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OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

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

## STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

### MISSION BOARD

W. J. Starr, Leary, Georgia—1961  
Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Alma, Georgia—1959  
Rev. Odell Harris, 903 Dillingham Street, Phenix City, Alabama—1961  
W. L. Amerson, Chester, Georgia—1961  
Rev. Mance Cason, Brookfield, Georgia—1961  
Rev. B. W. Clenney, Colquitt, Georgia—1959  
Walter Sloan, Moultrie, Georgia—1959

### PROMOTIONAL BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

### BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

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

### CAMP BOARD

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

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. H. L. Knighton, Albany, Georgia

Rev. D. C. Dodd, Savannah, Georgia  
Odis Elrod

AUDITING BOARD

G. C. King, Sylvester, Georgia  
Curtis Gay, Hartsfield, Georgia

NAMES OF MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

James Pelt, Glennville, Georgia  
T. G. Hamilton, Glennville, Georgia  
Ralph Lightsey, Hazlehurst, Georgia  
C. D. Rentz, Baxley, Georgia  
Damon C. Dodd, 2354 Pinetree Road, Savannah, Georgia

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION

K. V. Shutes, 323 Avenue East, Thomaston, Georgia  
C. B. Dowdney, 4008 Wascara Road, Hapeville, Georgia  
Odell Harris, 2321 Sixth Street, Columbus, Georgia  
Warren A. Oldy, 705 Shi Place, Macon, Georgia  
Louis E. Sheffield, 5228 Thomason Avenue, Columbus, Georgia

GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION

W. L. Amerson, Chester, Georgia  
Charles Clark, 2863 South Zeigler, Warner Robbins, Georgia  
C. L. Martin, Rochelle, Georgia

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

E. C. Morris, Box 553, Tifton, Georgia  
J. E. Wood, Pearson, Georgia  
A. C. Truluck, 427 West Eleventh Street, Tifton, Georgia  
Edgar Coleman, Jacksonville, Florida  
M. T. Goff, Lenox, Georgia

UNION ASSOCIATION

C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Georgia  
L. G. Baldwin, Coolidge, Georgia  
Mance Cason, Route 4, Moultrie, Georgia

MARTIN ASSOCIATION

B. W. Clenney, Colquitt, Georgia  
J. B. Lovering, Colquitt, Georgia  
H. L. Catrett, Colquitt, Georgia  
Jake Scott

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Georgia  
C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Georgia  
H. L. Knighton, 1601 Gillespie Avenue, Albany, Georgia



Ralph Bell, Brinson, Georgia  
Paul Irvin, Newton, Georgia  
Leo Curtis, Blakely, Georgia  
S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Georgia

## PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-Second Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Original Free Will Baptists convened at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia, on November 11-13, 1958.

### TUESDAY EVENING

The service was begun with congregational singing led by one of the directors.

The clerk presented the moderator, the Rev. Ralph Lightsey, who declared the 1958 session of the association officially opened. He also gave the body some timely advice, together with an appeal for each one to be sure the Spirit was leading in his or her speaking.

The moderator presented the Rev. Odell Harris for a discussion of the subject, "Interceding Before Service." The speaker presented a most worthy message.

The moderator appointed the committee on committees as follows: Rev. J. B. Lovering, chairman; Mrs. J. B. Rice; Mr. O. B. Everson; Mr. Bill McLeod; Rev. Charles Clark.

The moderator presented the new pastors in the state work. This was followed by a "Who's Who" meeting in which the visitors let the body know who they were; then the ministers and delegates made themselves known.

Several songs were led by the music directors.

According to the program, the Rev. T. G. Hamilton was presented to bring the evening message from the subject, "The Holy Spirit in Relation to the Trinity." The speaker brought a real Bible message.

The moderator recognized the Rev. J. O. Fort of the Free Will Baptist Press, and the Rev. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive Junior College.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

The service was opened with congregational singing led by the Rev. James Pelt.

In the absence of the Rev. L. S. Anthony, the moderator presented the Rev. H. L. Catrett to speak on the subject, "The Holy Spirit in Relation to Our Prayer Lives." After this worthy message, the Rev. C. B. Dowdney offered prayer.

The moderator declared the body opened for business.

Mr. G. C. King brought words of welcome from the Mt. Bethel Camp Board.

The report of the committee on committees was made by the Rev. J. B. Lovering. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report. (See report.)

The moderator called for nominations from the floor. None were made.

A motion was carried that those persons nominated by the committee be elected.

The moderator spoke on the subject, "The Holy Spirit in Relation to the Business of the Kingdom." It was a most fitting message for the occasion.

Three brethren from Nashville, Tennessee, were presented to the body, namely: The Rev. Charles Thigpen, the Rev. William Mishler and the Rev. Robert Hill.

The moderator instructed the clerk to read the minutes of the executive committee. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report and adopt it section by section. The report is as follows:

"The Executive Committee of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists met in Corinth Church, Brookfield, Georgia, on December 16, 1957, at 10:00 a. m.

"The moderator, the Rev. Ralph Lightsey, opened the meeting by reading Proverbs 3:6. The song, 'Take Time to Be Holy,' was sung by the group. The meeting was called by the mission board, and the camp board joined in. The moderator urged each one to listen to the Lord and to trust with all his heart.

"Those in attendance were: Rev. Ralph Lightsey, moderator; Rev. C. R. Houston, assistant moderator; Rev. E. C. Morris, promotional secretary; Rev. Irvin Hyman, chairman of the mission board; Rev. Paul Irvin, chairman of the board of religious education; Rev. K. V. Shutes, chairman of the superannuation board; Mr. G. C. King, chairman of the camp board; Mr. Curtis Gay, chairman of the board of trustees; Rev. S. T. Shutes, clerk. These persons constitute the executive committee.

"The moderator called for the camp board to present its petition, and Mr. G. C. King reported that the deal to purchase the property joining our Camp Mt. Bethel had fallen through. The new plan was given relative to the plan voted in the 1957 session of the state association at Cool Springs: the plan was to build a \$3,000-house for a caretaker; however, the amount of \$1,672 was needed to complete the job.

"The moderator asked for the report of the camp board and the board of trustees concerning the building of a house for a caretaker at the camp. The report of the two boards was for a lock-and-key job. They petitioned the executive committee to grant them the power to negotiate a loan on the property so that the contract could be let, as per the plans. A motion was carried to grant the request.

"The mission board reported to the executive board, through Rev. E. C. Morris, as follows: We petition the executive board for the power to negotiate a loan in the amount of \$1,000, so that the \$500 note can be paid on the Tifton Church lot, and so that the board can have \$500 upon which to operate. A motion was carried to grant the petition.

"The body adjourned and was treated to a really fine dinner by the host church.



"On November 11, 1958, the executive board met at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia. The moderator, Rev. Ralph Lightsey, opened the meeting by reading Proverbs 3:5, 6. Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Irvin. The minutes of the previous meeting of the executive board were read and adopted.

"Those present at this meeting were: Rev. Ralph Lightsey, moderator; Rev. S. T. Shutes, clerk; Rev. E. C. Morris, promotional secretary; Rev. Paul Irvin, chairman of the board of education; Mr. G. C. King, chairman of the camp board; Rev. B. W. Clenney, vice-chairman of the mission board; Mr. O. B. Everson, proxy for K. V. Shutes of the superannuation board; Mr. Curtis Gay, chairman of the board of trustees.

