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OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Moderator.....Hazlehurst, Ga.
 Rev. C. R. Houston, Assistant Moderator.....Colquitt, Ga.
 Rev. S. T. Shutes, Clerk.....Colquitt, Ga.
 C. M. Chaffin Jr., Assistant Clerk.....Norman Park, Ga.
 Rev. E. C. Morris, Promotional Secretary.....Tifton, Ga.

MISSION BOARD

W. J. Starr, 1961—Leary, Ga.
 Rev. C. A. Huckaby, 1961—903 Dillingham St., Phenix City, Ala.
 W. L. Amerson, 1961—Chester, Ga.
 Rev. Mance Cason, 1961—Brookfield, Ga.
 Rev. Irvin Hyman, 1959—Alma, Ga.
 Rev. B. W. Clenney, 1959—Colquitt, Ga.
 Walter Sloan, 1959—Moultrie, Ga.

PROMOTIONAL BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

E. C. Davidson, 1959—Glennville, Ga.
 Jesse Bone, 1961—Butler, Ga.
 I. J. Goocher, 1961—Colquitt, Ga.
 C. J. Faison, 1961—Moultrie, Ga.
 Rev. Paul Irvin, 1961—Newton, Ga.
 Rev. Charles Clark, 1959—Cordele, Ga.
 J. H. Ivey, 1959—Norman Park, Ga.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. B. Griffin, 1959—Leary, Ga.
 Oscar Brunson, 1959—Colquitt, Ga.
 H. N. Baxter, 1959—Glennville, Ga.
 Rev. L. S. Anthony, 1961—Thomaston, Ga.
 Curtis Gay—Hartsfield, Ga.
 Rev. Riley Giddens, 1961—Ray City, Ga.
 W. W. Hobbs, 1961—Vienna, Ga.

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Rev. James Pelt, 1961—Thomaston, Ga.
 L. E. Wynne, 1961—Alapaha, Ga.
 Rev. Kenneth Faison, 1961—Moultrie, Ga.
 C. F. Martin, 1959—Rochelle, Ga.
 O. B. Everson, 1959—Colquitt, Ga.
 W. E. Lane, 1959—Colquitt, Ga.

CAMP BOARD

Rev. T. B. Mellette, 1959—Blakely, Ga.
 G. C. King, 1959—Sylvester, Ga.
 T. B. Etheridge, 1959—Unadilla, Ga.
 Rev. C. J. Harvey, 1961—Camilla, Ga.
 Rev. T. G. Hamilton, 1961—Glennville, Ga.
 Louie Grimes, 1961—Colquitt, Ga.
 Wallace Franks, 1961—Tifton, Ga.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Rev. H. L. Knighton Rev. Louis Moulton Odis Elrod

AUDITING BOARD

G. C. King Curtis Gay

MINISTERS ATTENDING THE STATE ASSOCIATION

SOUTH GEORGIA

James Pelt, Glennville, Ga.
Emmett McDuffie, Surrency, Ga.
T. G. Hamilton, Glennville, Ga.
Irvin Hyman, Alma, Ga.
Ralph Lightsey, Hazlehurst, Ga.
Durward Long, Lake Butler, Fla.
Louis H. Moulton, Savannah, Ga.
C. D. Rentz, Baxley, Ga.

CHATTAHOOCHEE

K. V. Shutes, Thomaston, Ga.
C. A. Huckaby, 903 Dillingham St., Phenix City, Ala.

GEORGIA UNION

Neal H. Parrish, Waycross, Ga.
W. L. Amerson, Chester, Ga.
Charles Clark, Cordele, Ga.
C. L. Martin, Rochelle, Ga.

LITTLE RIVER

J. B. Wheeler, Dublin, Ga.
Riley Giddens, Ray City, Ga.
E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.
M. T. Goff, Lenox, Ga.
J. B. Lovering, 407 Foly St., Valdosta, Ga.
Everett Williams, Pearson, Ga.
Mance Cason, Brookfield, Ga.
E. D. Franks, Waresboro, Ga.
J. E. Wood, Pearson, Ga.

UNION

L. G. Baldwin, Pavo, Ga.
Kenneth Faison, Moultrie, Ga.
W. L. Purvis, Hartsfield, Ga.
Lamar Parrish, Moultrie, Ga.
Harvey Giddens, Moultrie, Ga.
C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga.

MARTIN

B. W. Clenney, Colquitt, Ga.

MIDWAY

T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.
S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.
C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.
Coy Watson, Blakely, Ga.
H. L. Knighton, 1205 Whitney Ave., Albany, Ga.
Ralph Bell, Brinson, Ga.
Paul Irvin, Newton, Ga.
Leo Curtis, Blakely, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS

The Georgia State Association, embracing the Free Will Baptist churches of the state of Georgia and their duly elected delegates, met at Cool Springs Church near Norman Park, Georgia, November 12, 13, 14, 1957.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 12

The association opened at 7:00 p. m. with singing directed by Rev. S. T. Shutes. A period of prayer, Bible reading and some well made remarks by Rev. J. E. Wood served as an ideal devotional.

The assistant moderator called the body to order and presented the moderator, Rev. T. G. Hamilton. The moderator officially opened the 1957 session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

The clerk, Ernest Barker, was absent because of sickness. The moderator appointed Rev. J. B. Lovering to serve as clerk for the Tuesday evening session.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials: E. C. Davidson, I. J. Goocher and S. E. Herrod.

Committee on Committees: O. B. Everson, B. W. Clenney, C. M. Chaffin Jr., Walter Sloan and Rev. Louis Moulton.

After an informal introduction of those present, we were led in a good song service by Rev. Louis Moulton.

The speaker, Rev. Ralph Lightsey of Hazlehurst, Georgia, was presented to the audience by the moderator. It was a most wonderful message on "Preparing for Evangelism." He stressed that we let God prepare for us what we ought to be then evangelism would be at work.

The host pastor, Rev. B. W. Clenney, had the pleasure of assigning rooms to those who would spent the night.

Benediction by Rev. B. W. Clenney.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 13

Rev. Louis Moulton directed the congregation in singing "O How I Love Jesus," followed with prayer by Rev. C. R. Houston. The congregation then sang "Saviour Like a Shepherd."

Rev. Charles Clerk led the congregation in a few moments of meditation giving quotations and illustrations from the Bible to prove the relationship of evangelism to the Bible.

The moderator then called for a temporary clerk election. Rev. S. T. Shutes' name was placed in nomination by Rev. E. C. Morris. A motion was made by Rev. Louis Moulton that the nominations cease and we proceeded to elect by acclamation.

The credentials committee reported in part. Motion was carried to adopt the partial report and seat the delegates and any others who were duly qualified that came to this session.

The report of the committee on committees was adopted by voice vote. (See report.)

At this time the moderator recognized the entertainment committee of the Little River Association. The Rev. J. B. Lovering, moderator of this association, gave the welcome address and commended the churches of the Little River Association for their splendid cooperation in the entertainment of this fine session of the Georgia State Association.

The moderator gave a genuine welcome to one and all. As a basis for his re-

marks he used Colossians 3:1-4. From these verses he urged the delegates and ministers to stay hidden in Christ and let Him, through the Holy Spirit, be our leader throughout this entire session. He then gave the rules to the delegates about attending all the sessions, and that only one subject at a time can come on the floor; also that each day in his or her rights as a delegate and please remember the rights of others. Mr. Hamilton said, "The need is that we exalt our Christ and that we manifest in our hearts the theme of this association, Evangelism." The moderator lead us to the throne in prayer.

Motion carried by voice vote to adopt the prepared program as a guide for the session and that the moderator be empowered to change the program, also to supply speakers where vacancies occurred. The moderator then asked all delegates to have seats in the middle section of pews.

The report of the executive board was called for at this time. The clerk read the report which was adopted by a standing vote.

A ruling was asked from the moderator as to whether standing board members are entitled to sit in as duly elected or not. The moderator ruled that all board members are standing delegates.

A motion for a moment of silent prayer to the memory of our deceased and that Rev. J. B. Lovering send a telegram to the daughter of Rev. (Gussie) A. L. Sellers who died during this session.

The moderator ordered the body to stand adjourned for the worship service and the noon hour, to be called back in session at 1:30 p. m.

The noon meal was just simply grand.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled at 1:30 p. m. with singing led by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Moments of meditation by Rev. K. V. Shutes, using as his subject, "Evangelism in Relation to Prayer." Prayer is related to evangelism and the appeal was made so real.

The floor was yielded to a report from the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. In the absence of Mrs. Martha Everson, Mrs. Irvin Hyman read the report. A motion to adopt the report as information was carried by a voice vote. (See report.)

The body now enjoyed echoes from the National Association by Rev. H. L. Knighton. He gave a general review of the session in part, as he had to leave before the adjournment.

The camp board report was given by Rev. T. B. Mellette. Motion to receive the report as read was carried by a standing vote. Sections 1 and 2 were adopted by voice vote. Motion carried to table Section 3 for the report of the building committee. G. C. King gave the report. The report of the building committee was adopted. Motion carried to take Section Number 3 from the table. Standing vote for the adoption of Number 3. Numbers 4 and 5 were adopted. Number 6 was declared out of order. Number 7 was adopted. Be sure to read these reports.

The promotional secretary gave his report which was adopted by voice vote. (See report.)

At this time Rev. J. O. Fort, editor of our press in Ayden, North Carolina, was extended the floor to explain about some of our new literature and the work of the press in general.

Motion carried to receive the report of the promotional board of education and adopt it by sections. After much discussion of the section with reference to

the National Sunday School Board and the Free Will Baptist Press in their difference, the moderator ruled it out of order. Motion was passed to remit it to the educational board for re-writing.

The moderator declared the body adjourned until 9:15 Thursday morning.

The churches assigned did a good job of giving a bountiful repast to the group at the school house which had been abandoned as a school and rented to the community. Every meal was served there, and we say every meal was the best. May we say "Well done to Cool Springs Church and community."

