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OF THE

Twenty-Fifth (Silver Anniversary)

Annual Session

OF THE

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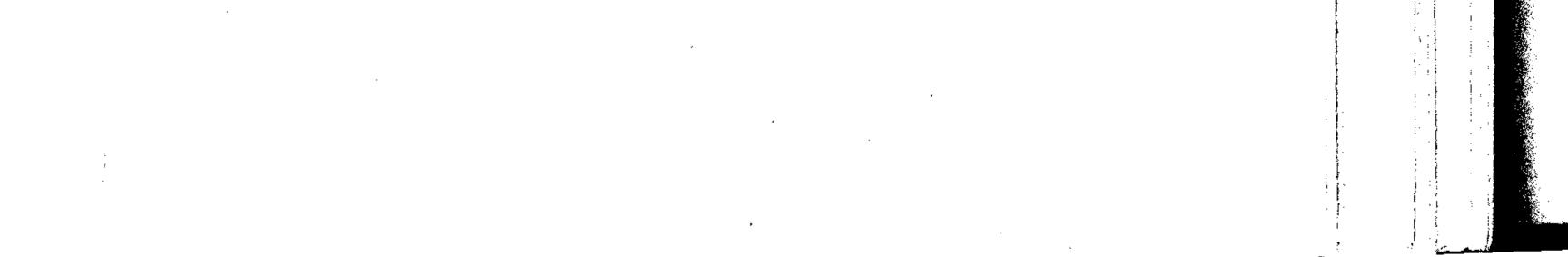
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Constitution

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PREAMBLE

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

Article I

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

Article II

Section 1. The officers of this association shall be moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary and a promotional secretary-treasurer.

Section 2. All regular officers and the chairman of each standing board shall compose the executive board.

Section 3. This association shall be composed of all active ministers, deacons and missionaries 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 office 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

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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 leadings 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 members 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 businesslike 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 uncapacited in which case the assistant assumes the authority of said uncapacited chairman.

Amendments

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

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PROCEEDINGS

The State Association of Original Free Will Baptists of Georgia met with Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church near Reynolds, Georgia, on Tuesday evening, November 14, 1961. This was the twenty-fifth, or silver anniversary session.

Service began at 7:00 o'clock with singing led by the Rev. James E. Ursrey, music director for the session. The clerk called the body to order and presided for the evening, the moderator and the assistant moderator being absent.

Motion made and carried to adopt the prepared program, giving the moderator the privilege to make any necessary changes.

The association was given a cordial welcome to Mt. Olive Church and the Chattahoochee Association by Rev. Frank Willis, host pastor, and Rev. J. W. Childree, past moderator of the Chattahoochee Association.

At this time the presiding officer, Rev. S. T. Shutes, recognized those

attending from the various districts, asking each group to stand. Then the ministers, deacons, and auxiliary members were also recognized.

The moderator having been called away because of a funeral, his message was postponed until Wednesday morning.

After a song by the congregation, Revs. James Ursrey and Bill Gardner sang a duet: the song, "Face to Face." Prayer led by Rev. Louis H. Moulton. Rev. Shutes presented Rev. Irvin Hyman who brought the opening message. His subject was, "That We May Know Him," and the text was Philippians 3:10a. It was an informative message.

Brother Shutes presented the moderator, Rev. C. R. Houston, who had arrived from attending a funeral and the moderator then appointed the committee on committees. Committee: Rev. E. C. Morris, Bro. J. W. Franks, Bro. W. J. Starr.

Rev. T. B. Mellette gave a partial report of the credential committee. Moved and carried to accept report.

The host pastor assigned those who were away from home to homes in the community and the association was recessed until 9:30 Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY A. M.

To begin the service the music director led in singing, "Standing on the Promises" and "Higher Ground." After the prayer, the moderator gave his message. He pointed out some of the accomplishments of the State Association during the twenty-five years of her history, naming some of those who had led in the movement.

We were led in our devotional meditations by Rev. Richard H. Sample. He gave some very timely remarks on "A Praying Church," based on Acts 12:5.