"A motion was carried to recess the meeting until 1:30 p. m., so the group could hear the address of Miss Laura Belle Barnard to the woman's auxiliary convention.

"The body reconvened at the set time.

"A motion was carried to permit the local associations to entertain the state association at the local level or to have it at the camp. In case the state association is held at the camp, the entertaining association will defray the expenses.

"A motion was carried to set the state budget at \$3,000 overall, with emphasis put on raising \$25,000 as the amount of the unified budget.

"A motion was carried that the moderator and the promotional secretary consult with the proper authorities in Alabama as to the possibility of the Georgia State Association having representation on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama.

"A motion was carried that proxies be granted to the various boards, as follows: Curtis Gay and Henry Herndon on the superannuation board; Rev. J. B. Lovering on the board of education; M. M. Franks on the board of superannuation.

"Each of the standing boards met separately and then reassembled for reports to the executive board. The mission board stated that its report was not ready.

"A motion was carried that all the boards recommend to the state association that a ministers' and laymen's institute be held; that the moderator, clerk and Rev. Mance Cason draw up the resolution and present it to the state association; this program to be worked through the Extension Department of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee.

"A motion was carried to adopt a partial report of the camp board.

"A motion was carried to adjourn the executive board meeting."

A motion was carried to seat all duly authorized delegates.

A recess was ordered by the moderator until 10:50 a. m.

Services were begun again after the recess with congregational singing led by Rev. James Pelt. A worshipful offering was taken to supplement the Unified Program; the offering amounted to \$106.66.



Rev. Damon Dodd and Rev. S. T. Shutes sang, "He Died for Me."

Mr. Dodd was presented to the audience by the moderator to speak on the subject, "The Holy Spirit in Relation to the denominational Program." Acts 13:1-4 was the basis for this masterful message.

The noon meal was enjoyed by everyone.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The service was begun with congregational singing led by Rev. James Pelt. Rev. J. E. Wood brought an inspiring message on the subject, "The Holy Spirit in Divine Worship."

Rev. Burkette Raper spoke on the subject, "The Holy Spirit in Relation to Christian Education." This was a wonderful and informative message.

Rev. Charles Thigpen gave echoes from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Four girls from Patmos Free Will Baptist Church brought a splendid message in song.

Rev. E. C. Morris gave his report as promotional secretary. A motion was carried to accept this report. (See report.)

Mrs. Martha Everson gave echoes from the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. She read Jeremiah 2:9, 10. You will find this report in its entirety in another section of the minutes. The report was received as information.

The Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, North Carolina, was represented by Rev. J. O. Fort, manager of that great institution established by our early fathers.

Rev. Robert Hill spoke for the National Association of Free Will Baptists and the Master's Men.

Rev. William Mishler reported for the National Sunday School Board, stating that his department was now offering a complete line of Sunday school literature.

The session was recessed by motion until 7 p. m.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Congregational singing was led by Brother Jack Faison to open the evening service.

This was missionary night with' our beloved sister, Laura Belle Barnard, in charge. She conducted prayer for the different teams in the different countries. The Georgia State Mission Board was sitting in the meeting, and Rev. Bob Hill represented the National Home Mission Board.

The report of the Georgia State Mission Board was read and adopted. (See report.)

Rev. K. V. Shutes was asked to make a report on the physical condition of his only son.

Rev. Robert Hill reported for the National Home Mission Board.

Brother Franks and his daughter sang a duet.

Miss Barnard spoke on the subject, "The Holy Spirit in Missions." Her message was well received; it is always a treat to hear this Godly woman.

The meeting adjourned until 9 a. m., Thursday.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

The services were opened with the congregation singing the old hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Rev. Ralph Bell brought a message on, "The Holy Spirit Working Through the Believer." His message was a job well done.

Rev. H. L. Knighton gave the report of the credentials committee. A motion was carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

Rev. Charles Clark gave the report of the board of religious education. A motion was carried to adopt this report. (See report.)

Rev. T. B. Mellette gave the report of the camp board. A motion was carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

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Mr. Mellette also read the financial report of the camp board. A motion was carried to adopt this report. (See report.)

Brothers Curtis Gay and G. C. King gave the report of the auditing board. A motion was carried to adopt this report. (See report.)

Rev. T. G. Hamilton gave the report of the allocations committee. A motion was carried to adopt this report.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the invitation from the Midway Association (Macedonia Church) to entertain the 1959 session of the Georgia State Association.

Rev. James Pelt gave the report of the committee on resolutions. A motion was carried to accept the report and vote on it item by item. The following action was taken:

Item 1—Amended to allow the treasurer to draw on the promotional fund for money to pay for the minutes.

Item 2—Adopted without amendment.

Item 3—Amended to effect that it carry the names of the committee concerned; also amended to effect that the executive committee be empowered to make the appointment if and when the offer is made.

Item 4—Adopted without amendment.

Item 5—Adopted without amendment.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby gave the temperance committee report. A motion was carried to adopt this report. (See report.)

Rev. T. B. Mellette gave the report of the committee on nominations. A motion was carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A motion was carried to accept the recommendation of the Midway

Association that Brother Jessie Griffin fill the unexpired term of his brother, W. B. Griffin (deceased) on the board of trustees.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby was transferred to Rev. Irvin Hyman's place on the mission board; Rev. Odell Harris to replace Mr. Huckaby as representative from the Chattahoochee Association; Brother Wayne Faison to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Kenneth Faison on the superannuation board; Rev. Damon C. Dodd to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Louis Moulton on the credentials committee.

Delegates were appointed to the National Association of Free Will Baptists, as follows: Mr. O. B. Everson, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Mrs. B. W. Clenney, Mr. O. E. Fowler and Mrs. E. C. Morris. A motion was carried to empower the moderator to fill in or name alternate delegates at the National Association.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give the officials of this august body a standing vote of thanks for their proficiency in handling the affairs throughout the session.

In the absence of Rev. Louis Moulton, Rev. C. A. Huckaby was asked to preach the closing sermon. His subject was "Being Filled with the Spirit." He read Ephesians 5:18 and brought a really good gospel message.

A motion was carried to adjourn the Georgia State Association to meet with the Macedonia Church, Colquitt, Georgia, on Tuesday night after the second Sunday in November, 1959.

## REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

### PROMOTIONAL BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Treasury	\$395.41
Allocated Funds	199.94
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	177.50
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Total to Account For	\$772.50
Disbursements	
Loans	\$235.00
Bond	5.00
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Total Disbursements	\$240.00
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Balance in Treasury, November 13, 1958	\$532.50

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the person applying for a loan possess the proper qualifications, and that he or she furnish worthy references also.
2. That each person applying for a loan from this day forward, and that those who have already secured loans be asked to sign promissory notes.
3. That this board be informed of any worthy boy or girl who is in need of financial assistance in pursuing a Christian education for Christian service.



4. That a copy of this board's charter be secured for the chairman to keep in his files while he is chairman; then that he turn it over to his successor.