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

The services began at 7:00 p. m. with a group of young people in the community doing some good singing before the regular worship period.

Rev. S. T. Shutes led in the singing of several songs, followed with a testimonial service by Rev. Louis Moulton. Rev. Louis Moulton and Rev. S. T. Shutes sang a duet, "Is Your All on the Altar?"

The moderator presented the speaker for the evening, Rev. Charles Thigpen of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. A good review of the mission work and the college was enjoyed by all present. From Luke 15 he gave us a real picture of the Prodigal Son and a reliable father who kept relying on God for the return of a loved son who finally came around the bend and met a great, loving dad. Before this message, Mrs. Louis Moulton sang a very fitting solo.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 13

Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of the Bible College, who was scheduled to preach at the 11:00 o'clock service on Wednesday, was unable to attend because of sickness. He sent one who was well received, and most of the preachers appreciated the stand he took for the old paths; the power of the church remaining in the local church where Jesus intended the operation of His saving power.

Rev. Charles Thigpen preached a most wonderful sermon on Wednesday, using for the subject "Training for Evangelism." He stated that the real purpose of evangelism is to find someone.

An offering was received at 11:00 o'clock, Rev. E. C. Morris in charge, amounting to \$77.94.

Thursday morning singing was led by Rev. Louis Moulton. Instead of the devotional as planned, a period was spent in prayer with several taking part.

The mission board report was read by Rev. Mance Cason, secretary to the board. Motion carried for adoption. (See report.)

Motion to adopt the report of the superannuation board, Rev. K. V. Shutes reporting. (See report.)

The report of the temperance committee was adopted as read. (See report.)

Report of the resolution committee received and adopted by sections. Section 1 adopted. Section 2 adopted. A motion carried to adopt Section 3, but a motion was made to amend this resolution—the amendment was that the Dollar Club be one dollar per year, and that the mission board be responsible for the handling of this matter. (See report.) Motion carried to adopt resolution Number 4. (See report.)

Report of allocations committee adopted. (See report.)

The education committee resubmitted its report. It was unanimously adopted.

There was a motion to accept the invitation from Camp Mt. Bethel to hold the 1958 session of the Georgia State Association there, and to give the board the

privilege of working out their own way for entertainment and how much to charge each person, or assign churches to the task at their discretion.

Delegates were appointed to the National Association as follows: Mrs. Louis Moulton, Mrs. Effie Kimbrel, Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Mrs. Eva Clenney, Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. H. H. Reeves, B. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Everson and Mrs. Ralph Lightsey.

Motion carried that the moderator fill in the necessary number of delegates at the National Association.

The nomination committee report was given by Brother Morris. Motion to receive the report and give time for anyone to nominate from the floor if they so desire. There were no nominations. Motion carried for each nominee to be elected and installed.

Motion that the moderator, the promotional secretary and the clerk fix a state letter for churches, union meetings and associations.

Motion carried to accept the auditing committee's report. (See report.)

Motion of thanks to the retiring officers; this vote by the entire audience.

In the absence of Brother Curtis of Blakely, Florida, the moderator asked Rev. Louis Moulton to prepare to preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. His message was filled with the needed facts from Luke 21:25-34 and many more Scriptures relating to the return of our Lord in glory for the saints of the ages.

After the message, a prayer of thanks and praise to God was offered for delivering Rev. S. T. Shutes and his wife out of a very serious wreck.

The usual fine lunch was served by the host church and was enjoyed by all.

So ends another Georgia State Association and history is made. We trust that victories will be recorded in glory as the years come and go as a result of this wonderful session of the association.

Rev. T. G. Hamilton, *Moderator*
Rev. S. T. Shutes, *Clerk*

REPORTS

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Be it resolved: (1) That we have 1,500 minutes printed, and that the clerk and moderator be paid an honorary fee of \$25 and \$15 respectively. The motion was passed.

(2) Each district association send the following for the 1958 session: South Georgia, \$25; Chattahoochee, \$20; Georgia Union, \$20; Union, \$15; Midway, \$25; Little River, \$25; and the Martin, \$20.

(3) That the churches which have not formed a Dollar Club organize so that we, as an association, may aid in the building program of newly organized churches in the state. Motion to adopt was amended to read as follows: That the Dollar Club be \$1 per year, and that the mission board be responsible for the handling of this matter. Passed as now reads.

(4) Be it further resolved that we give to Cool Springs Church and the churches of the Little River Association a rising vote of thanks for the entertainment shown the Georgia State Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. E. Wood
Rev. Jim Pelt
Mrs. B. W. Clenney

AUDITING BOARD REPORT

We, your auditing board, wish to make the following report: We have checked over all the books, receipts and disbursements, as they were presented to us, and find they check as far as we can tell. This is to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. C. King
S. T. Shutes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your nominating committee, gladly place the following nominations for the ensuing terms of offices: Moderator, Rev. Ralph Lightsey; vice-moderator, Rev. C. R. Houston; clerk, Rev. S. T. Shutes; assistant clerk, C. M. Chaffin Jr.; promotional secretary, Rev. E. C. Morris. Mission board, W. J. Starr, 1961; Rev. C. A. Huckaby, 1961; W. L. Amerson, 1961; Rev. Mance Casin, 1961. Board of Christian education, Jesse Bone, 1961; I. J. Goocher, 1961; C. J. Faison, 1961; Rev. Paul Irvin, 1961; Rev. Charles Clark, 1959; and J. H. Ivey, 1959. Board of trustees, Rev. L. S. Anthony, 1961; Curtis Gay, 1961; Rev. Riley Giddens, 1961; W. W. Hobbs, 1961. Board of superannuation, Rev. K. V. Shutes, 1961; Jim Pelt, 1961; L. E. Wynne, 1961; Rev. Kenneth Faison, 1961. Camp board, Rev. C. J. Harvey, 1959; Louis Grimes, 1959; Rev. T. G. Hamilton, 1961; Wallace Franks, 1961. Credentials committee, Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. Louis Moulton and Odis Elrod. Auditing board, G. C. King and Curtis Gay.

E. C. Morris
Ralph Lightsey
Rufus L. Ferguson

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists met June 12, 1957, at Camp Mt. Bethel. Prayers were offered by Rev. S. T. Shutes and Rev. J. B. Lovering. After a brief message from the moderator, the business at hand was entered into. Motion carried to appoint two persons to serve with the moderator in arranging a state association program. Brother Morris asked about his serving Marietta Church. It was agreed for him to urge them to secure the services of some minister, but he could help them until the board could work out something.

Brother Morris also brought up about the bulletin being sent to so many who move away and leave no forwarding address. His idea was for a nominal charge for the bulletin. Moved and carried that Brother Morris handle the mailing of the bulletin as he sees fit.

Motion carried to adjourn. Prayer of dismissal by G. C. King.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We, your committee on superannuation, bow in humble submission to our heavenly Father in His calling from us our chairman, Rev. H. K. Kelley of Columbus, Georgia, who served this board faithfully. He went to be with the Lord in his sleep on the night of July 19, 1957; also Brother A. L. Sellers of Quitman, Georgia, who went to be with the Lord November 11, 1957. Two members dying from one board in one year is quite a shock. Both of these brethren served their church and the Lord well. We also lost one of our superannuates, Rev. J. B. Harris, our blind preacher from Odom, Georgia. He served his Lord and church well for over 50 years. We deplore the fact that so many of our people are not interested in taking care of our aged pastors: What could we give our aged ministers more than a monthly check from the denomination he or she has served?

One of our members has been on the field for national superannuation. It is his candid opinion that over 50% of our people want to sit back and commit this responsibility of providing for these brethren to the Federal Government, but the Bible says, "He that is of the gospel, should live of the gospel," and "The labourer is worthy of his hire."

If the government remembers the men and women who have served their country in battle, why should our church want to dump those who have served her so well on the Federal Government to take care of?

We would like to see this board able to pay half of the endowment of our ministers from the ages of 21 through 55 years of age; also to give a check sufficient to care for his or her needs, and that amply. Remember your church can pay half of the endowment of your pastor through the National Board of Superannuation. Write Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Route 5, Thomaston, Georgia.

This board has given monthly checks to five superannuates, ranking from \$10 to \$15 per month. This is a small, pitiful sum, but it is more than we used to do. Let's put enough money in the treasury to give them \$100 per month. If you know of an elderly minister of our church who needs help, please contact some member of this board; or in case you know of a minister's widow who is in need, please do the same. Notify the board secretary, Mr. O. B. Everson, Colquitt, Georgia.

Since two members of this board died in 1957, and one moved to another state, Revs. Shutes, Pelt and Faison were serving by special appointment for this session.

Rev. K. V. Shutes
Rev. Jim Pelt
Rev. Kenneth Faison
O. B. Everson
W. E. Lane

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Balance from Last Year	\$ 18.40
Amount from Unified Program	970.21
Total from Midway Association	20.00
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Total to Account For	\$1,008.61

Disbursements

Rev. A. C. McKinnon	\$149.00
Rev. W. C. Coleman	149.00
Rev. J. B. Harris	50.00
Rev. E. C. Williams	149.00
Rev. S. E. Bowen	149.00
Rev. C. J. Harvey	106.50
Rev. E. L. Paulk	149.00
Mrs. J. B. Harris	99.00
Exchange on Checks	.84
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Total Disbursements	1,001.34
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 7.27

The promotional board of religious education, also operators of the Revolving Loan Fund and the Dot Harvey Loan Fund, reports the following: So far as the information is at hand, the educational quota has been met, as asked for in the

1956 session. Each board member is to be responsible for promoting in his association the interest of the denomination relative to his board. This our board did. Each member sponsored the College Quartet in his association. We not only raised more money, but we created more interest in the educational activities of our church.

We have tried to help promote a greater youth program in the ranks of our Georgia work, so our youth would be aroused to a greater desire for the truth as taught by our Lord. When the attraction is made, we will have the channels through and the full church life as the Free Will Baptist church doctrine through the consecrated members can and must offer our only hope for a greater church work.

