Ozias, White Hall, Midway, Bellview, Marietta, Memorial, Unity, Satilla, Lower Corinth, Glennville, White Pond, Patmos, Blakely, Travelers Rest, and Cedar Springs. This is eight above last year.

The Junior Honor Roll Churches are the ones having sent in six to eleven contributions during the year and are as follows: Little Bethel (Chatt.); St. James, St. Mark, Turners Chapel, Liberty Chapel, Mt. Ararat, Pleasant Hill, White Oaks, Corinth (Lit. Riv.); Bay, Greenwood, Colquitt, Mothers Home, New Home No. 1, Hammock Springs, Stony Hill, Ebenezer, Oak Grove (So. Ga.); Enterprise, Jakin, and First Albany, a total of twenty one. This is nine above last year.

May we take greater courage over the accomplishments of the past year and set the standard still higher for the future as we have only scratched the surface and tapped the untold possibilities of the wonderful resources which have been lying dormant so long.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWO YEARS COMPARED

Membership	1952	1953
Number of district associations	7	7
Number of affiliated churches	126	126
Total Church membership	10,161	10,648
Received by Baptism	593	437
Received by Letters	248	232
Received by statement and restoration	58	183
Total accessions	777	852
Lost by Letters	213	257
Lost by Expulsions	76	24
Lost by deaths	88	82
Total number lost	377	363
Total net gain in membership	400	487
Auxiliaries		
Number of Sunday Schools	89	98
Total Sunday School enrollment	4,672	5,577
Number Free Will Baptist Leagues	47	52
Total enrollment of Leagues	1,926	2,490
Number Woman's Auxiliaries	35	40
Woman's Auxiliary enrollment	632	714
Weekly Prayer Services	67	67
Ministry and Service		
Number Ordained Ministers	108	109
Number Licensed Ministers	15	28
Number churches having full time service	16	21
Number churches having half time service	51	60
Number churches having quarter time service	54	43

Finances

Paid Pastors	\$55,438.75	\$62,868.81
Paid Evangelists	9,577.45	11,014.73
Paid for Missions	4,766.59	6,030.72
Paid for Christian Education	6,023.39	5,929.57
Paid for Superannuation	636.85	1,096.90
Paid for Building and Repairs	14,021.14	45,873.74
Paid to Alabama Children's Home	Not listed	1,387.33
Paid to Youth Camp	Not listed	4,041.53
Paid for all other causes not listed	48,148.40	12,791.62
Total Expenditures	138,612.57	151,034.95
Value of Church property	524,000.00	614,325.00
Value of Parsonage property	34,000.00	38,000.00

**GENERAL REPORT OF ALL FUNDS RECEIVED,
REPORTED AND DISBURSED**

Receipts - General Funds

Brought over from last year	\$ 64.57	
Fees at the 1952 session, Blakely	160.50	
Turned over from Promotional Department	6.66	
Woman's Auxiliary Convention for minutes	10.00	
Each standing board for mileage \$15.02	60.08	
Board of Trustees for temporary loan to Camp	165.00	
Total		\$ 466.81

Disbursements of General Funds

Honorary fee to Clerk	25.00	
Honorary fee to Moderator	15.00	
Mileage to board members attending meeting	78.43	
Loan to Board of Trustees for Camp	165.00	
Express and postage on Minutes	7.23	
Phenix City Herald for Minute job	128.75	
State of Georgia for charter fee	1.00	
Annual dues to National Association	45.00	
Total		\$ 465.41
Balance on hand		\$ 1.40

UNIFIED PROGRAM FUNDS RECEIVED

Churches, Auxiliaries and Individuals	\$7,879.44
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Designated Funds**Gifts for the following:**

Missions, both home and foreign	\$1,899.92
Superannuation	97.61
Youth Camp	495.98
Bible College	832.07
Alabama Children's Home	254.34
State Education	1.11
Auxiliary Promotion	10.00
Total	\$11,470.47

DISBURSEMENTS**Paid To:**

Promotional Department	\$3,185.57
National Foreign Mission Board	2,411.97
National Home Mission Board	922.18

State Mission Board	674.26
Youth Camp Expansion Fund	1,854.42
Youth Camp Operating Fund	233.57
State Board of Education	243.35
Superannuation Board	586.98
Alabama Children's Home	284.75
Bible College	953.95
Auxiliary Promotion	110.47
National Headquarters Building	6.00
Total	\$11,470.47