5. That a statement be sent to each person who has secured a loan as to his status with the board; and that such persons make reports to this board concerning their loans twenty days before each annual session of the state association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Irvin, Chairman  
Charles Clark, Treasurer

#### BOARD OF AUDITORS

We, your board of auditors, wish to make the following report to the Georgia State Association: We have checked the books of all the various treasurers, and, according to our best judgment and belief, they are correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
Curtis Gay  
G. C. King

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your committee on committees, wish to present to you the following persons to serve on the various committees in the order as they are named:

Nominations—Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. C. D. Rentz and M. M. Franks.

Allocations—Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Mrs. Martha Everson and Mr. Curtis Gay.

Resolutions—Rev. James Pelt, Rev. C. B. Dowdney and Rev. B. W. Clenney.

Temperance—Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Mrs. James C. Boyd and Rev. Charles Clark.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. B. Lovering, Chairman  
O. B. Everson  
Mrs. J. B. Rice  
Bill McLeod  
Charles Clark

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that we have 1,500 minutes printed, and that the clerk and moderator be paid honorary fees and \$25 and \$15 respectively.

2. That each district send the following for the 1959 sessions: South Georgia Association \$20; Georgia Union Association \$20; Union Association \$15; Midway Association \$25; Little River Association \$25; Martin Association \$20.

3. Pursuant to the request of the South Georgia Association relative to the State Association's inviting the National Association to hold its 1961 session in Savannah, Georgia, we recommend that the State Association offi-

cially invite the 1961 session of the National Association to come to Savannah; and that, if this bid for the 1961 session is not successful, the invitation be extended year after year until Georgia gets a session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

We further recommend that a committee be appointed by the moderator to prepare and publicize this invitation prior to and during the 1959 session of the National Association in Asheville, North Carolina. (The committee appointed consisted of Rev. D. C. Dodd, Rev. E. C. Morris and Rev. T. G. Hamilton.)

4. That, as a State Association, we endorse Mount Olive Junior College as follows:

Whereas, Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, is a Christian liberal arts college sponsored by our Free Will Baptist brethren in North Carolina; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need for Christian colleges for the youth of our denomination; and

Whereas, the North Carolina State Convention has officially opened the doors of the college to Free Will Baptists everywhere;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as endorsing the college, and that we commend the college to the youth of our state who wish to attend a Christian liberal arts college;

Be it further resolved that we commend the college to the churches of this association who may wish to contribute to it.

5. Be it resolved that we extend to the camp board a rising vote of thanks for entertaining this State Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Pelt, Chairman

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Associations are represented as follows:

Martin—Mrs. Emmett Houston and Mrs. B. W. Clenney	\$10.00
Union—Mrs. J. B. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hinson	20.00
South Georgia—Mr. and Mrs. Bill McLeod, Mrs. Perry Hand, Mrs. Herman Douglass, Vernon Williams, State \$20, National \$5	25.00
Little River—M. M. Franks; State \$20, National \$5	25.00
Midway—Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Griffin, Mr. Alvin Day, Mr. L. W. Wiley and Mr. Martin Still	20.00
Georgia Union—Sherman D. Jones; State \$20, National \$5	25.00
Chattahoochee—Mr. Arthur Little, Mr. B. R. Dent and Mrs. Q. M. Williams	

Churches and Union Meetings are represented as follows:

Cedar Springs—Mrs. R. B. Pyle	4.65
Bainbridge—Mrs. B. W. Clenney	2.00
Macedonia—Mrs. Martha Everson	4.35

White Plains—Martin Murkerson	7.50
First of Albany—Mr. Ellis Conger, Mr. Y. N. Fowler	5.00
Enterprise—Ralph Jenkins	5.00
Blakely	3.00
Zion—Mrs. Martha Still	5.00
Patmos—Mrs. Paul Irvin, Mrs. W. J. Starr	5.50
Jakin—Mrs. H. H. Reaves	5.00
Oak Grove—S. F. Boyd	2.00
Martin Union Meeting—Mr. John Bailey and Mr. J. R. McNease	10.00
New Home No. 1—Lester Lane	5.00
New Salem—W. R. Barber	9.30
Bellview—Mrs. Effie Kimbrell	5.00
Midway—Mrs. James Boyd and Mr. Odis Elrod	
St. Paul	2.00
Thomson—Edgar Smith	2.00
Tifton—A. J. Franks	2.50
New Ebenezer—E. C. Roland	1.00
Thomaston	5.00
Corinth—Frank Allen	3.35
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. C. W. Hobbs	5.00
Pine Level—Mrs. Lollie McLeod, Mr. Leo Douglass	7.00

Total Amount Taken In

\$246.65

Respectfully submitted,  
H. L. Knighton

#### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

As per the request of the Midway Association, we recommend Brother Jessie Griffin to the Board of Trustees to replace his brother, W. B. Griffin, deceased.

We recommend that Rev. C. A. Huckaby fill the unexpired term of Rev. Irvin Hyman on the Mission Board, since Brother Hyman has moved to Florida.

We recommend that Rev. Odell Harris fill the unexpired term of Rev. C. A. Huckaby who moved from the Chattahoochee Association to the South Georgia Association.

We recommend that Brother Wayne Faison fill the unexpired term of Rev. Kenneth Faison on the Superannuation Board, since Rev. Kenneth Faison has moved to South Carolina.

We recommend that Rev. Damon C. Dodd fill the unexpired term of Rev. Louis Moulton on the Credentials Committee, since Brother Moulton has moved out of the state.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. B. Mellette



#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the special committee appointed by the Executive Board of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, submit the following report:

Be it resolved that the Georgia State Association endorse the plan of the Georgia State Ministerial Association to sponsor an extension course under the auspices of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Lightsey, Moderator of the Georgia State Assn.

Mance Cason, President of the Georgia State Ministerial Assn.

S. T. Shutes, Clerk of the Georgia State Assn.

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We recommend the following committees:

Nominations—Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. C. D. Rentz, M. M. Franks.

Allocations—Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Mrs. Martha Everson, Mr. Curtis Gay.

Resolutions—Rev. James Pelt, Rev. C. B. Downey, Rev. B. W. Clenney.

Temperance—Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Mrs. Ilene Boyd, Rev. Charles Clark.

#### CAMP BOARD TREASURER

Balance	\$ 510.89
Promotional	1,080.85
Miscellaneous	856.17
Bank of Ashburn	4,500.00
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Total to Account For	6,647.91
Paid on Building	\$4,670.00
Paid for Singing Expense	100.00
Paid for Sewer Disposal, Well Repair, Pipe, Labor	530.00
Paid for Camp Operation	729.15
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Total Expense	6,029.15
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Balance on Hand	\$ 618.76

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. Mellette, Treasurer

#### TEMPERANCE

The Scripture teaches us to be temperate in all the activities of our life. We Christians should be led by the Holy Spirit in our social and business activities so as to give the best teaching for the Lord.

We recommend that our people do not sanction the sale and use of al-

coholic beverages in any way or form, and choose our magazines and television programs that refrain from such advertisements. We should teach our young people to select better literature and to watch and pray lest they enter into temptation.