We recommend that the Georgia State Association petition and pray that the executive committee of the National Association go all out to help the National Sunday School Board and the Free Will Baptist Press in ironing out their differences, and work in unison for a better Sunday school literature in the future.

RESOLUTION

The camp board met in a special called session at Camp Mt. Bethel on August 7, 1957.

The meeting passed upon these moves subject to the approval of the Georgia State Association:

First, a committee was appointed to draft a set of rules for the carrying out and governing all purposes and setting forth the duties of the camp personnel. The committee appointed as follows: E. C. Morris, Mrs. Margie Hudson and Rev. Riley Giddens.

By motion the board asked the Georgia State Association to set two definite dates for two separate sessions to be held each year and said sessions to be permanent and fixed yearly: the first session to be the week following the fourth Sunday in June, and the second the week following the first Sunday of August of each year respectively; said sessions not to exclude other sessions from being held at other times; the sessions to begin on Monday and close on Saturday noon.

The board also recommend that application blanks be printed and distributed among the pastors and churches of our state; those desiring to enroll in camp session to file said application with the camp director.

Moved to have the building committee of the Georgia State Association make plans and recommendation for a house to be built on the property of Camp Mt. Bethel for the camp caretaker to live in; said plans to be ready by the meeting of the yearly session.

The board moved to charge a fee of \$7 per capita for each session and all camp expense of board, lodging and medical and hospital expense to be cared for by insurance by the board; this medical attention not to apply to day campers.

It was resolved to have the camp board draft a constitution and bylaws for the governing of the camp board and all its personnel. The board voted that all family groups and any convention meeting at Camp Mt. Bethel meet with the regulations of the camp according to the Georgia State Association's regulation, and that no use or form of tobacco or the use of alcoholic beverages be allowed on the premises of the camp.

The Ministerial Association and Woman's Auxiliary to have their camp at such a time as they deem fit and proper. Also other organizations of the Georgia Original Free Will Baptists to be allowed said privilege providing the dates do not conflict with specified sessions.

The camp board prays that the State Association approve these resolutions.

T. B. Mellette, *Director and Secretary-Treasurer*

RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENT

The camp board is in agreement with a plan as rendered to them by the building committee for the erection of a five-room concrete block building with car port, bath and both front and back porches, with pantry to be erected on the camp grounds for the purpose of housing a caretaker to live on said premises and look after our property and see after its welfare.

The estimated cost of the building, including all material and the labor, to be within the bounds of \$3,000.

The camp board solicits the cooperation and prayers that our pastors and church leaders receive an offering to pay for the above described property; also we ask that a month be designated in the near future for the raising of the above named amount of \$3,000. We feel that this need should be expedited and the demand met with fervency and gladness. May God speed this much needed work to the protection of our property for the training spiritually, morally and physically of our youth.

Remember Camp Mt. Bethel is for our youth. The teen-age group of today will be the men and women of tomorrow.

The camp board also extended an invitation to the Georgia State Association to meet with Camp Mt. Bethel for the 1958 session. We pray that the nominating committee and the members of this body will consider our invitation and vote unanimously to meet with your camp and on your camp ground next year.

T. B. Mellette, *Secretary*

REPORT OF CAMP MT. BETHEL 1957 SESSIONS

The following sessions were held at the camp during the summer of 1957:

The camp begins its summer activities with an all-day sing the first Sunday in May of each year. This is now an annual event and many singers from near and far enjoy the event.

The Minister's and Woman's Auxiliary Bible Conference was held the week of June 11-13, 1957.

The second session was a general session for Bible study and church auxiliary activities, this being the week of June 16-21, 1957.

The third session, or second youth session, was held July 7-12, 1957. This session was specific and emphasized all phases of Sunday school, Free Will Baptist league and woman's auxiliary and a course in Church and Bible Doctrine.

The fourth session was the week of August 4-9, 1957. This session centered in evangelism and the practice of sight reading of rudiments of music.

Our last session for the summer was a missionary study week and studies in the Bible. This was the week of August 12-16, 1957.

The total attendance of the sessions, including both day and regular campers, was 343, the average for each session being 68. The total amount received from all sessions was \$1,747.78. The total cost of all sessions at the close of the last session by reported bills was \$2,184.87.

The total supplement to the camp for the summer sessions was \$435. The camp board appropriates \$100 for the expense of the annual sing each year.

The per capita cost per camper was \$6.35.

All three sessions of youth activities witnessed conversions and consecrations

of young people to a service of life in Christ. As is always the case, God has blessed and provided for a spiritual atmosphere to prevail throughout each session.

T. B. Mellette, *Director and Secretary-Treasurer*

Adopted by voice vote.

**TREASURER REPORT
CAMP BOARD, 1957**

Receipts

Balance Last Session	\$1,058.24
Received Operating Fund	1,563.09
Received Building Fund	3,394.85
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Total to Account For	\$6,016.18

Disbursements

For Rent, Pyle Cabin	\$ 200.00
Sundry Expenses and 1956 Session of State Association	416.77
Supplement to Camp Board for Operating During the Summer	435.00
Other Sundry Expenses	264.62
Building New Dining Hall	4,338.90
Advanced to C. J. Harvey	100.00
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Total Paid Out	5,805.29
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Balance on Hand as of This Day	\$ 210.89

T. B. Mellette, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

"Whether therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Today people are living being surrounded with the darkness of an evil influence. Their hope rests largely upon the individuals who will submit to the leadership of the Spirit of God in practicing temperance. To practice temperance means that whatsoever we do, we do all to the glory of God. When our life glorifies God, we will be a light unto those who are in darkness, thus leading them from the darkness of sin to victory in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Mance R. Cason

Mrs. J. B. Rice

Rev. Riley Giddens

Report adopted.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

As we give this report of our Georgia State Home Mission Board activities for the year of 1956 and 1957, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude to our Lord Jesus for his evident and manifold blessings on our work. We, the board, also feel very thankful to our people over the state for the wonderful way in which you have cooperated and worked with us in our department. The activities of the mission board for this associational year of 1956 and 1957 has been, four called board meetings to plan and carry on the work of this department. The board has

worked directly in two cities to organize new churches this year. God wonderfully blessed and we were successful in organizing churches in both cities, namely Tifton and Atlanta. The one in Tifton was organized September 22, and the one in Atlanta October 27. The Board has helped two of our new churches which were organized last year by supplementing the pastor's salary of the Brunswick church for the first few months of this associational year, and making a loan to the new church at Donalsonville. In addition to the above named activities the board has made efforts to be of help in many ways such as giving an offering of \$100 to the camp to help rebuild the kitchen. We also assumed the responsibility of buying a church lot for \$1,150 in Tifton. This is a brief review of what we have been doing in our department, and we plan to meet in the next few days to plan the work for this year.

We covet earnestly your sincere and faithful prayers in behalf of our home mission program.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. C. J. Harvey, *Chairman*
Mance Cason, *Secretary*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Account:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 502.44
Received from Promotional Office	1,184.84
Special Funds	251.83
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Total	\$1,497.47
Disbursements from Operating Account	1,471.47
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Balance in Treasury, November 1, 1957	\$26.14

Loan Account:

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,253.58
Received from Promotional Office	441.50
Receipts from Bainbridge Church	133.20
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Total	\$1,828.28
Disbursements	1,675.50
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Balance in Treasury, November 1, 1957	\$152.78

The Executive Board of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists met on November 12, 1957, at Cool Springs Church at 10:00 a. m. The moderator, Rev. T. G. Hamilton, presided. The clerk and his assistant being absent (the assistant, Rev. H. J. Kelley, having answered the heavenly call), the chairman asked the promotional secretary to serve as secretary pro tem. He declined and asked that Rev. S. T. Shutes serve. The chairman called the group to prayer and asked that each board member pray.

Those present were: Rev. T. G. Hamilton, moderator; Rev. J. B. Lovering, vice-moderator; Rev. C. J. Harvey, chairman of the mission board; G. C. King, chairman of the camp board; O. B. Everson, secretary-treasurer to the superannuation board; Rev. E. C. Morris, promotional secretary; Rev. S. T. Shutes, chairman of the board of religious education.

The minutes of the last executive board meeting were read by the chairman and approved by the board.

The secretary of the superannuation board asked the chairman to appoint

three members to his board in place of the two deceased and the one who had moved out of the state. The chairman appointed the following: Rev. K. V. Shutes from the Chattahoochee Association to serve as chairman in place of Brother Kelley; Kenneth Faison in place of Willie Sellers, deceased; Rev. Jim Pelt in place of Brother Ludwig who has moved out of the state. This was done until the election of officers and board members in this session of the Georgia State Association.

The unfinished business of the last meeting of the executive board about the promotional secretary pastoring churches was brought up. Motion that the promotional secretary be permitted to act in the capacity of supply pastor to a church or churches who have failed to secure a pastor, and that any new church be given first consideration of his service. Carried by a standing vote.

Motion that \$250 be paid to the promotional secretary, and that all monies received for his supply services be applied on his salary, excepting the present work in Tifton. Adopted by a standing vote.

Motion that the promotional secretary be allowed to print in the bulletin at least once a quarter that offerings are acceptable for the printing of the bulletin. Adopted by a standing vote.

The joint boards met at 2:00 p. m. in the school house in the Cool Springs community, November 12, 1957. Rev. T. G. Hamilton, moderator, presided with Rev. S. T. Shutes acting as clerk pro tem.

The usual roll call of the boards was taken. The mission board lacked one having a quorum.

The camp board asked that one be approved as proxy so they would have a quorum. Motion that the chairman make this appointment later.

The board of Christian education had five present.

The report of the executive board was called for. The report was read and a motion carried to receive the report and adopt it by sections.

Motion for the credentials committee to be a standing committee in order to prepare reports earlier to save time on the first day of the association. Motion adopted.

The reports from the various boards were deferred until later.

Adjourned until 9:15 Wednesday morning.

Report of the treasurer to the state promotional board, the loan board and the State Association in session at Cool Springs, Georgia.