The following funds were sent direct to other treasurers and reported for the purpose of receiving credit on State Budget and district Association quotas. They are for:

Bible College	\$4,707.45
Alabama Children's Home	1,043.18
Superannuation	340.84
Foreign Missions	174.30
Youth Camp	961.49
National Home Missions	66.19
State Education	609.34
Total Reported Funds	\$ 9,274.88

Grand Total of all Funds \$20,745.35

All Promotional funds received from the various district Associations as follows:

Chattahoochee	\$ 2,407.82	Over the quota	\$107.82
Georgia Union	1,212.33	Over the quota	12.33
Little River	1,212.33	Over the quota	294.19
Union	1,840.83	Over the quota	40.83
Martin	1,648.16	Over the quota	148.16
South Georgia	6,553.52	Over the quota	53.52
Midway	5,588.50	Over the quota	88.50
Total	\$20,745.35		\$745.35

STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The State Auxiliary Convention met with the First Church of Thomaston, November 10, 1953, at ten o'clock.

The Convention was opened by singing hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life." The Welcome Address was given by Mrs. Irene Underwood; the response was given by Mrs. Purcell; the devotional was presented by Mrs. C. J. Harvey. "The Haven of Rest" was sung.

A motion was made that the delegates be seated who had paid their dues and that the compiling committee report on it at noon hour.

The ministers who were present were recognized at this time. and the minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The appointment of committees was as follows:

Finance Committee—Mrs. T. G. Hamilton, Mrs. J. L. Butler, Mrs. J. B. Rice.

Registration Committee—Mrs. Grace Starr, Mrs. Kate Edwards.

Resolution Committee—Mrs. Cliff Anderson, Mrs. Sally Woodard, Mrs. Effie Kimbral.

Credential Committee—Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Mrs. Bessie Edwards, Mrs. R. B. Pyle.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Doris Sheffield, Midway Associa-

tion; Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Union Association; Mrs. Louis Moulton, South Georgia Association; Mrs. Inez Brunson, Martin Association; Mrs. Corie Renound, Chattahoochee Association; Mrs. Luverne Percelle, South Georgia Association; Mrs. Fred Bacon, Little River Association.

The convention message was to be given by Mrs. Beulah Andrews, of Jacksonville, but she was not present, and Mrs. Doris Sheffield gave a poem, "Lighting The Way." A play was also given, "Giving Your All To Light The Way." Reverend Kelly made a talk about the National Convention.

The afternoon session was opened by singing the song, "Co-Laborers." The devotional was given by Mrs. Alma McDonald, and a round table discussion by the convention followed.

A report of Standing Chairmen Was:

Enlistment—Mrs. Riley Giddens. Young People—Mrs. James Mathias; Study Course—Mrs. K. V. Shutes; Program Publicity—Mrs. Hoyt Sheffield; Personal Service—Mrs. Eva Clenny.

A motion was made that we accept the reports as read, and it was carried. The Credential and Finance Reports were adopted. The Report of Field Worker was adopted, and the President's Report was read and adopted. The Registration Report, the Resolution Committee Report and the Nominating Report were adopted.

Miscellaneous—A motion was made that Mrs. Edith Shiver be on the Nominating Committee of the W. N. A. C.

The delegates to the National Association are: Mrs. Bessie Edwards, Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. T. G. Hamilton, Mrs. Hoyt Sheffield, Mrs. James Mathias, Mrs. Kate Edwards, Mrs. W. J. Starr, Mrs. Eva Clenny, Mrs. Doris Sheffield, Mrs. S. T. Shutes.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes was elected director for the Woman's Auxiliary Institute. A motion was made that we give the Thomaston Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown us during our convention.

A motion was carried that a rising vote of thanks be given our retiring president for her untiring efforts for the past three years.

A very impressive installation service was give the new officers by Mrs. K. V. Shutes, and a motion was carried that we adjourn the convention.

MRS. S. T. SHUTES, Sec. and Treas.

MRS. EDITH SHIVER, President.