C. A. Huckaby, Chairman

#### CAMP BOARD

The Camp Board wishes to report that we have held two regular calendar sessions this year and one special session of youth activities, these being the first according to calendar; also, the third which are regularly scheduled for the fourth week in June and the first week in August of each year. The second session was largely sponsored by the Woman's State Auxiliary Convention with emphasis placed on the necessity of the young people's society.

Also, the annual ministers' and laymen's Bible session and the Woman's Auxiliary day were staged on June 17, 18 and 19.

The regular camp meeting was held the second week in August. Other meetings also took place at the camp during the year.

We want to mention the State Sunday School Convention which was held on June 14, 1958, and the missionary conference sponsored by the State Mission Board, followed by the Daily Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

We acknowledge that figures and numbers are important, and we will say that the sessions at the camp cost the camp board less this year than heretofore. After all figures were added, according to our record of the money advanced by the camp board amounting to \$371.84, \$222.91 of this amount came back into the general fund, thus leaving the amount expended by the board at \$148.93.

Of the many events which happen at the camp, the greatest are the evangelistic services conducted daily and nightly in which souls are born into the Kingdom of God; dedications and rededications are also made that, if God permit, young people are willing to work for God.

I can't just tell you why, but campers get into the swing and spirit of the camp and feel free to let go and let God have His wonderful way. May God bless you and yours.

The Camp Board, by the Director and Secretary

#### STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

The members of the State Home Mission Board, along with the secretary, wish to bring you greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we give this report of our State Home Mission activities for the year, 1957-1958, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude to our Lord for His evidence and manifold blessings on our work.

The past twelve months have been a time of victory and progress in the mission endeavors in our state; however, we, the board, realize that this has

only been true by the help of the Lord and the co-operation of the people. Therefore, we feel very grateful to each of you who have helped through your prayers and financial giving.

The board met in two call meetings during the associational year: one being with Corinth Church near Brookfield, Georgia, on December 14, 1957; the other meeting was held February 8, 1958, in the Civic Room of the Byron Restaurant in Tifton, Georgia.

The above-said meetings were called to enable the board to set forth the objectives for the year of 1957-1958. The objectives were such as encouraging all churches in the state to co-operate with the idea of simultaneous revivals during the spring, sponsoring jointly with the National Foreign Missions and the National Home Missions Departments, conducting itineraries in places where there is a strong possibility of establishing mission points or churches, and to help many of the smaller churches in our state that seem to be struggling for existence. Most all of these objectives were carried out during the year.

Along with the said objectives, the board has continued to work with the Tifton, Brunswick and Atlanta Churches as we have been able and permitted to do so.

The board sponsored a seven-day evangelistic meeting in Alma, Georgia, with the thought of establishing a mission which we hope will result in the organization of a church at a later date. This meeting was sponsored with a small cost to the board, since several of the ministers of the South Georgia Association, along with the state promotional secretary, gave their services for at least one service each during the meeting.

Since Atlanta is one of the leading cities of our nation, it is certainly a challenge to our board and to the Free Will Baptist people of our state. The need of a Free Will Baptist church in this city has also presented a challenge to the National Home Mission Board; therefore, they have offered to send a team approved by their board to Atlanta, if we will underwrite half the team's salary for twelve months.

We, the board, have approved and accepted the offer of the National Home Missions Board, and we humbly submit their offer to this body for adoption. This project will cost the state only \$1,200.00 per year.

This is a brief review of what we have been doing in our department for the recent months, and plans for the year, 1958-1959, as thus far planned. This is only a partial report, since there are many demands upon the board; so we covet earnestly your sincere and faithful prayers as we continue the work of our home missions program.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. Clenney, Chairman

Mance R. Cason, Secretary and Treasurer

The report of our treasurer is given herewith:



#### Operating Account

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 26.14
Received from Promotional Office	661.76
Special Funds and a Loan	608.12

Total in Operating Account	\$1,296.02
Disbursements from Operating Account	891.92

Balance in Operating Account	\$ 404.10
Plus Designated Funds	218.00

Grand Total	\$ 622.10
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#### Loan Account

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 152.78
Received from Promotional Office	661.70
Received as Payments on Notes from Churches and a Loan	910.45

Total in Loan Account	\$1,724.93
Total Disbursements from Loan Account	1,412.75

Balance to Date	\$ 312.18
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The board has \$2,617.50 owing to the loan account from three of the newly organized churches.

#### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The Superannuation Board met at Camp Mt. Bethel on November 11, 1958. Since only two members of the board were present, the executive committee appointed Brother Henry Herndon and Brother Curtis Gay to serve during the session of the association. Brother M. M. Franks served as proxy for Brother L. E. Wynn.

We want to thank the Lord for the blessings of the year. We are also grateful to everyone who has made it possible to give to our aged ministers and their wives or widows.

We had two ministers to go to be with the Lord during the year. They were Rev. J. D. Little and Rev. Thomas Collins. We are thankful for the services they rendered to His cause and to our denomination.

We wish to remind you that ministers from 20 to 55 years of age can get some good insurance through the National Superannuation Board. For complete details on this, write Mrs. K. V. Shutes, 323 East Street, Thomas-ton, Georgia.

Remember, Father's Day is National Superannuation Sunday; so please take an offering for this in your church and send it to Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Since the state superannuation program is almost entirely dependent upon the unified program, let us support this unified program more fully so that we can be of more help to our ministers.

The financial report for the period, November 30, 1957—October 30, 1958, is as follows:

Receipts

Balance from Last Year	\$ 7.27
Martin Association	21.16
Midway Association	55.00
Unified Program	924.65

Total to Account For \$1,008.08

Disbursements

Exchange on Checks	\$ 1.47
Rev. K. V. Shutes, Mileage	11.25
Paid to Superannuates	901.50

Total Disbursements 914.22

Balance in Treasury, November 1, 1958 \$ 93.86

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

In submitting this annual report of the promotional endeavors, I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul as found in Philippians 3:13, 14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

To be sure, there are things we should forget, but, in all probability, there are things we should not forget until we are made heavily burdened over them and resolve to do something about them, that they may not occur any more.

We don't want to be considered a calamity howler, or an incurable pessimist; however, there is no getting by facing facts. It might be more comforting to clothe our report with high sounding phrases and hide the facts in a glittering garment of optimism, but instead of being lulled off to sleep, we need to be shaken out of our lethargy and into a state of militant action.

For the first time in more than a decade, the state association has lost in the total membership; and this has been a decrease of near a thousand. Two churches have disbanded, and one departed from the faith. The membership in five of the districts has decreased, leaving only two to make gains; and the gain in these two were not sufficient to overcome the loss in the others. The accession by baptism was thirty-three above that of last year, but the number received by letter and otherwise was forty-one less. There are twenty-eight churches that did not have an addition in any way, and forty-one that did not have a single baptism, while more than half the churches lost in membership.

The condition of the auxiliaries does a little better. There was a gain



of two Sunday schools, but the enrollment is eleven less. The number of leagues is the same, with the enrollment eighty-five less. The woman's auxiliaries made a good showing, there being three more organizations, with an increase in membership of ninety-two.

Probably one secret of the failures is the fact that seven less weekly prayer meetings were reported than last year.

There is an increase in one church going to full-time service.