<i>Receipts</i>	
Balance on Books November, 1956	\$317.88
Received on Account (Student Loan Fund)	190.00
Allocated Funds (E. C. Morris)	218.35
Dot Harvey Fund	196.33
Total	<hr/> \$922.56
<i>Expenditures</i>	
Loans to Students	\$570.00
Surety Bond	5.00
Total Spent	<hr/> 575.00
Balance	<hr/> \$347.56
Accounts receivable (individual loan funds), \$2,332.00.	

An appendix to the camp board's report. The camp board asked for \$1,000 to improve the water system and recreation facilities, making a total of \$4,000 earmarked funds. This was voted as part of report.

We, your committee on committees, recommend the following for the various committees:

Nominations: Rev. E. C. Morris, chairman, Rev. Ralph Lightsey and Lamar Furgerson.

Allocations: J. B. Lovering, chairman, H. L. Knighton and C. A. Huckaby.

Resolutions: J. E. Woods, chairman, James Pelt and Mrs. B. W. Clenney.

Temperance: Mance Cason, chairman, Riley Giddens and Mrs. J. B. Rice.

Louis Moulton

Lamar Paris

Walter Sloan

B. W. Clenney

C. M. Chaffin

Mt. Bethel building account, G. C. King reporting:

Monies Received for the Building Fund	\$6,939.52
Money Spent on the Building and Other Repairs	6,915.30
Balance in Building Fund	\$ 24.22

G. C. King

We, the credential committee, have received this information and money as follows:

Martin Association, Union Meeting, \$10.00; delegates, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Houston
 Belview Church, \$5.00; delegate, Mrs. Effie Kimbrell
 New Salem Church, \$1.00; delegate, I. J. Goocher
 New Home No. 1, \$3.00; delegate, J. Bailey
 Thomaston Church, \$5.00; by Letter
 First Church, Columbus, \$9.30; by Letter
 Midway—Sent Fee Promotional Secretary
 Oak Grove Church, \$5.00
 Donalsonville Church, \$5.00; delegate, John Hudson
 Jakin Church, \$5.00; delegate, Mrs. H. H. Reeves
 Patmos Church, \$5.00; delegate, W. B. Griffin
 Travelers' Rest Church, \$5.00; delegate, Mrs. Kate Edwards
 Zion Church, \$2.00; delegate, Martin Still
 Blakely Church, \$2.00; delegate, Alvin Day
 Macedonia Church, \$3.00; delegate, B. Houston
 Georgia Union Church, \$20.00; delegates, W. H. Nobles, E. L. Long and W. W. Hobbs
 Pleasant Hill Church, \$5.00; by Letter
 Double Branch Church, \$2.00; delegate, T. B. Etheridge
 Pine Level Church, \$2.00; delegate, W. S. Amerson
 Little River Association, \$25.00; delegates, Odis Williams and N. T. Brooks
 Union Association, \$15.00; delegates, Mrs. J. B. Rice and Mrs. Lamar Parish
 Georgia Union Quarterly, \$5.00
 Union Quarterly, \$5.00; delegates, Curtis Gay and Otis Elrod
 South Georgia, \$25.00; delegate, Mrs. Louis Moulton
 Savannah Church, \$5.00
 Cool Springs, \$2.00
 Midway Church, \$5.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATIONS

We, your committee on allocations, recommend that after the State Promotional Fund has been subtracted from the United Fund the remainder be divided as follows:

50% to the National Cooperative Plan to be divided as provided by the National Association.

50% to remain in the state and be divided as follows:

Youth Camp	25%
State Superannuation	29%
State Missions	30%
Children's Home	6%
State Education	6%
Woman's Auxiliary	4%

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Lovering, *Chairman*

H. L. Knighton

C. A. Huckaby

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 will 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 any affiliated bodies. One delegate for every 500 members, or a fraction thereof, of each district association or union meeting. And one delegate for every 100 members or a fraction thereof of all local affiliated churches.

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 current needs of the body shall be paid in on a voluntary basis to the treasurer of the association, *however*, it is suggested that each association give as shall be allocated to them each year by a committee, and that each union meeting give five dollars and each local church give five cents per capita for their respective membership.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. It shall be the privilege of each affiliated association to furnish a member of each standing board with terms of offices rotating which will necessitate the election of four members at one election year and three members at the next election year, giving each member a term of office of four years each. The exception will be the board of auditors which shall consist of two members who shall be elected at the same time as 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 association treasurer and the treasurers of all boards.

Section 7. There shall be a camp board whose duties shall be to supervise the entire activities of the camp. Arranging the time of sessions, electing all faculty members, forming all the study courses, especially those leading to a completion with the issue of certificates.

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.

Section 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 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 becomes incapacitated in which case the assistant assumes the authority of said incapacitated chairman.

AMENDMENTS

This constitution shall not be changed or altered except by a majority 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 session prior to adoption and shall, during the time be read at least twice in open session. Additions of boards or officers may be added as there is need.

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

"The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psalm 126: 3). The above quotation expresses our feelings much better than any words we might use of our own.

We are not merely thinking now of what the Lord has done for us during the closing year, but of His wonderful blessings of the past decade. It was ten years ago that your present promotional secretary entered upon the duties of this office.

May we refer you to the minutes of 1946 for a comparative report with the present one. This will give an idea as to the progress made in the various departments of the denominational activities in the state of Georgia. Ten years ago, there were 103 churches with a total membership of 7,903 affiliated with the State Association; now it is 125 churches with a total membership of 11,480. During this time, twelve churches have been lost from the State Association; six having

affiliated with other states, four having withdrawn fellowship and two having ceased to exist. This means that 35 churches have been received into the fellowship of the State Association for the same period. Under the heading of auxiliaries, we find that, ten years ago, there were 64 Sunday schools, 20 leagues, 12 woman's auxiliaries and 30 weekly prayer services; whereas now, there are 103 Sunday schools, 61 leagues, 46 woman's auxiliaries and 84 weekly prayer services. Ten years ago there were 8 full-time churches, 18 half-time and 77 quarter-time. Now, there are 33 full-time churches, 73 half-time and 19 quarter-time.

The greatest gains have been made in finances. This has been brought about because of economic conditions, increased membership and better planning; but the greatest cause has been the increased time given in service and greater emphasis has been placed on tithing. Ten years ago the pastors were given \$22,506.67, this year it is \$111,090.33. Ten years ago the total offerings for all purposes were \$43,050.03, this year it is \$222,715.59. The increased value in church property shows that the last ten years have been a time of intensive building. The value ten years ago was \$171,245, which it is now \$997,061.91.

These comparisons are not being given in a boastful manner, for "God forbid that we should glory, save in the Cross of Jesus Christ," but the purpose is to show the goodness of God and to encourage and inspire us to greater endeavors for the glory of Christ to whom all praise is due. This report is brief, much more could be given in the way of progress; eternity alone will reveal the full results, especially the spiritual gains.

It is very gratifying to note that churches have been instituted this year in two very strategic places: one in Tifton, the home of our promotional office; and the other in Atlanta, the Capitol of our state, a city of more than half a million souls. Another achievement that brings joy to all concerned is that more than \$5,000 over the budget has been raised during the year. This is the first time the budget has been oversubscribed since it was raised to \$25,000. In the final accounting it was found that every district went over the assigned quotas.

In our joy over the increased results of the year, may we not overlook some things that should give us great concern. We find that 62 churches (half) made increase in membership. There are 24 that held their own, while 39 lost. Then, while five of the districts made gains in membership, there are two that lost.

The three top churches on the grand honor roll this year giving through the Unified Program are the same as last year, but some changes in the percentage giving. They are: Bainbridge which gave \$6.96 per member; Bay comes second with \$6.00 per member; and Oak Grove in the South Georgia comes third with \$5.76 per member. The other grand honor roll churches come in the order of their per capita giving and are as follows: Clements Bridge, Ozias, Harmony, Cedar Springs, Emmanuel, Alabama, First Valdosta, Midway, Glennville, First Savannah, Satilla, Oak Grove (Little River), Marietta, Double Branch, Mt. Ararat, New Ebenezer, White Oaks and Colquitt.

The junior honor roll churches are those making an offering every month during the year through the Unified Program and are as follows by districts in number: Midway 14, Martin 7, South Georgia 5, three each in the Chattahoochee and Little River, two in the Georgia Union and one in the Union.

The per capita giving for all causes during the year has been \$20.68 with the South Georgia district being the highest with \$29.01. The per capita giving to all denominational purposes was \$2.80 with the Midway district the highest with \$4.29. The per capita giving through the Unified Program was \$.95 with the South Georgia the highest with \$1.32.

The sale of literature by the promotional department during the year has.

been an added feature. Arrangements have been made with most of the denominational supply departments and with the Moody Press for books and all literature available at wholesale rates, giving our department a margin of profit which will be added to the promotional budget, thus enabling us to have more funds for the other causes.

The actual field work this year has been less than the past, putting more time to office duties. The bulletin service has been doubled in size and the subscription list a third larger. This has been done without any subscription cost; however, we will accept any gifts on the bulletin expense, though no subscription price is being anticipated. The bulletin will continue to go to all who request it, and we hope to continue to improve its service.

A few mission revivals have been held during the year and several loyalty services attended. It has also been the privilege of your promotional secretary to deliver dedicatory messages, two for educational and one sanctuary and educational buildings. All the associational sessions, and state bodies were attended and two and three quarterly meetings attended each quarter.

The cause as a whole seems to be on the upward trend and, with divine help, we are looking forward to even a greater year this coming. May every one be much in prayer for the spreading of the gospel and edifying the believers in every way possible. The time is drawing toward the end, what we do it must be done quickly.