The clerk read the report of the executive board and the minutes of the

Tuesday evening session of the association. Motion carried to adopt report.

A partial report of the credential was given by Rev. T. B. Mellette and accepted by the body.

The association accepted the report of the committee on committees as read by Rev. E. C. Morris. (See report.)

The clerk read a resolution of respect to the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris for fourteen years of faithful service in the promotional office of the State Association. The resolution was written by the assistant moderator and clerk and adopted by the association. (See resolution.)

The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me," and then the assistant moderator, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, extended a hand of welcome to those visiting with us.

Rev. Carlton Lambert, superintendent of the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, gave an encouraging report of the home.

Motion carried that this body accept this report from Brother Lambert relative to the gifts from Georgia and the general report; further that we accept their challenge for placing a trustee from each district association in Georgia to the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

A brief but timely report of the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, North Carolina, was given by the business manager, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow.

The moderator appointed ushers to receive an offering while the congregation sang, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Rev. W. M. Gardner sang "Amazing Grace" while the congregation hummed. It was sweet and uplifting.

The clerk, Rev. S. T. Shutes, introduced Rev. James Pelt to bring the morning message. His subject was, "That We May Follow Him." He read from Philippians 2:1-12, and the message was taken from Verses 5-11. In this sermon Brother Pelt exalted Christ and pointed men to His humility and example as our pattern for life.

We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Odell Harris.

WEDNESDAY P. M.

After singing, led by the music director, Rev. Emmitt McDuffie gave the devotional thoughts on "A Witnessing Church," using Acts 1:8 as a Scripture text. It was inspiring.

Mrs. J. W. Clower gave a report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Report of the promotional secretary was read and adopted. It was a good report, but sorrowful because it was the last to be given by the present secretary, Bro. Morris.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, gave a brief report of the college.

Moved and carried that the State Association of Georgia put its approbation on the twenty dollar gift project to the college in Nashville, Tennessee, for the purpose of paying off the debt and expanding the college.

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The camp board report was given by the secretary-treasurer, Wallace Franks. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Someone from the congregation called for a report of the spiritual side of the youth camp. This was given by Brothers Bill Gardner, Paul Irvin, James Ursrey, T. B. Mellette, and S. T. Shutes.

Superannuation report was given and adopted by motion and second.

Rev. Louis H. Moulton read the report of the temperance committee. Motion carried to adopt the report.

The allocations committee report was read by Mrs. L. E. Sheffield. Adopted as read. (See report.)

The report of the board of Christian education was read by the secretary, Rev. Charles Clark. Motion carried to adopt report.

Recessed for supper.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Mission Board of the State Association had charge of the service

Wednesday evening. After singing and prayer the chairman of the board, Rev. W. M. Gardner, introduced the members of the board who were present. Then he called for Rev. Mance Cason, secretary, to give the report. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Since Brother Gardner was leaving the state, he gave the association his resignation which was accepted. By motion and second the association extended to Brother Gardner a rising vote of thanks for his services to the cause of missions in the state.

An offering was received for the cause of missions. The ministers present sang "The Old Rugged Cross," and then the music director sang a solo.

The sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Gardner. He used for a subject, "The High Calling of God," with Philippians 3:14b as a text. His message was full of true gospel facts.

Rev. Frank Willis, the host pastor, assigned those who had arrived during the day to homes and we were recessed until 9:15 on Thursday morning.

THURSDAY A. M.

The service was begun by singing "All Hail the Power," and prayer by Rev. Mance R. Cason. We were then favored by a solo by Rev. Bill Gardner, "Ship Ahoy."

Rev. J. E. Wood gave the devotional message on "An Approved Church," from 2 Timothy 2:15. The message was good.

The committee on resolutions was read and adopted. (See report.)

The moderator called for a report of the Sunday School and League Conventions. The reports were to be sent to the clerk.

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Rev. T. B. Mellette read the final report of the credentials committee.

The report was adopted.

The auditing committee reported that all books were correct and in order. Motion carried to adopt the report.

The minutes of the previous day, and up until this time were read and adopted.