The financial condition looks better than any other phase of the cause. Pastors and evangelists were looked after much better. Some phases of the cause were behind those of last year, yet the overall giving was above that of last year by a good margin.

The number of churches contributing to the denominational causes were more than in former years, owing to the fact, probably, that the promotional secretary only visited the churches where official invitation was extended and arrangements made for. However, your promotional secretary was not idle, by any means. One half-time church was supplied as pastor for the entire year and three others part time. Two dedication services were conducted and several week-end revival were engaged with good results for the cause. An increase in office activities was made and all the district meetings were attended, as usual, and the entire session of the National Association was attended, together with other denominational activities.

Even though the picture may look dark, yet there are bright spots. One thing, the unified budget was oversubscribed and more churches were on the grand honor roll than last year. The per capita giving through the unified program was \$1.07 for the state, with the Little River District leading with \$1.59 per capita member. The per capita for all denominational causes is \$2.43, the South Georgia leading with \$3.72. The per capita giving for all causes is \$24.52, the South Georgia leading with \$29.50. May we praise God for His wonderful blessings and ask His forgiveness for all our carelessness and indifference; may we look forward for greater things than ever.

The comparative report for the past two years is as follows:

Membership	1957	1958
Number of District Associations	7	7
Number of Affiliated Churches	125	123
Total Membership	11,480	10,557
Received by Baptism	463	496
Received by Letter	302	279
Received by Restoration and Statement	79	59
Total Accessions	844	834
Lost by Letter	305	349
Lost by Expulsion	51	72
Lost by Death	98	108
Total Number Lost	454	529
Total Net Gain	390	305
Lost Through Revisions and Closed Doors		923



### Auxiliaries

Number of Sunday Schools	103	105
Total Enrollment of Sunday Schools	6,497	6,486
Number of Free Will Baptist Leagues	61	61
Total Enrollment of Leagues	2,804	2,719
Auxiliaries of Women	46	49
Total Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries	578	670
Number of Weekly Prayer Services	84	77

### Ministry and Service

Number of Ordained Ministers	118	114
Number of Licensed Ministers	16	18
Number of Full-Time Churches	33	34
Number of Half-Time Churches	73	69
Number of Quarter-Time Churches	19	20

### Finances

	1957	1958
Paid Pastors	\$111,090.88	\$130,919.99
Paid Evangelists	\$ 12,860.61	\$ 17,984.32
Paid for Building and Repairs	\$ 60,316.12	\$ 48,912.92
Total Raised for Local Causes	\$211,555.33	\$151,085.06
Total Raised for Unified Program	\$ 11,483.11	\$ 11,360.77
Total Raised for Designated Funds	\$ 21,134.73	\$ 16,788.07
Total Given for All Causes	\$244,173.17	\$258,913.32
Number of Parsonages	12	13
Value of Parsonage Property	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 93,414.00
Value of Church Property	\$997,061.91	\$964,826.00
Total Value of Denominational Property		
Camp Mt. Bethel	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 45,000.00

### ALL FUNDS REPORTED RECEIVED AND DISBURSED GENERAL FUNDS RECEIVED

Balance on Hand	\$ 286.83
Fees Received at the 1957 Session	182.30
From Chattahoochee Association	15.00
From State League Convention for Minutes	20.00
From Woman's State Auxiliary Conference for Minutes	50.00
Loan from Farmers Bank of Tifton	1,000.00
Paid Back on Loan of Last Year	150.00
For State Association Fee	20.00
For National Association	5.00
Total Received	\$1,729.13

### DISBURSEMENT OF GENERAL FUNDS

J. B. Lovering for Telegram	\$ 2.28
For State Programs	7.20
C. R. Houston—Mileage	11.90

Honorarium Fee for Clerk	25.00
T. G. Hamilton	15.00
State Minutes	296.72
Loan to Mission Board	1,000.00
Paid to National Association for Fee	45.00
Total Disbursed	<u>1,403.10</u>

Balance in General Fund Account	\$ 326.03
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#### RECEIVED ON UNIFIED PROGRAM

Churches, Auxiliaries and Individuals	\$11,685.26
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#### Designated Funds

Missions	
Foreign	\$2,939.19
State	535.54
National	213.51
Total for Missions	<u>3,688.24</u>

Superannuation	\$ 72.00
Alabama Children's Home	200.32
Bible College	459.85
Camp	290.50
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	195.80
National League Board	2.50
General Funds as Above Stated	<u>1,729.13</u>

Grand Cash Total Received	\$18,323.60
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#### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Promotional Department:

Salary, Help and Office Expense	\$4,750.00
Foreign Missions	2,939.86
National Missions	213.72
State Missions	1,541.46
Children's Home	408.30
Bible College	459.35
Youth Camp	1,209.24
State Education	403.83
Auxiliary Program	138.70
State Superannuation	1,011.69
National Superannuation	48.21
National League Board	2.50
Cooperative Plan	3,467.61
General Funds Paid Out	<u>1,403.10</u>

Grand Total Paid Out	\$17,997.57
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# Balance on Hand in General Fund

\$ 326.03

Total raised on State Budget, \$28,576.28, and credited to each Association as follows:

Association	Quota	Paid	Balance
South Georgia	\$ 7,500.00	\$10,572.54	\$3,072.54
Chattahoochee	3,000.00	3,075.77	75.77
Georgia Union	2,000.00	2,079.62	79.62
Little River	2,000.00	2,251.27	251.27
Union	2,000.00	1,663.85	-336.15
Martin	2,000.00	2,009.72	9.72
Midway	6,500.00	6,923.51	423.51
Totals	\$25,000.00	\$28,576.28	\$3,576.28

## FUNDS SENT TO OTHER TREASURERS AND REPORTED

Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 247.79
Children's Home	1,644.00
Youth Camp	1,055.40
State Superannuation	137.50
National Superannuation	35.25
Bible College	4,417.90
Foreign Missions	3,637.03
State Missions	476.15
National Missions	257.53
National Loan Fund	50.26
Memorial Fund Loan	15.00
Flood Relief	5.00
Student Loan Fund	3.00

Total	\$11,981.81
The General Fund Brought Over	1,729.13
The Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	\$30,305.41



## Minutes of the Georgia State League Convention

The Georgia State League Convention for the year of 1958 held its annual meeting November 28. The convention convened at Camp Mt. Bethel near Ashburn, Georgia.

The convention was opened with Rev. S. T. Shutes conducting the song service. Rev. J. B. Lovering led in prayer.

The devotion was presented by the president, Rev. Jesse Bone.

A Digest Committee was appointed with the following members: Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Rev. W. A. Olds, and Rev. S. T. Shutes.

The minutes of the last convention were read and adopted.

Rev. Charles Clark led the congregation in singing several hymns.

Following this an offering was received.

A partial report of the Digest Committee was read. It was moved and carried to accept the partial report and to seat the delegates.

Other committees were appointed as follows:

Nominating—Rev. W. L. Amerson (Ga. Union), Harvey Hamilton (Little River), Mrs. Edward Sheffield (Martin), Douglas Murphy (Union), Barbara Phillips (South Ga.), Helen Tomlin (Chatt.), Steve Dunning (Midway).

Finance—Terry Parker, Mrs. Edith Shiver, Mrs. Emmett Houston.