We are submitting the comparative and financial report as follows:

COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS

<i>Membership</i>	1956	1957
Number District Associations	7	7
Number Affiliated Churches	123	125
Total Membership	11,090	11,480
Received by Baptism	354	463
Received by Letters	302	302
Received by Restoration and Statements	91	79
Total Accessions	747	844
Lost by Letters	248	305
Lost by Expulsion	63	51
Lost by Death	98	98
Total Number Lost	409	454
Total Net Gain	338	390
<i>Auxiliaries</i>		
Number of Sunday Schools	95	103
Total Enrollment of Sunday Schools	6,279	6,497
Number Free Will Baptist Leagues	52	61
Total Enrollment of Leagues	2,718	2,804
Number Woman's Auxiliaries	51	46
Total Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries	352	578
Number of Weekly Prayer Services	73	84
<i>Ministry and Service</i>		
Number of Ordained Ministers	122	118
Number of Licensed Ministers	11	16
Number of Full-Time Churches	30	33
Number of Half-Time Churches	71	73
Number of Quarter-Time Churches	22	19

Finances

Paid Pastors	\$ 86,756.77	\$111,090.88
Paid Evangelist	13,505.75	12,860.61
Paid for Designated Missions	3,704.11	5,231.29
Paid for Christian Education, Desig.	4,972.19	15,316.86
Paid for Superannuation, Desig.	1,912.50	586.58
Paid to Unified and Cooperative Program	12,295.84	11,483.11
Paid for Building and Repairs	63,465.27	60,316.12
Paid for All Other Causes Not Listed	22,944.66	27,287.72
Total of All Raised and Paid Out	202,220.72	222,715.59
Number of Parsonages	8	12
Total Value of Parsonages	65,000.00	72,000.00
Total Value of Church Property	803,511.00	997,061.91
Total Value of Denominational Program	25,000.00	40,000.00

ALL FUNDS REPORTED RECEIVED AND DISBURSED GENERAL FUNDS RECEIVED

Balance on Hand	\$243.28
Fees Received at the 1956 Session	257.00
From Woman's State Auxiliary Conference for Minutes	50.00
From State League Convention for Minutes	20.00
For National Association	10.00
Midway Annual Dues	10.00
State Sunday School Convention	20.00
Projector Sale—Reserved Fund	25.00
Midway League Convention Projector	45.00
Total Received	\$680.28

DISBURSEMENTS OF GENERAL FUNDS

To Secretary of State for Tax on State Charter	\$ 1.00
Option of Lot for State Mission Board	50.00
Honorarium Fee for Clerk	25.00
T. G. Hamilton for Mileage and Supplies	15.00
Transferred to Promotional Account	100.00
State Minutes	194.00
H. J. Kelly for Postage on Minutes	8.45
Total Disbursed	393.45
Balance in General Fund Account	\$286.83

RECEIVED ON UNIFIED PROGRAM

Churches, Auxiliaries and Individuals	\$11,483.11
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DESIGNATED FUNDS

Missions

Foreign	\$2,283.75
State	456.92
National	245.36
Total for Missions	\$2,986.03

Superannuation	\$ 116.50
Alabama Children's Home	113.36
Bible College	398.27
Headquarters Building	299.45
Camp	1,475.31
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	196.28
National League Board	9.12
General Funds as Above Stated	680.28
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Grand Cash Total Received	\$17,757.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Promotional Department:

Salary, Help and Office Expense	\$4,200.00
Foreign Missions	2,368.39
National Missions	128.13
State Missions	1,181.84
Children's Home	314.45
Bible College	540.92
Youth Camp	2,971.55
State Education	361.90
Auxiliary Program	145.68
Headquarters Building	201.82
State Superannuation	980.77
National Superannuation	39.90
National Executive Department	81.79
National League Board	9.12
National Home Missions	185.56
Cooperative Plan	3,312.83
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	52.78
General Funds Paid Out	393.45
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Grand Total Paid Out	\$17,470.88

Balance on Hand in General Fund \$ 286.83

Total raised on State Budget \$30,275.66 and credited to each Association as follows:

Association	Quota	Paid	Balance
South Georgia	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,371.28	\$1,871.28
Chattahoochee	3,000.00	3,382.69	382.69
Georgia Union	2,000.00	2,589.77	289.77
Little River	2,000.00	2,254.69	254.69
Union	2,000.00	2,018.89	18.89
Martin	2,000.00	2,008.41	8.41
Midway	6,500.00	8,949.93	2,449.93
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Totals	\$25,000.00	\$30,275.66	\$5,275.66

\$30,275.66

FUNDS SENT TO OTHER TREASURERS AND REPORTED

Co-Labor Fund	\$ 208.44
Children's Home	1,200.90
Youth Camp	2,709.18

Superannuation	243.76
National Superannuation	45.00
Bible College	5,409.86
Foreign Missions	1,483.05
State Missions	684.91
National Missions	135.50
Headquarters Building Fund	34.25
National Memorial Fund	20.35
Camp Building Fund	914.30
National Home Missions	108.73
Total	<hr/> 13,198.23
The General Fund Brought Over	680.28
The Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	<hr/> \$30,955.94
E. C. Morris	

OFFICERS OF STATE F. W. B. LEAGUE CONVENTION
1958

President Jessie Bone
Vice-President Charles Clark
Recording Secretary Duane Mellette
Treasurer Christine Lane
Corresponding Secretary Harlene Robertson
Sword Drill Leader Mrs. Irvin Hyman
Pianist June Lightsey
Chorister Laura Faye Horn

Minutes of the Georgia State League Convention

The Georgia State League Convention held its annual meeting November 29, 1957, with Camp Mt. Bethel near Ashburn, Georgia.

The convention was opened with Laura Faye Horn in charge of the song service.

Rev. T. B. Mellette offered prayer.

The president, Louie Grimes, gave a few remarks after which he presented the devotion.

The welcome was given by Mr. G. C. King, chairman of the camp board. The response was given by Rev. Mance Cason, vice-president of the League Convention.

The digest committee was appointed as the following: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Laura Fay Horn, Charles Grimes.

The minutes of the last convention were read and adopted.

A song was sung and the offering was received.

After a discussion, it was moved and carried that the executive committee purchase uniform Bibles for the next convention and that the contestants of the sword drill use Bibles that were in the congregation.

A partial report was heard from the digest committee. It was moved and carried that the partial report be accepted and the delegates be seated as well as the ones which came in late.

Other committees were appointed as follows:

Nominating: Christine Lane (Martin), Rev. Ralph Lightsey (South Georgia), Jessie Bone (Chattahoochee), Rev. Leo Curtis (Midway), Mr. J. W. Franks (Little River), Louise Purvis (Union), Mr. W. L. Amerson (Georgia Union).

Resolutions: Rev. Mance Cason, Rev. Kenneth Faison, Faye Houston.

Finance: Rev. Irvin Hyman, Rev. Charles Clark, Billy Faison.

Rev. Jessie Bone brought the morning message. His Scripture was taken from Matthew 28:18-20.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. T. G. Hamilton.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation sang "Standing on the Promises."

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Drew Floyd.

A special message in song was heard by a group from Double Branch League.

The devotion was rendered by Rev. Drew Floyd. After giving a few remarks of encouragement to the young people, he presented a prize. The winner was Cinderella Mullis from Double Branch League.

The sword drill was conducted by Herman Sullivan with the following contestants:

Intermediates. Fred Wilson (Little River), Virginia Johnson (South Georgia), Ruth Sloan (Union), Linda Moore (Chattahoochee), Betty Lawhorn (Georgia Union), Aangela Bush (Midway).

Juniors: Sandra Dean (Little River), Sandra Langly (South Georgia), Ann Etheridge (Georgia Union), Evelyn Taylor (Chattahoochee), Elve Dykes (Midway).

Reports were heard from the various committees and adopted.

The sword drill judges reported that the junior winner was Evelyn Toler and the intermediates winner was Ruth Sloan.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the camp board for their hospitality shown to us.

The installation service was led by Mrs. J. W. Franks.

We adjourned to meet with Camp Mt. Bethel at Ashburn, Georgia, in November, 1958.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Finance

The finance committee reports as follows:

Brought Forward from 1956	\$ 28.99
Dues from Local Churches and District Conventions	116.00
Collection	28.41
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Total Income	\$173.40
Recommend to Pay Out as Follows:	
Minutes	\$ 20.00
Secretary	10.00
President	10.00
Unified Program	40.00
Mt. Bethel	15.00
Bibles and Programs	12.00
Amount Given to Buy 14 Sword Drill Bibles	21.00
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Total Disbursements	128.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 45.40

(Reserved to pay sword drill contestants to National Convention.)

Respectfully submitted,

Irvin Hyman, *Chairman*

Charles Clark

Billy Faison

Nominating

We, the nominating committee, wish to submit the following report:

Officers of State F. W. B. League Rally

President Jessie Bone

Vice-President Charles Clark

Recording Secretary	Duane Mellette
Treasurer	Christine Lane
Corresponding Secretary	Harlene Robertson
Sword Drill Leader	Mrs. Irvin Hyman
Pianist	June Lightsey
Chorisher	Laura Faye Horn

We also suggest that it meet with Camp Mt. Bethel next year.

Respectfully submitted,
 J. W. Franks, *Chairman*
 Christine Lane
 Ralph Lightsey
 Jessie Bone
 Leo Curtis
 Louise Purvis
 W. L. Amerson

Digest Committee

We, the digest committee, make the following report:

Chattahoochee \$10.00: Namie Bone, Mr. Hardy Hanson, Betty Dumas, Glenda Moore, Evelyn Toler, Lamar Windham, Bobby Childree, Helen Harmon.

Midway \$10.00: Ginny Jenkins, Pat Weaver, Gearldine Musgrove, Janice Houston, Ellen Drinkwater, Eleanor Sheffield, Gwendolyn Griffin, Terry Parker, Julia Perry, Linda Kay Davis.

Georgia Union \$10.00: Herman Sullivan, Mrs. Tom Sangster, Maddie Lou Peavy, Mr. Earnest J. Barker, Mrs. Earnest J. Barker, Mrs. Dunaway, Martha McKinney, Janice Clark.

Union \$10.00: Carlton Justice, Ruth Sloan, Billy Faison, Josephine Sloan, Floyd Faison, Tweun Elrod, June -----.