The Auxiliaries of the State Convention raised \$350.50 for Miss Laura Belle Barnard to buy a refrigerator for the Mission Station.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance recommend that the following disbursements of money be made:

President	\$ 10.00
Secretary	15.00
National Headquarters	50.00
Field Worker	20.00
National Dues	39.20
Minutes	25.00
Unified Program	75.00

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Mailing Material & Other Expenses 14.53

\$248.73

Co-Labor Fund 7.00

Total Disbursements \$255.73

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. G. HAMILTON

MRS. J. B. RICE

MRS. J. L. BUTLER.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee, offer the following report: On examination we find the auxiliaries acceptable to this convention:

South Georgia District; Martin District; Chattahoochee District; Midway District; Pine Level; Corinth Auxiliary; Liberty Chapel; First F. W. B. Auxiliary of Valdosta; New Ebenezer Auxiliary; Greenwood Auxiliary; Ozias Auxiliary; Colquitt Auxiliary; Midway Auxiliary; White Oak Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. B. PYLE

MRS. BESSIE EDWARDS

MRS. S. T. SHUTES.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Registration, find seven Associations represented:

District:

Chattahoochee Association	16
Union	2
Little River	9
Georgia Union	1
Midway	15
South Georgia	7
Martin	4

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. STARR, Chairman,

MRS. HERBERT WOODARD,

MRS. KATE EDWARDS.

FIELD WORKERS REPORT

As Field Worker for the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, I am sorry to say that I have done but little. Circumstances prevented me from going where work might have been done. I was present at the Little River Association and took part in the organization of that district with three local organizations as follows: First Valdosta, members 12; Ozias, members 13; Corinth, members 10.

The Martin, South Georgia, and the Chattahoochee districts have been organized recently.

According to the statistics of the district associations of last years and this, we learn that five locals have been organized during the year, however, we know of only three definitely..... namely, the one at the First Thomaston Church, one at the White Oaks Church in Macon, and the other with the First Church in Savannah.

Humbly submitted,

MRS. E. C. MORRIS.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Be it resolved:

I. That each local auxiliary and district auxiliary convention send the names and addresses of their presidents to the State Auxiliary President.

II. That this body request the pastors of our churches to not hold their revivals during the State Convention Week.

III. That each District Auxiliary Convention hold an officers' work shop early in the year for the benefit of the officers of the local auxiliary and district auxiliary, the vice-president to be in charge.

IV. That each auxiliary be asked to continue contributing five dollars each year toward the expense of the Woman's Auxiliary Institute at Camp Mount Bethel.

V. That this convention give fifty dollars for the expense of furnishing the Reception of Conference rooms of the National Headquarters Building in Nashville, Tennessee.

VI. That a standing vote of thanks be give to the Thomaston Church and pastor for their splendid entertainment during this session of the convention.

MRS. CLIFF ANDERSON, Chairman,
MRS. EFFIE KIMBREL, Martin Dist.
MRS. SALLIE WOODARD, Midway Dis.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand	\$41.36
Received for dues before Convention	169.95
Received at Convention for dues	11.10
Received from Promotional Secretary	100.47
Received for Co-Labor Fund	7.00
Received for Woman's Institute	115.01
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	\$444.89
Paid out for Institute	115.01
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	\$329.88
Disbursements	255.73
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 74.15

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. T. SHUTES, Secretary and Treasurer.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NOMINATIONS REPORT

We, your committee on Nominations, submit the following:

President—Mrs. Louis Moulton; Enlistment Chairman—Mrs. W. J. Starr; Youth Chairman—Mrs. Doris Sheffield; Study Course Chairman—Mrs. K. V. Shutes; Program Publicity Chairman—Mrs. W. B. Knight; Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. H. O. Purcell; Field Worker—Mrs. G. T. Hamilton; Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. S. T. Shutes; Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Eva Clenny.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DORIS SHEFFIELD,	MRS. CORIE RENOUNL,
MRS. C. J. HARVEY,	MRS. LUVERNE PURCELL,
MRS. LOUIS MOULTON,	MRS. FRED BACON.
MRS. INEZ BRUNSON.	