Resolutions—Mrs. Ralph Lightsey, Henry Nobles, Bobby Childree.

Shirley Clenney presented the special music. She sang "Speak To My Heart."

Rev. Leo Curtis of Blakely brought the morning message. His text was taken from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, using as his subject, "Faith."

We were dismissed for lunch.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with Rev. S. T. Shutes and June Lightsey leading the song service. A quartet consisting of Rev. S. T. Shutes, Rev. E. C. Morris, Shirley Clenney, and Shirley Williams rendered the special music.

The afternoon devotion was given by Louie Grimes.

The Bible Sword Drill was conducted by Mrs. Edith Shiver. The winners were announced. First place, Sharon Hand (juniors) and Mary Sloan (intermediates); second place, Evelyn Tolar (juniors) and Bobby Childree (intermediates).

Reports from the resolutions, digest and finance committees were read and adopted. It was moved and carried that the executive committee for the coming year be responsible for the report blanks, as stated in the resolutions report.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the camp board for this hospitality during the session.

The nominating report was accepted. The recording secretary declined; Eloise Edmonds was nominated. All officers were elected by acclamation.

After several announcements, the convention adjourned to meet with Camp Mt. Bethel near Ashburn, Georgia, in November, 1959.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Mellette, Secretary

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### FINANCE

The finance committee reports, as follows:

Balance Brought Forward from 1957	\$ 16.41
Dues from Local Churches and District Conventions	118.00
Collection	28.25
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Total Income	\$162.66
Recommend to Be Paid Out	
Minutes	\$15.00
President	10.00
Secretary	8.00
Unified Program	20.00
Camp Board	35.00
Report Blanks to Be Printed	15.00
Two Sword Drill Contestants at National Convention	40.00
Gifts for Four Winners	12.00
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Total Disbursements	\$155.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 7.66

Mrs. Alma Houston  
Terry Parker  
Mrs. Edith Shiver

#### NOMINATING

We, your nominating committee, place the following in nomination: For president, Charles Clark; for vice-president, Louie Grimes; for recording secretary, Duane Mellette (declined and was replaced by Eloise Edmonds); for treasurer, Ruth Sloan; for corresponding secretary, Angela Bush; for sword drill leader, Glenda Ethridge; for pianist, June Lightsey; for chorister, Shirley Williams.

W. L. Amerson  
Mrs. Edward Sheffield  
Helen Tomlin  
Barbara Phillips  
Harvey Hamilton  
Steve Dunning  
Douglas Murphy

## RESOLUTIONS

We, your resolutions committee, submit the following report:

Be it resolved—

1. That a committee be appointed to draw up a report blank, and that the convention pay for the printing thereof.
2. That each church and each district league convention be mailed a report blank by the corresponding secretary at least a month prior to the convention.
3. That each district league convention and each local general league mail, ten days prior to the league convention, the blank properly filled out to the corresponding secretary.
4. That a rising vote of thanks be extended to the camp board for their hospitality during this session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Ralph Lightsey  
Mr. Henry Nobles  
Mr. Bobby Childress

## DIGEST

We, the digest committee, make the following report:

### Midway District—\$10

Joyce Sheffield	Angela Bush
Eloise Edmonds	Harry White
Geraldine Musgrove	Linda Day Davis
Marshall Day	Martha Jean Everson
O. B. Everson	Steve Dunning

### South Georgia District—\$10

Barbara Phillips	Mrs. J. E. Usrey
Mrs. Ralph Lightsey	Gail Rhodes
Sherry Studley	Primesol Rigdon
Mrs. Primesol Rigdon	Gloria Wheeler
Zennie Johnson	

### Chattahoochee District—\$5

Bobby Childree	Helen Tomlin
Evelyn Tolar	

### Georgia Union District—\$10

W. L. Amerson	Emory Amerson
Henry Nobles	

### Little River District—\$10

Harvey Hamilton	Sandra Deen
Wanda Franks	Mrs. Pearl Guess
Barbara Ann Franks	Mrs. E. C. Morris



Martin District—\$10

Mrs. Edward Sheffield  
Mrs. Alma Jean Grimes  
Glenda Wells  
Becky Newberry  
Mrs. Mary Brown

Mrs. Fortz Scarborough  
Shirley Williams  
Shirley Clenney  
Mrs. Bruce Clenney  
Mrs. Willie Lane

Union District—\$10

Shirley Hutto  
Floyd Faison  
Douglas Murphy  
Mary Ann Warshaw  
Walter Sloan

Linda Murphy  
Mary Sloan  
Jean Weeks  
Josephine Sloan

Churches

Jakin—Jack Pace, \$2  
Macedonia—Patricia Tabb, \$2  
Bellview—Rudy Clenney, \$2  
Albany—Terry Parker, \$2  
Midway—Laverne Elrod, \$2  
First Columbus—Jackie Klinger, \$3  
New Salem—Mrs. Emmett Houston, \$2  
White Plains—Clifton McCorkle, \$2  
Patmos—Mrs. Edith Shiver, \$2  
Satilla—Lynnette Williams, \$2  
Greenwood—Wilma Harvey, \$2  
Zion—Wilson Still, \$2  
Travelers Rest—Edward West, \$2  
Blakely—Sue Montgomery, \$2  
First Tifton—Maylene Franks, \$2  
Oak Hill—Shirley Brown, \$5  
Bay—Mrs. C. J. Faison, \$2  
West Bainbridge—Jeweldine Lashley, \$2  
Corinth—Frank Allen, \$2  
Thompson—Louie Grimes, \$2  
White Oak—Fanelope Phillips, \$2  
Thomaston—Lamar Wyndham, \$2  
Double Branch—Glenda Etheridge, \$2  
Turners Chapel—Naomi Bone, \$2

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Lightsey

W. A. Olds

S. T. Shutes

# Georgia State Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

The Georgia State Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention held its annual meeting at Camp Mt. Bethel at Ashburn, Georgia, on June 14, 1958.

## MORNING SESSION

Rev. S. T. Shutes led the congregation in singing the opening hymn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

Devotional was presented by Rev. Kenneth Faison of Bay Free Will Baptist Church. The Scripture was taken from the fourth chapter of first John.

Mr. G. C. King gave the welcome.

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

The congregation was divided into the different classes for the workshops.

After the classes, the congregation was reassembled in the auditorium. Rev. Don Hill delivered a very inspiring message on "Is the Majority Always Right?"

The congregation was led in singing, "Have Thine Own Way Lord," and we were dismissed for lunch.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. S. T. Shutes led the congregation in an opening hymn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Devotional was presented by Rev. Riley Giddens. The Scripture was taken from John 1:1, 2.

An offering of \$51.60 was taken to pay for the lunch expense.

Rev. T. G. Hamilton led in presenting a panel discussion on "Sunday School Problems."

The president then opened the business session of our convention.

A report of the digest committee was given by Herman Sullivan; and it was moved and carried that the delegates be seated.

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

It was moved and carried to send report blanks to the superintendents of the Sunday schools.

It was moved and seconded that the following report of the nominating committee be received by acclamation: President, Rev. W. L. Purvis; vice-President, Mr. Wallace Franks; secretary-treasurer, Miss Shirley Clenney; assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss Regina Woodard.