Martin \$10.00: Christine Lane, Mr. W. E. Lane, Mrs. W. E. Lane, Mrs. Drew Floyd.

Little River \$10.00: Mr. J. W. Franks, Mrs. J. W. Franks, Betty Jean Roberts, Mr. W. N. Wilson, Fred Wilson, Mrs. Mance Cason, Mrs. Alma Flippo.

South Georgia \$10.00: Ruth Douglas, Monteen Stewart, Verrell Clyatt, Jean Hyman, Jean Dukes, June Lightsey, Mrs. Ruth Lightsey.

Turner Chapel \$2.00: Norma Jean Bone.

Zion \$2.00: Rebecca Mellette.

Ozias \$2.00: Mrs. W. N. Wilson.

Memorial \$2.00: Glenda Dykes.

Midway \$2.00: Elaine Walker.

Pine Level \$2.00: Edward Nobles.

Patmos \$2.00: Angela Bush.

Travelers' Rest \$2.00: Jeanette Edmonds.

Corinth \$2.00: Harlene Robertson.

First Tifton Church \$2.00: Shirley Flippo.

Double Branch \$2.00: JoAnne Horn.

White Oak \$2.00: Wayne Fleming.

Pleasant Hill \$2.00: Irlene Hobbs.

Bay Church \$2.00: Louise Purvis.

St. Paul \$2.00: Rudolph Howell.

Pope Church \$2.00: D. L. Harris.

Cedar Springs \$2.00: Linda Chambers.

First Albany Church \$2.00: Brenda Wiard.

Cool Springs \$2.00: Tony Brannan.

Christian Hill \$2.00: Clark Helms.

Enterprise \$2.00: Mrs. A. J. Reynolds.

New Light \$2.00:

Thompson \$2.00: Charles Grimes.

Total Money Received\$116.00

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. H. L. Knighton, *Chairman*
Charles Grimes
Laura Faye Horn

Resolution

We, your resolutions committee, submit the following report:

1. Be it therefore resolved that each district league conference and each local general league mail to the recording secretary of this conference the report blanks listing the names of the delegation and finances ten days prior to the convening of this State League Conference.

2. Be it therefore resolved that the program committee arrange programs that will be inspirational and informative eliminating as much as unnecessary business as possible.

3. The National League Conference has adopted as a project the furnishings of the new kitchen at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Be it therefore resolved that we as a Georgia State League Conference adopt and cooperate in this project.

4. That this conference give a rising vote of thanks to the camp board for their hospitably shown to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mance Cason, *Chairman*
Rev. Kenneth Faison
Miss Faye Houston

Constitution and Bylaws

for

THE GEORGIA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

We, the leagues of the Original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia, desiring to promote the cause of Jesus Christ as represented by our denomination, and to put the "Kingdom of God first," do establish and ordain the constitution and bylaws.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Georgia State League Convention of the Original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia.

Article II

PURPOSE: The purpose of this convention shall be to promote the general welfare of the Free Will Baptist leagues throughout the state of Georgia and to assist the pastors in enlisting the youth of their churches in active Christian service.

Article III

OFFICERS: The officers of this convention shall be president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, sword drill leader, who shall be elected annually at the close of each session.

Article IV

MEMBERSHIP: Section 1. Who shall be eligible: Any Free Will Baptist District League Convention and the general league of the local church in the state of Georgia.

Section 2. Delegates, how elected. Each district league and the general league of the local church shall elect its delegates from its own number.

Section 3. Delegates, number: Each district league convention shall be entitled to ten (10) delegates, and the general league of each local church one (1) delegate. All ordained ministers shall be members of the State League Convention.

Article V

MEETINGS: This convention shall hold its regular annual meeting on the day following Thanksgiving at such a place as may be provided for by the convention in session.

Article VI

COMMITTEES: Section 1. Executive committee of this convention shall be composed of the officers of this convention.

Section 2. Program: The executive committee shall arrange the programs.

Section 3. Publicity: This shall be a committee of one (1), the corresponding secretary.

Section 4. Digest: The digest committee shall be composed of three (3) whose duty it shall be to receive the reports and finance from the district league conventions and the general leagues representing, and to furnish a digest of the reports to the convention.

Section 5. Special: This committee or its president may appoint a digest and nominating committee and as many special committees as necessity may demand.

Section 6. The nominating committee shall be composed of one member from each district league convention, whose duty it shall be to furnish the convention with the names of nominees for the various officers of the State League Convention.

Article VII

REPORTS: Each district league convention shall be requested to make a written report to this convention on a blank furnished by same.

Article III

AMENDMENTS: Any amendment to this constitution and bylaws may be secured by a two-thirds vote of the convention, provided such an amendment be presented at least one hour before taken under consideration.

Article VIII

FINANCE: Section 1: Each district league convention holding membership in this convention shall make an annual contribution of \$10.00 and each general league \$2.00 to be used to carry on the general work of the convention.

Bylaws

Article I

DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 1. **President:** It shall be the duty of the president to preside over each session, preserve order, govern the body according

to established parliamentary usage and appoint all temporary committees. He shall have the power to declare any office vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of either the executive committee or the convention.

Section 2. Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the vice-president to serve in the full capacity of president when the president is absent.

Section 3. Recording Secretary: The recording secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the executive committee and the convention and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office.

Section 4. Corresponding Secretary: The corresponding secretary shall be a medium of contact between the convention and all state and national officers, and shall handle all correspondence of the convention.

Section 5. Treasurer: Convention monies shall be kept by the treasurer and paid out by him only by order of the convention or the executive committee.

Section 6. The work of the executive committee shall be the same as that of the convention when the convention is not in session. It shall have authority to call extra sessions when such becomes necessary. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the convention when he or she proves a failure on official duties, proves non-Christian in conduct, or in any way acts detrimental to the general welfare of the work of the convention, and shall have the right to fill the vacancy; also fill vacancies caused by other reasons. Officers thus appointed shall hold office until the next regular session of the convention. The executive committee shall be composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and sword drill leader.

Section 7. Ex-Officio Member: The president shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the convention.

Section 8. Program Committee: The executive committee shall arrange the program for each session of the convention, building the program around these that may be suggested by the National League Board Secretary.

Section 9. Publicity Committee: The publicity committee shall give due publicity to all activities of the convention. The church papers, state and county newspapers, city newspapers, and others should be used as mediums of advertising the work of the convention.

Article 11

VOTING: Delegates from all districts and general leagues, that are members of the convention, officers of the convention and ministers shall have the right to vote. All questions coming before the convention shall be decided by the majority.

Georgia State Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

The Georgia State Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention held its annual meeting with the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church at Brooksville, Georgia, on June 8, 1957.

The president, Rev. H. L. Knighton, called the meeting to order, and Rev. S. T. Shutes led the congregation in a hymn.

Rev. T. G. Hamilton led in the opening prayer.

A digest committee was appointed, and the delegates from each church and district convention presented their reports.

The welcome and morning devotional was presented by Rev. Mance Cason and the host church, Corinth.

The congregation was led in singing another hymn, after which they were divided into different classes for the workshops.

After the classes, the congregation was reassembled in the auditorium, and several announcements were made by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

A special musical number was rendered by Miss Shirley Clenney of Belview Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. William Mishler, promotional secretary of the National Sunday School Board, delivered the Morning Message on "How to Make Our Communities Conscious of the Sunday School." He used as his text, Acts 1:8.

Several announcements concerning the lunch arrangements were made by Rev. Mance Cason, and we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jesse Bone.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order, and was opened with prayer.

The class workshops were assembled.

After the class workshops, the congregation was reassembled in the auditorium and Rev. H. L. Knighton opened the business session.

A report of the digest committee was given by Mrs. Ralph Underwood, and it was moved and carried that the delegates be seated.

Rev. H. L. Knighton presented the report blanks drawn up by the executive committee, and they were accepted.

It was moved and carried that the incoming executive committee draw up the new report blanks to be used for the incoming year.

Moved and carried that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Corinth Church for their splendid hospitality.

An invitation for the meeting of the next annual convention was received from the board of Camp Mt. Bethel, and it was moved and carried to accept this invitation.

It was moved and seconded that the following report of the nominating committee be received by acclamation:

President, Rev. Louis H. Moulton

Vice-President, Mr. J. W. Franks

Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Shirley Clenney

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Underwood

Moved and carried that a rising vote of thanks be given to the outgoing officers.

Rev. William Mishler led in the installation service for the new officers.

Rev. Louis H. Moulton, the new president, extended an invitation to Rev. William Mishler to attend the next annual convention at Camp Mt. Bethel.

A report was received from the treasurer, and it was moved and seconded to receive this report.

It was moved and carried that the executive committee be reimbursed for all expenses.

A motion was carried for the convention to pay Rev. William Mishler \$50 for his expense.

It was moved and carried that \$20 be provided for the printing of the minutes in the state minutes.

Several announcements were made, and after a congregational song, led by Rev. S. T. Shutes, we were adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Regina Woodard, *Secretary*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from District Conventions:

Chattahoochee Association	\$ 5.00
Union Association	5.00
Georgia Union Association	5.00
Martin Association	5.00
Midway Association	5.00
South Georgia Association	5.00

Received from Local Sunday Schools:

Chathoochee Association

Pleasant Hill	1.00
St. James	1.00
First Church of Thomaston	1.00
First Church of Columbus	1.00

Union Association

Greenwood	1.00
Spring Hill	1.00

Georgia Union Association

Double Branch	1.00
Christian Hill	1.00
Pleasant Hill	1.00

Martin Association

Bellevue	2.50
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Midway Association

First Church of Albany	1.00
Macedonia	1.00
Patmos	1.00

South Georgia Association

Ebenezer	1.00
Brunswick	1.00
First Church of Savannah	5.00
Glennville	1.00

Little River Association

Oak Grove	1.00
Ozias	1.00
Corinth	1.00
Sunny Side	1.00

Total	
Balance on Hand	\$56.50
Offering	4.41
	44.10

Total	
	<u>\$105.01</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. E. C. Morris for Printing of Minutes	\$20.00
Rev. William Mishler	50.00
Rev. Mance Cason, Convention Expenses	10.00

Total	
	<u>\$80.00</u>

Total Receipts	\$105.01
Total Disbursements	80.00

Balance on Hand	
	<u>\$ 25.01</u>

Constitution

Preamble

The Sunday schools of the Free Will Baptist Churches of Georgia do hereby ordain this constitution for the purpose of advancing every phase of the Sunday school endeavors as set forth herein.