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT

Number of Auxiliaries reporting	32
Number of members in Auxiliary	392
Number of Sunday Schools	30
Number of Leagues	26
Number of members to read one or more mission books this year	61
Standard Achievements in classes are as follows ... A-0; B-9; C-18; D-5	
Donated to denominational causes as follows:	
Sent to the Unified Program	\$ 201.00
Foreign Missions or sent to Missionaries	348.57
Home Missions: Radio Program	142.32
Sick and Needy	378.01
Others	800.62
Orphanage	455.51
Bible College	195.88
Ministerial Fund (old age ministers)	20.00
Co-Laborer Fund	95.31
Camp Mount Bethel (Youth Camp, Women's Institute)	246.00
TOTAL OF ALL OFFERINGS	\$2,889.22
Number of tithers in auxiliary: Women tithers	128
No. Auxiliaries observing Seasons of Prayer by	
W. N. A. C.: Thanksgiving 7; Easter 12; 1:00 o'clock daily 1.	
Number of personal service activities each month	12
No. members engaged in personal service in community	102
No. Auxiliaries observing Calendar of activities	12
No. Auxiliaries reading one or more Mission books	2

REPORT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Enlistment and Promotion Chairman

Number of members on roll beginning Auxiliary year	116
Number of new members	23
Number of active members	127
Number of members suspended	15
Present enrollment in Auxiliary	133
Average attendance	81

Enlistment work done to win new members:

Number members making phone calls	26
Number members making personal visits	80
Number members mailing letters or cards to invite new members	32

Enlistment work done to bring back absentees:

Number members making phone calls	28
Number members making personal visits	30
Number members mailing letters or cards	26

Promotion Work Done:

Number of enlistment leaflets, papers, pamphlets, etc. distributed	126
No. program on attendance, membership, auxiliary plan of work	10

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RILEY GIDDENS, 1st V. President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Number young people (14-18) in the church	213
Number boys and girls (9-13) in the church	192
Number of young people's auxiliaries 4. Number of members	42

Number of Go Tell (9-13) Auxiliary 4. No. members	56
Number study classes conducted. Auxiliary 9. For G. T's	8
No. Vacation Bible Schools	8
No. Stewardship declamation contests held	1
Financial activities support; Camp Mt. Bethel	\$228.89
Commodities valued at	108.88
Free Will Baptist Bible College	163.50
Woman's Institute Bible School	38.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. J. KELLY, 2nd V. President.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

No. mission study classes conducted	27
Mission reading circles held	15
No. stewardship study classes conducted	22
No. evangelism classes conducted	9
No. "Manual of Methods" study classes held	15
No. "Working with our youth classes" held	2
No. other study courses held	12
No. attending all classes or courses held	251
Number tithers as result of study course	24
Total No. tithers in the Auxiliary	117

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. K. V. SHUTES, 3rd V. President.

REPORT OF FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT

No. subscribers to auxiliary Manual 138; Yearbook 211; Working with our Youth magazine 2; F. W. B. Papers 107; Go Tell Book	45
No. articles sent to church bulletin 1; to F. W. B. Papers 75;	
Local Newspapers	40
No. programs planned in advance	129
No. special Missionary Programs given	28
No. special Stewardship programs given	28
No. Stewardship Church Night Program held	8
No. Special Prayer Programs conducted	32
Week of Prayer Programs held	27 weeks and 1 day
Average No. attending Week of Prayer Programs	225
Amount of self denial offerings	\$84.00
Amount of offerings from special programs	\$37.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. HOYT SHEFFIELD, 4th V. President.

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE PRESIDENT

I. Orphanage Work Done:

Value of clothing for children sent \$62.00 last year	\$260.00
Value equipment sent to Orphans Home	31.00
Value commodities sent	15.00
Amount cash donations sent last year \$350.50	296.61
No. coupons sent, last year 3124	6293

II. Ministerial Relief Work Done:

No. cards, letters, etc. sent to aged ministers	38
Value gifts sent	\$15.00
Cash donations sent	10.00

III. Personal Service Work Done:

No. members engaged in personal work, last year 98	112
No. members assisting in cottage prayer meeting, last year 45	118
No. members making soul winning efforts, last year 84	102
No. souls won last year 38; this year	24
No. members distributing Bibles, last year 14	15
No. members distributing garments to needy, last year 66	155
No. members distributing trays, last year 135	205
Amount cash donations, last year \$173.92	\$357.52
No. helping in Red Cross or community mission work	67

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EVA CLENNY, Benevolence Committee.