A motion was carried for the convention to pay Rev. Don Hill \$50.00 for his expenses.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. Don Hill, the camp board, and the officers for their efforts that were put forth for the convention.

An offering was taken.

Rev. Don Hill led in the installation service for the new officers.

After the announcements were made, the congregation was led in singing a hymn, and we were adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miss Shirley Clenney  
Secretary

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### RECEIPTS FROM DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

South Georgia	\$ 5.00
Georgia Union	5.00
Union	5.00

#### RECEIPTS FROM LOCAL SUNDAY SCHOOLS

White Oak	1.00
First Church of Atlanta	1.00
Bellview	1.00
Greenwood	1.00
Corinth	1.00
Pine Level	1.00
Christian Hill	1.00
Double Branch	1.00
Albany	1.00
Patmos	1.00
Jakin	1.00
Zion	5.00
Macedonia	1.00
Received from Chattahoochee District After Convention	5.00

Total Receipts	\$37.00
Balance on Hand	25.01
Offering	16.17
Total to Account For	\$78.18

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Don Hill	\$50.00
Expense of Programs	5.00
To Rev. E. C. Morris, State Treasurer, for Minutes	20.00

Total Disbursements	75.00
Balance on Hand	\$ 3.18



# Minutes of the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

## PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty-Second Session of the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia, on November 11, 1958.

### MORNING SESSION

The convention, called to order by the field secretary, Mrs. Paul Irvin, opened with congregational singing by Rev. T. B. Mellette. Mrs. Mance Cason was at the piano. Rev. C. B. Dowdney led in prayer.

Mrs. Joan Marlowe brought a devotional message on, "Declaring His Glory," and Rev. H. L. Knighton led in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The presiding officer appointed the following committees:

**Credentials**—Mrs. B. W. Clenney, chairman; Mrs. Effie Kimbrell; Mrs. Earl Tabb.

**Registration**—Mrs. C. K. Causey, chairman; Mrs. E. C. Morris; Mrs. Frank Allen.

**Finance**—Mrs. O. B. Everson, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Olds; Mrs. Ralph Lightsey; Mrs. Mance Cason; Mrs. Tim Mizell.

**Resolutions**—Mrs. Bernice Still, chairman; Mrs. Henry Herndon; Mrs. Ray Garrett; Mrs. J. B. Rice; Mrs. Doris Sheffield.

**Nominating (elected)**—Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, chairman; Mrs. H. E. Lynn; Mrs. Perry Hand; Mrs. E. C. Morris; Mrs. B. W. Clenney.

The delegates were seated, and the ministers and visitors were recognized.

The report of the credentials committee was read and accepted.

The following reports were received:

Field secretary, Mrs. Paul Irvin; study course chairman, Mrs. S. H. Bush; personal service chairman, Mrs. M. G. Shiver.

A motion was carried that the compiled reports of the recording secretary and treasurer be accepted. The financial statement of the treasurer was accepted. The report of the treasurer was accepted.

Following special music by Mrs. J. B. Rice, an offering was received.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our missionary to India, brought an inspirational message based on Psalm 96:3 and Isaiah 42:8 which challenged us to "Declare His Glory" because He will not give His Glory to another.

Rev. B. W. Clenney dismissed the body for the noon hour.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

After congregational singing and prayer led by Mrs. H. J. Kelley, the

declamation contestants gave their speeches. They were: Brenda Green for G. T. A., and Frances Weeks for Y. P. A. Both contestants from Midway Church.

Following a special song by Mrs. J. B. Rice and Mrs. Dunlap, the awards to the contestants were presented by Miss Laura Belle Barnard.

The report of the registration committee was received.

The report of the finance committee was adopted. This was followed by a special prayer for Mrs. K. V. Shutes and her family.

The report of the resolutions committee was adopted.

A motion was carried that the report of the nominating committee be accepted, and the nominees elected.

An impressive installation service was conducted by Mrs. S. T. Dunning.

Delegates to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention were appointed as follows: Mrs. Joan Marlowe, Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Mrs. B. W. Clenney, Mrs. Effie Kimbrell, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Mrs. H. T. Reeves, Mrs. O. B. Everson, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Mrs. Ralph Lightsey, Mrs. C. C. Sheffield.

A motion was carried to adjourn.

The benediction was prayed by Mrs. C. C. Sheffield.

Mrs. O. B. Everson, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Paul Irvin, Presiding Officer

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The executive committee of the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Camp Mt. Bethel on June 19, 1958.

The following motions were adopted at this meeting:

1. That we give Mrs. Edwards \$50 for serving as instructor at the state workshop, and that the remaining \$40 sent in for the woman's institute be paid to the camp toward the day's expense.

2. That the secretary have 500 receipt cards and 1000 sheets of stationery and 1000 envelopes printed.

3. That \$50, earmarked for the declamation contestants' expenses to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, be transferred to the general fund.

4. That for the state convention we adopt the theme, "Declaring His Glory," and that we use Psalm 96:3 as the Scripture for the day.

5. That we secure Miss Laura Belle Barnard as our principal convention speaker.

6. That the youth chairman obtain prizes for the declamation and essay contestants.

Mrs. O. B. Everson, Recording Secretary

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, President

## RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Number of Auxiliaries Reporting, 35

Amount Per Capita Representation Fees Sent to Treasurer, \$103.90

No. "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries, 0; No. "B," 4; No. "C," 12

### Enlistment Department

1. Enrollment at Beginning of Convention Year, 432; Present Enrollment, 394

2. Number New Members, 58; Number Lost, 48; Average Attendance, 273

### Youth Department

1. Number Youth Organizations: G. T. A. 7; Y. P. A. 11; B. A. 3

2. Total Membership: G. T. A. 79; Y. P. A. 119; B. A. 13

3. Number Missions Declamation Contests Held 3

4. Number Vacation Bible Schools Assisted in 15.

## COMPILED TREASURER'S REPORT

### STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS

Number of Auxiliary Members Contributing to Missions	223
Number of Tithers on Roll at Beginning of Convention Year	158
Number of Tithers as result of Stewardship Study Courses	5
Number of New Tithers This Convention Year	34
Present Number of Tithers	184

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount of Offering Sent to W. N. A. C. Co-Laborer Fund	\$270.99
Amount of Easter Offering for Foreign Missions	\$153.33
Amount of Thanksgiving Offering for State Home Missions	\$147.14
Amount of Christmas Offering for National Home Missions	\$116.43
Cash Gifts to Orphanage	\$85.89
Value of Boxes to Orphanage	\$894.65
Cash Gifts to Free Will Baptist College	\$185.45
Total Gifts to Missions Sent to W. N. A. C. Treasurer this Convention Year by Woman's Auxiliary	\$646.45
By G. T. A.'s	\$18.00
By Y. P. A.'s	\$41.87
Cash Gifts to Aged Ministers	\$15.00
Total Per Capita Representation Fee Sent to W. N. A. C. Treasurer This Convention Year	
By Woman's Auxiliary	\$185.31
By G. T. A.'s	\$10.00
Total Amount Spent for Auxiliary Literature	\$398.85
Total Amount Spent This Convention Year for Local Church Activities	\$4,390.74