Article I. The name of this convention shall be known as the State Sunday School Convention of Georgia Free Will Baptists.

Article II. The purpose of this convention shall be to secure cooperation and unity of action and to promote every phase of the Sunday school work as represented by the Sunday school cause of the denomination.

Article III. The convention shall be composed by delegates and ministers from the district and local Sunday schools. Delegates to be worked out as may be provided for in the bylaws which may be drafted by this body.

Article IV. The officers of this body shall be a president, vice-president, recording secretary and treasurer and such other officers as may be provided for from time to time. Standing, temporary or session committees may be considered officers of the body while serving.

Article V. The executive committee may consist of all the standing officers with the addition of others as the body may deem wise and proper.

Article VI. The convention may be financed by means which may be worked out from time to time and included in the bylaws.

Article VII. All standing officers shall be elected annually at the close of the convention session, and the installation of newly elected officers to be the last item on the program each year.

Article VIII. The convention shall convene on 2nd Sunday in June each year, unless otherwise arranged.

Article IX. The program of the convention will consist of items as may be arranged by a program committee, and the usual order of business as of any deliberate body.

Bylaws

ARTICLE 1, DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

SECTION 1, PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the president to preside over each session, preserve order, govern the body according to established parliamentary usage, and appoint all temporary committees and substitute officers. The president shall also be a member of and chairman of the executive committee.

SECTION 2, VICE-PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the vice-president to serve in the full capacity of the president when the president is absent. The vice-president shall be a member of the executive committee.

SECTION 3, SECRETARY-TREASURER: It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to take minutes of all proceedings and read them for approval and to record and to keep all money and pay for whatever the convention elects to pay, also the secretary-treasurer shall deliver to his or her successor all records and money. The secretary-treasurer shall serve as clerk of the executive committee.

SECTION 4, ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER. It shall be the duty of the assistant secretary-treasurer to take the place of the secretary-treasurer when

he or she is absent. The assistant secretary-treasurer shall be a member of the executive committee.

SECTION 5, EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the convention.

ARTICLE 2, VOTING:

SECTION 1: All questions coming before the convention shall be decided by a majority vote, in case of a tie, the president shall vote.

SECTION 2: Voting shall be restricted to all officers of the convention. Ministers and superintendents and delegates from each district convention, also each Sunday school.

SECTION 3. Each district convention shall be entitled to five delegates. Each Sunday school two delegates.

ARTICLE 3, DUES:

Each district convention shall send \$5.00 to the convention. Each Sunday school shall send \$1.00 to the convention.

ARTICLE 4, AMENDMENTS:

Any amendments to this constitution and bylaws may be secured by two-thirds majority vote, provided such an amendment has been presented to the executive committee 90 days before the date of the convention and has been approved by the executive committee.

Proceedings

OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

COOL SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, NOVEMBER 12, 1957

The convention, called to order by the president, opened with the congregation singing "All Hail the Power" led by Rev. S. T. Shutes with Mrs. S. H. Bush at the piano. Rev. T. B. Mellette led in prayer. Rev. J. B. Lovering announced Rev. A. L. Sellers' passing and requested that money be sent to our orphanage in lieu of flowers.

Mrs. Riley Giddens brought the devotional, "My soul doth magnify the Lord" (Luke 1:46).

We were warmly welcomed by Mrs. J. H. Ivey of Cool Springs Church. Mrs. J. O. Harrell of Glennville responded.

The minutes were read and approved.

The president appointed the following committees:

Credentials: Mrs. W. B. Clenney and Mrs. S. T. Shutes.

Registration: Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Mrs. J. W. Franks and Mrs. Ruby Wells.

Resolutions: Mrs. T. G. Hamilton, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. M. G. Shiver, Mrs. Mance Cason and Mrs. O. L. Houston.

Finance: Mrs. O. B. Everson, Mrs. Effie Kimbrel, Mrs. J. O. Harrell, Mrs. C. J. Harvey and Mrs. Charles Lassiter.

The nominating committee was elected as follows: Mrs. H. J. Kelley, Mrs. Eva Cowart, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. James Mathis, Mrs. Early Bland and Mrs. Charles Lassiter.

The credentials report was read and accepted. The delegates, ministers and visitors, respectively, were recognized.

The youth chairman introduced the missions declamation contestants: G. T. A., Laverne Elrod, and Y. P. A., Ruth Sloan, both from Midway Church. They were presented awards following the declamations. The congregation sang "The Light of the World Is Jesus."

The president introduced Mrs. T. H. Willey, our missionary to Cuba, who brought an inspiring and informative message on "The Great and Effectual Door Opened unto Us" (1 Corinthians 16:9; Zechariah 4:6), stressing the opportunities for Free Will Baptists found in the recent missions survey in South America.

Everyone joined in singing "Send the Light." Announcements by host church. Dismissed by Rev. H. L. Knighton.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After congregational singing, Mrs. K. V. Shutes presented Rev. T. H. Willey, missionary to Cuba, who brought us further news concerning Free Will Baptist missions work in South America, Cuba and Miami.

The congregation gave a rising vote of thanks to Brother and Sister Willey for their presence and challenging messages today.

The following reports were received:

Enlistment Chairman: Mrs. Irvin Hyman.

Youth Chairman: Mrs. M. G. Shiver.

Study Course Chairman: Mrs. Paul Irvin (proxy for Mrs. C. C. Sheffield).

Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. M. G. Shiver (proxy for Mrs. E. C. Morris).

Field Secretary: Mrs. J. B. Rice.

Report of treasurer was accepted.

Report of registration committee was received.

Motion seconded and carried that compiled report of recording secretary be accepted.

In order to emphaize our 1957-58 W. N. A. C. project, each district and each local that has no district convention were given a section of a minature mission station. Those who reach their quotas by June, 1958, are suppose to bring their sections back to the state workshop where the station will be reassembled, signifying that the quotas have been paid.

Delegates to W. N. A. C. were appointed as follows: Mrs. B. W. Clenney, Mrs. Effie Kinbrell, Mrs. Leo Curtis, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. O. B. Everson, Mrs. H. L. Knighton, Mrs. H. H. Reeves, Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. S. T. Shutes and Mrs. H. J. Kelley.

The convention stood in silent prayer for the loved ones of Rev. A. L. Sellers. Mrs. B. B. Edwards closed the prayer. Motion seconded and carried that the corresponding secretary send a card of smypathy to the family of Brother Sellers.

Motion seconded and carried that report of finance committee be accepted. Motion seconded and carried that recording secretary-treasurer be given an honora-ium of \$25 for her services.

Motion seconded and carried that report of nominating committee be adopted and all officers elected by acclamation.

The secretary read a letter of thanks from Miss Barnard for her watch.

An impressive installation service was condutced by Mrs. J. B. Rice. Rev. K. V. Shutes led the prayer and dismissal.

The body stood adjourned.

Mrs. O. B. Everson, *Recording Secretary*

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, *President*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 23, 1957, FIRST CHURCH, ALBANY, GEORGIA

Motions that were carried:

1. That we give the declamation contestant \$25 toward her expenses to Birmingham.

2. That the corresponding secretary send Mrs. J. B. Rice, who is ill, a get-well message.

3. That we instruct Brother Riggs to send Miss Barnard's watch to her by Miss Volena Wilson.

4. That we have 500 report blanks printed.

5. That the theme for the State Convention be "Magnifying Christ."

6. That we secure Miss Barnard or some other available missionary as the main speaker.

7. That the youth chairman buy awards for all declamation and essay contestants and that she be reimbursed by treasurer.

8. That the executive committee recommend that each local church auxiliary

that reports through a district convention be allowed to send one delegate to the State Convention.

9. That the \$60 in the treasury earmarked for Miss Barnard be paid on her passage home and that each auxiliary in the state make a contribution toward her passage.

10. That the youth chairman sponsor kitchen and dining room showers for camp Mt. Bethel.

11. That the president secure a teacher for the second youth encampment and that the teacher's salary be paid from the treasury.

12. That the executive committee recommend to the State Convention that members of the executive committee be paid 5c per mile, one way, toward the expense of attending committee meetings.

13. That the treasurer pay postage on clothes Miss Wilson send to N. A. F. office.

14. That "Approved Workers" be adopted as the theme for the state workshop.

15. That Mrs. Eunice Edwards or Mrs. L. E. Ballard be secured as instructor for state workshop.

16. That a study of report blanks be emphasized at the workshop.

17. That we give Brother and Sister H. L. Knighton and Albany Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality extended to us today.

JUNE 13, 1957, CAMP MT. BETHEL

Motions that were carried:

1. That we give Mrs. Eunice Edwards \$60 for serving as instructor at the state workshop.

2. That the individual report slips bought for today be paid for out of the treasury.

3. That we send Mrs. G. C. King, who is sick, flowers.

4. That the remainder of Georgia's quota on the W. N. A. C. tent project be paid from the general treasury.

NOVEMBER 12, 1957, COOL SPRINGS CHURCH, NORMAN PARK, GEORGIA

Motions were made and carried that we submit the following recommendations to the proper committees:

1. That the reports of the standing chairman be eliminated from the printed minutes, but a compiled recording secretary's report be included in the minutes.

2. That each local treasurer send all money paid out by her auxiliary to her district treasurer who shall total these various offerings and send a compiled report along with the money from her district to the state treasurer every month.