The report of the nominating committee was read by Rev. T. G. Hamilton. Motion carried to receive the report. Since there were no other nominations, a motion was made and carried to elect the slate of officers as nominated by the committee. (See report.)

Bro. Billy Hatcher was nominated and elected to the mission board to fill the place left vacant by the election of Rev. Mance R. Cason to the office of promotional secretary.

Motion made and carried to accept an invitation to meet with the Georgia Union Association at Pine Level Church near Chester, Georgia, in 1962.

Motion to amend the report of the credential committee to include Atlanta Church. Carried.

Moved and carried that we request Rev. W. J. Childree to release the manuscript he is preparing for the local paper to the Associated Press for publication. The following delegates were appointed to the National Association: O. B. Everson, Ernest J. Barker, Hermon Watson, Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. T. B. Mellette, Mrs. Effie Kimbrel, Mrs. B. W. Clenny, Mrs. W. J. Starr, Mrs. Irvin Hyman and Mrs. J. B. Rice Sr. Motion carried that the state moderator be authorized to appoint other delegates to the National Association when it convenes as might be necessary.

Motion made and carried to extend a rising vote of appreciation to the retiring officers.

Motion that we adjourn to meet with Pine Level Church of the Georgia Union Association in November, 1962. Carried.

We were dismissed for a brief recess before the closing message.

For the closing service the congregation sang one song and we favored with a solo by Rev. James Pelt. He sang, "Others." Then the moderator introduced Rev. Ralph Lightsey, director of public relations for Mt. Olive College, Mt. Olive, North Carolina.

Brother Lightsey spoke briefly, but very convincingly of the progress and the advantages of the college, and then brought the closing message. Reading Philippians 3:14 and Colossians 1:18, 19; he brought a stirring message on the subject "That We May Crown Him."

We were dismissed and all enjoyed another sumptous dinner together.

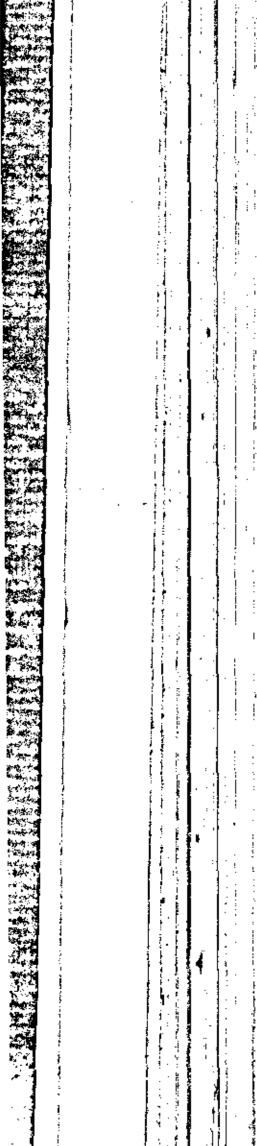
AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your auditing committee, wish to make the following report: After examining the records of all the state boards, we find them, to the best of our knowledge and belief, to be in order.

We also wish to commend all of the various secretaries for their neatness and efficiency.

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G. C. King Curtis Gay



RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your resolutions committee, wish to submit the following report. First: be it resolved that a letter of appreciation be written by the clerk to the Chattahoochee Association and Mt. Olive Church and pastor for the wonderful hospitality shown the State Association during our three-days' stay with them.

Second: be it resolved that the moderator and clerk receive \$15.00 and \$25.00 respectively.

Third: That we have 1,500 minutes printed.

Fourth: That each district association send the following amounts to the State Association: South Georgia, \$35.00; Georgia Union, \$20.00; Union, \$20.00; Little River, \$20.00; Midway, \$30.00; Martin, \$20.00; and Chatta-hoochee, \$20.00.

J. B. Lovering, *Chairman* J. W. Franks Hermon H. Watson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your temperance committee, submit the following as our report and recommend:

1. That we give fresh emphasis to paragraph two of our church covenant which states that we are "to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages"

2. That because of the "stepped-up" efforts of Satan in advertising through radio, television, magazines, newspapers, etc., with special appeal to women and young people as pertains to smoking and drinking, we urge our people to step up our insistence on holy living and a separated life.