Total Amount Sent for Unified Program	\$75.22
Total Amount Sent for Dot Harvey Loan Fund	\$179.25
Total Amount Sent for State Workshop	\$107.30
Benevolent Activities	\$496.21
Camp Mt. Bethel	\$106.00
Various Mission Projects	\$272.27
W. N. A. C. Memorial Loan Fund	\$16.00

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### DESIGNATED FUNDS RECEIVED AND PAID OUT BY STATE TREASURER

Co-Laborer Fund	\$241.58
Foreign Missions	131.28
National Missions	145.64
Free Will Baptist Bible College	11.85
Memorial Student Loan Fund	29.00
African Mission Station	617.57
Missionary Residences for Japan	5.00
Mr. D. Dorairaj (Native Indian Pastor)	128.40
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	177.45
State Workshop	90.00
State Missions	73.47
Children's Home	38.88
Superannuation	19.85
Benevolences	10.00
Unified Program	123.52
Total	<u>\$1,876.15</u>

### GENERAL TREASURY

#### RECEIPTS

Balances Brought Forward	\$103.06
Unified Program	133.05
Dues Received After 1957 Convention	9.60
Transferred From State Workshop Fund	40.00
Y. P. A. Declamation Contestant's Check Returned	25.00
1958 Convention Dues	174.71
Total Amount Received	<u>\$485.42</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. K. V. Shutes (2 Telephone Calls)	\$ 3.63
Camp Mt. Bethel (State Workshop Expenses)	40.00
Instructor for Youth Camp	25.00
Awards for Declamation Contestants	3.75
Stationery	26.78
Exchange on Checks	2.10

Total Amount Disbursed	\$101.26
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Balance in Treasury, November 11, 1958	\$384.16
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#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasury, November 11, 1958	\$384.16
Offering Today	\$ 37.71

Total Amount in Treasury	\$421.87
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We recommend the Following Disbursements:

National Dues	\$39.40
Minutes	\$50.00
Personal Gift to Miss Barnard	\$50.00
Remainder of Native Indian Worker's Salary	\$111.60
Declamation Contestant's Expenses to W. N. A. C.	\$50.00
President's Expenses to W. N. A. C.	\$25.00

Total Disbursements	\$326.00
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Balance left in Treasury, November 11, 1958	\$ 95.87
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We further recommend that we receive a love offering for our president, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, for the services she has rendered to our state work. (This offering amounted to \$61.80.)

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We have examined the reports and find the following eligible to seats in this convention: South Georgia, Martin, Midway, Chattahoochee and Little River districts and Midway local auxiliary. This makes a total of five district conventions and one local auxiliary.

#### REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Number of State Officers	5
Number of Delegates	28
Number of District Presidents	2
Number of District Field Secretaries	1
Number of Ministers	21
Number of Visitors	40
Number of Missionaries	1

Total Number Registered	98
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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.

08.102. Members of the executive committee be paid 5c per mile, one way, toward the expense of attending committee meetings.

01. 3. Our convention have one day at camp in 1959 and that each auxiliary send \$5 toward expenses of that day.

01.14. Hereafter, the declamation contests will be held during the school vacation months on a special day set aside as "Youth Auxiliary Fellowship Day." This meeting will be supervised by the state youth chairman, but will feature youth participation. The day is to be decided on by the executive committee.

5. We adopt and use the Denominational Calendar of Activities.

6. Sometime during this convention year, each district conduct a study on the Standard of Achievement Chart and report blanks. This study should begin with the individual report slips and continue through the secretary's and treasurer's reports and stress the necessity of complete and accurate reports from the local auxiliaries.

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

8. 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.

9. The corresponding secretary send notes of thanks to Mr. Lonnie Chester and Mrs. E. L. Lewis Jr., teachers in the Damascus High School, for mimeographing programs for today.

10. The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention continue to support Mr. D. Dorairaj, pastor of the church at "Westfield," Kotagiri, South India. This will be \$20 per month or only 60c a month per auxiliary.

11. Immediately following her district convention, each district corresponding secretary send a complete slate of officers from her district, along with their addresses and the dates of her district meetings (workshops and annual conventions) to the state corresponding secretary, who shall compile this information for the various state officers.

12. Every state officer should do her best to make regular contacts with her respective district officers—offering and receiving helpful ideas relative to her particular department.

13. All district recording secretaries and district treasurers send their compiled reports to the state secretary and state treasurer by November 1, each year.

14. The state treasurer be bonded for the amount of \$5,000.

15. The corresponding secretary send greetings from this convention of Mrs. K. V. Shutes, thanking her for her services rendered as our president and assuring her of our prayers.

16. The Georgia state quota of \$600 for missionary residences in Japan be allocated as follows: Chattahoochee District \$100; Little River District



\$50; Martin District \$50; Midway District \$200; South Georgia District \$200; Midway (local) \$25. These quotas should be sent in by January 1, 1959.

17. Each Local Auxiliary receive a special offering and this be sent to Atlanta and the Miami Mission in December (State Missions Month).

18. The newly elected personal service chairman work with the district chairman, and they, in turn, with the local chairman, to promote the work in the Arizona—Mexico Mission.

19. This convention express appreciation to Miss Laura Belle Barnard for her wonderful message which has certainly been an inspiration to all. After such a message, can we doubt that God truly sent her to the heathen to carry His message?

20. We give a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Nancy Johnson for the lovely flowers in our auditorium.

21. Each auxiliary send at least one young person with expenses paid to camp the week youth auxiliary work is taught, so that they may return home and help promote G. T. A., Y. P. A. and B. A.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee, submit the following report:

President—Mrs. M. G. Shiver, Elmodel, Georgia

Vice-President—Mrs. Hoyett Sheffield, Route 4, Blakely, Georgia

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. B. Rice, Route 4, Moultrie, Georgia

Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. B. Lovering, Route 5, Colquitt, Georgia

Treasurer—Mrs. O. B. Everson, Colquitt, Georgia

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Louis Sheffield, 5228 Thomason Avenue, Columbus, Georgia

Field Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Dodd, 2354 Pine Tree Road, Savannah, Georgia

Youth Chairman—Mrs. James Pelt, P. O. Box 11, Glennville, Georgia

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. S. H. Bush, Leary, Georgia

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Ralph Lightsey, Hazlehurst, Georgia

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Delora Johnson, Route 4, Alma, Georgia

Dot Harvey Loan Fund Committee—Mrs. J. W. Franks, Route 4, Tifton, Georgia; Mrs. B. W. Clenney, Colquitt, Georgia; Mrs. E. C. Morris, 606 Belmont Avenue, Tifton, Georgia

#### DISTRICT CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

Chattahoochee—Mrs. Ruby Wells, 315 Deluxe Circle, Thomaston, Georgia

Little River—Mrs. J. W. Franks, Route 4, Tifton, Georgia

Martin—Mrs. Herbert Ridlehoover, Route 3, Box 179, Donaldsonville,  
Georgia

Midway—Mrs. B. Houston, Damascus, Georgia

South Georgia—Mrs. Gaines Quinn, Baxley, Georgia

Midway—Mrs. B. Houston, Damascus, Georgia