3. That the State Convention support a native missionary in India.

4. That the Georgia state quota of \$600 for the African Mission Station be allocated as follows:

Chatahoochee District	\$100.00
Little River District	50.00
Martin District	50.00
Midway District	175.00
South Georgia District	175.00
Midway (Local)	25.00
Double Branch (Local)	12.50
Greenwood (Local)	12.50

5. That the treasurer reimburse Mrs. K. V. Shutes for two long distance telephone calls to Rev. Raymond Riggs.
6. That we pay \$100 toward the Willeys' expenses to this convention.
7. That the corresponding secretary send letters of appreciation to those who mimeographed today's programs.

Mrs. O. B. Everson, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. K. V. Shutes, *President*

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

(For Convention Year 1956 - 1957).

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of Georgia State Convention

President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Rt. 5, Thomaston, Ga.; Treasurer, Mrs. O. B. Everson, Colquitt, Ga.; number of auxiliaries reporting, 46; amount per capita representation fees sent to treasurer, \$170.00; No. "A-1" standard auxiliaries, 0; No. "B", 6; No "C", 10.

I. Enlistment Department:

1. Enrollment at beginning of convention year, 475; present enrollment, 448.
2. Number new members, 62; number lost, 52; average attendance, 284.

II. Youth Department:

1. Number youth organizations: G. T. A., 12; Y. P. A., 10; B. A., 2.
2. Total membership: G. T. A., 92; Y. P. A., 108; B. A., 19.
3. Number missions declamation contests held, 1.
4. Number vacation Bible schools assisted in, 10.
5. Number active church libraries, 2.
6. Number Bible College students assisted, 11.
7. Other activities—Youth for Christ rallies, 2.

III. Study Course Department:

1. Courses Conducted	Attendance
Missions, 14	135
Stewardship, 11	75
Manual, 14	105
Evangelism, 9	76
Prayer, 18	133
2. Reading circles, 9.	
3. Number daily Bible readers, 142.	

IV. Program-Prayer Department:

1. Number special programs held, 34.
2. Number weeks of prayer conducted, 66.
3. Total amount self-denial offering resulting from weeks of prayer, \$324.32.
4. Total number family altars, 116.
5. Total members observing prayer fellowship, 87.

V. Personal Service Department:

1. Number making soul-winning efforts, 196.

2. Number souls won, 20.
3. Number active in community missions, 148.
4. Total value of all contributions to Children's Homes, \$311.32.

VI. Publicity Department:

1. Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers, 151.
2. Number articles written for publication, 56.
3. Other publicity work done--posters, cards, letters, announcements, 56.

VII. Personal Gifts:

Special Offerings:	(Contributions Through Other Channels) Amount
Missions	\$590.26
Free Will Baptist Bible College	120.03
Children's Home	78.25
Superannuation	38.00
Other	1,541.71

Mrs. O. B. Everson, *Recording Secretary*
Colquitt, Georgia

COMPILED TREASURER'S REPORT

(For Convention Year 1956 - 1957)

ANNUAL REPORT

I. STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS:

Number of auxiliary members contributing to missions	187
Number of tithers on roll at beginning of convention year	105
Number of tithers as result of stewardship study courses	6
Number of new tithers this convention year	18
Present number of tithers	126

II. FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount of offering sent to W. N. A. C. Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 241.14
Amount of Easter offering for foreign missions	194.20
Amount of Thanksgiving offering for state home missions	154.54
Amount of Christmas offering for national home missions	122.24
Cash gifts to orphanage	285.84
Value of boxes to orphanage	93.50
Cash gifts to Free Will Baptist College	181.89
Total gifts to missions sent to W. N. A. C. treasurer this convention year by woman's auxiliary	202.31
By G. T. A.'s	6.00
Cash Gifts to aged ministers	54.00
Total per capita representation fee sent to W. N. A. C. Treasurer this convention year	
By woman's auxiliary	170.00
Total amount spent for auxiliary literature	360.99
Total amount spent this convention year for local church activities	2,234.72
Total amount sent for unified program	59.36
Total amount sent for Dot Harvey Loan Fund	150.00
Total amount sent for state workshop	57.50

Others	844.64
Camp Mt. Bethel	494.54
Miss Volena Wilson	9.08
Home mission tent	20.50
Miss Barnard's trip home	27.00
W. N. A. C. Student Loan Fund	31.35

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Designated funds received and paid out by state treasurer:

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 231.52
W. N. A. C. Tent Project	112.00
W. N. A. C. Memorial Loan Fund	70.61
African Mission Station	26.25
Foreign Missions	140.06
National Missions	82.71
State Missions	38.45
Free Will Baptist Bible College	19.33
Children's Home	14.95
Superannuation	46.00
Unified Program	101.71
Camp Mt. Bethel Building Fund	519.64
State Workshop	60.00
Miss Barnard's Trip Home	251.50
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	168.50
Total	<u>\$1,883.24</u>

GENERAL TREASURY

Receipts

Balance Brought Forward	\$199.88
Unified Program	143.73
Dues Received After 1956 Convention	60.29
Cash Refund on Check	2.25
Offering Received at State Workshop	22.38
Reimbursement on Tent Project	6.50
1957 Convention Dues	170.00
Offering Received at Convention	41.83
Total Received	<u>\$646.86</u>
Unaccounted for Funds in Treasury	10.92
Total Amount Received	<u>\$657.78</u>

Disbursements

Stationery and Receipt Cards	\$39.00
State Minutes	50.00
Report Blanks	22.74
Declamation Contestant	25.00
Home Mission Tent	14.50
Flowers for Mrs. G. C. King	2.32
Instructor for Youth Camp	25.00
Miss Volena Wilson (Freight on Clothes)	14.52
Transferred to Miss Barnard's Passage	60.00

Exchange on Checks	2.30
Total Paid Out	<u>\$225.38</u>
Cash on Hand November 12, 1957	<u>\$402.40</u>

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend the following disbursements:

National Dues	\$ 44.80
Minutes if Received by February 1, 1958	50.00
Registration Badges	4.54
Contestants' Expenses to W. N. A. C.	50.00
Willey's Expenses	100.00
Orphanage in Memory of Brother Sellers	10.00
President's Service	15.00

Total Disbursements	<u>\$274.34</u>
Cash on Hand November 12, 1957	<u>\$402.40</u>
Disbursements	<u>274.34</u>

Balance in Treasury	<u>\$128.06</u>
Secretary Honorarium (Voted by Convention)	<u>24.00</u>

November 12, 1957 Balance in Treasury	<u>\$103.06</u>
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REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We have examined all reports and find the following eligible to seats in this Convention:

Midway, Martin, Chattahoochee and South Georgia districts; Double Branch, Greenwood and Midway local auxiliaries.

The Little River District reported, but insufficient funds were sent. We recommend that they be granted seats and that they send in the remainder of their funds in the near future.

REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Number of State officers	5
Number of Delegates	27
Number of District Presidents	2
Number of Ministers	17
Number of Visitors	42

Total Number Registered	<u>93</u>
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REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that:

1. Each local auxiliary that reports through a district convention be allowed to send one delegate to the State Convention.
2. Members of the executive committee be paid 5c per mile, one way, toward the expense of attending committee meetings.
3. We adopt the denominational calendar of activities as found in our year book of programs.

4. That convention have one day at camp in 1958 and that each auxiliary send \$5 toward expenses of that day.

5. The names and addresses of each district corresponding secretary be printed in the state minutes.

6. Each auxiliary send \$1 per month for the Dot Harvey Educational Loan Fund.

7. The state corresponding secretary make copies of these resolutions and send to each auxiliary by January 1.

8. Each district convention continue having the quarterly workshops and that these workshops be days of study for information on our work as well as days of inspiration.

9. Each local treasurer send all money paid out by her auxiliary to her district treasurer, who shall total these various offerings and send a compiled report along with the money from her district treasurer every month.

10. The personal reports of the state standing chairman be eliminated from the printed minutes, but a compiled recording secretary's report be included in the minutes.

11. The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention support a native missionary in India. This will be \$20 a month. This means on 50c a month per auxiliary.

12. Each district convention submit resolutions to the State Convention resolutions committee in they desire.

13. The Georgia state quota of \$600 for the African Mission Station be allocated as follows: Chattahoochee District, \$100; Little River District, \$50; Martin District, \$50; Midway District, \$175; South Georgia District, \$175; Midway local, \$25; Greenwood local, \$12.50 Double Branch local, \$12.50.

14. The corresponding secretary send a note of thanks to Mr. Lonnie Chester and Miss Annette Bridges, teachers in the Damascus High School, for mimeographing program for the convention.

15. That this convention give Cool Springs Church and the Little River Association a rising vote of thanks for the splendid hospitality shown us today.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee, recommend the following list of officers for the ensuing year:

President: Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Route 5, Thomaston, Ga.

Vice-President: Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Alma, Ga.

Recording Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. O. B. Everson, Colquitt, Ga.

Assistant Recording Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. B. W. Clenney, Colquitt, Ga.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. J. W. Franks, Route 4, Tifton, Ga.

Field Secretary: Mrs. Paul Irvin, Newton, Ga.

Youth Chairman: Mrs. O. L. Houston, 1814 Edgerly Avenue, Albany, Ga.

Study Course Chairman: Mrs. S. H. Bush, Leary, Ga.

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Kenneth Faison, Route 4, Moultrie, Ga.

Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. M. G. Shiver, Elmodel, Ga.

DISTRICT CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

Chattahoochee: Mrs. Ruby Wells, 315 Deluxe Circle, Thomaston, Ga.

Little River: Mrs. J. W. Franks, Route 4, Tifton, Ga.

Martin: Mrs. Herbert Riddlehoover, Route 4, Donalsonville, Ga.

Midway: Mrs. B. Houston, Damascus, Ga.

South Georgia: Mrs. Gaines Quinn, Baxley, Ga.

Double Branch (Local): Mrs. T. B. Ethridge, Unadilla, Ga.

Greenwood (Local): Mrs. Richard Harrison, Route 3, Camilla, Ga.

Midway (Local); Mrs. R. C. Furgerson, Route 4, Moultrie, Ga.