3. That ministers and church members observe closely their own personal lives in the realm of modest dress, clean conversation, and dedicated Christian character and conduct.

Louis H. Moulton R. H. Sample Mrs. J. B. Rice

November 15, 1961

MT. OLIVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Report of Board of Christian Education to the 1961 session of State Association of Georgia Free Will Baptists.

Your board met in two (2) call sessions during this year; the first of which was on July 1, 1961, at the Leeland Hotel, Eastman, Georgia, the second being November 15, 1961, at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

In the first meeting there were five (5) board members and two (2) counselers of the State Women Auxiliary present. The purpose of this meeting was to review each loan, draft application form for negotiation of loans, review new prospective loans and follow-up contacts with persons whose loans were in areas.

We are happy to report that contacts have been made with all those who were reported as in areas in the last sessions of our state meeting and satis-factory commitments have been made by all.

In the second meeting we reviewed the entire current business now pending with the board and we are glad to report that the general status is in as fair state as could have been anticipated under prevailing conditions.

	NCIAL REPORT
F	unds Received
Dot Harvey	\$ 124.00
Ministerial Loan (Allocated)	173.93
General Education (Allocated)	173.88 332.00
Student Payment	332.00
Total Received	\$ 803.81
	Disbursements
Travel Expenses Security Bond	\$ 51.04 5 00

Student Loan	50.0 266.5 3.0)0 50 \\)0 \
Received In Treasury November,	nts \$375.5	54 \$ 803.81
Total Disbursements		375.54
In Treasury November,	•	\$ 763.33
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Operating Account		
Balance on Hand November 1, 1960	\$	451.83
Received Through Unified Program	•	,128.25
Designated Funds Received Through Unified Program	ľ	100.86
Received from the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention		134.78
Received from Churches		44.76
Total Received	\$1	,860.48
Disbursements from Operating Account		
Paid for General Operating Expenses of the Atlanta Church		
Salary for Minister	\$	750.00
Traveling and Phone Expense		290.47
Mileage Given to Minister for Meeting with Board		36.50
First Free Will Baptist Church, Atlanta, for General Operation	1	100.00
Total Disbursements from Operating Account for Atlanta		
Church		,176.97
	¢	1.81
Record Book	ф.	16.30
Consolidated Telephone Co. for Phone Bills		
Board Members Mileage to Board Meetings	_	145.40
Total Disbursements from Operating Account Cash on Hand November 1, 1961, Deposited in Moultrie Banking	•	,340.48
Company	Ş	520.00
Loan Account		
Balance on Hand November 1, 1960	\$	994.78
Received Through Unified Program	1	,128.19
Received as Payments on Notes from Churches		469.90
Total Received	\$2	,592.87
Disbursements from Loan Account		
Paid for General Operating Expenses of the Atlanta Church		
Salary for Minister	\$1	,650.00
Traveling and Phone Expenses		78.17
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Total Disbursements	\$1	,728.17
Balance on Hand November 1, 1961 Deposited in Moultrie		
Banking Company	\$	864.70
Note: The above disbursements were made by approval of because the appropriated funds to the operating account would no of current expenses.		
Owing to the Board from Churches on Notes	\$	965.00
	-	,453.35
Total Amount Received for Both Loan and Operating Account Disbursements from Both Accounts		,068.65
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Balance on Hand in Both Accounts November 1, 1961 \$1,384.70

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REPORT OF THE GEORGIA STATE MISSION BOARD

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GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Inasmuch as a real, noble servant of our Lord's, Brother B. W. Clenny, who served on your mission board for several years, and also had served as chairman for sometime was promoted into the eternal realms of glory on November 26, 1960; we, the members of the said board, acknowledge with a deep feeling of love and devotion the passing of one whom we esteem highly as a brother and fellow-board member.

This year the board was called together for two board meetings. Resulting from the meetings plans were made to continue a forward push with our churches in Atlanta and Tifton, Georgia. Also a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution to govern the work of the mission board.

By mutual agreement of the board and the Atlanta Church, the Rev. Irvin Hyman of Jacksonville, Florida, was secured to succeed the Rev. J. R. Davidson as pastor. Brother Davidson served the church for little more than two years and did an outstanding job, for which we are truly thankful. We feel sure that the church of Atlanta is continuing to move forward by faith. They are now assuming all of their financial responsibility with exception of one hundred dollars per month with a possible twenty-five dollars a month expense account which they receive from the board.

One of the three churches making monthly payment to the board for money loaned to them while in their building program, paid out this year. The one liquidating their indebtedness to the board is the church of West Bainbridge.

This is a brief resume of the activities of this department for this year, with the proposal of the following items to this association for approval.

1. The accepting of the proposed constitution.

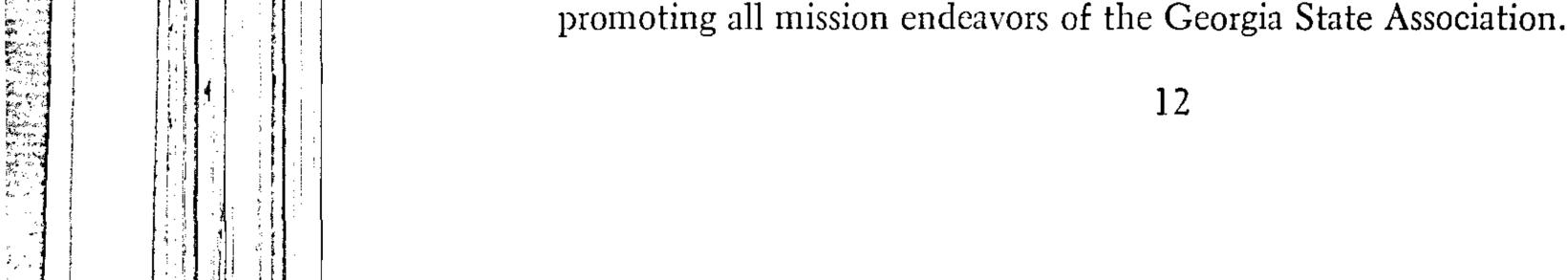
2. That the operating and loan account be consolidated into one account.

3. Because of the present need for new churches in new areas of the state, we hereby ask that the association approve a quota of \$3,000,000 which will be a supplement to the funds received through the unified program. The suggested amount fo reach district is as follows: South Georgia, \$750.00; Chattahoochee, \$350.00; Georgia Union, \$350.00; Little River, \$250.00; Martin, \$250.00; Union, \$300.00; and Midway, \$750.00.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, the Board of Missions of the State of Georgia of the Original Free Will Baptists, do ordain this constitution and bylaws for the purpose of



Article I Name: This organization shall be known as the Georgia State Board of Missions of the Original Free Will Baptists.

Article II

Members: This board shall be composed of one member from each district association composing the Georgia State Association. If any member is employed by the board or is called to work with or pastor a mission or mission-church supported by the board, he will make this known to his district association and relinquish his position on the mission board.

Article III

Officers: Officers of this board shall be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer elected annually.

Article IV

Meetings: This board shall hold two regular meetings a year, to be decided by the board and meetings when necessary to be called by the chairman.

Article V

Committees: Committees shall be appointed by the board or its chairman as needs arise which would demand the work of a committee.

Article VI

Reports: Section I—This board should report annually to the State Association, giving account of all funds received and disbursed, and activities of the board during the year, and state objectives for the following year or any future plans. Section II—The secretary and treasurer serving the mission board shall submit written reports to the board members as often as the board may deem it necessary. Also that supports be submitted through our state publications as often as may be deemed necessary by the board.

Article VII

Finance: This board shall be supported by the quota of finances allotted to them by the State Association and any other raised by special offering in promoting missions and personal gifts.

Article VIII

Section I: Missions—Missions receiving financial help from this board must either be established or accepted by the board, and the board reserves the right to determine how much and how long financial assistance be granted to any mission. All missions will be under the supervision of the board as long as financial aid is given.

Section II: Churches—(A) Any church receiving financial aid must accept such as a loan on conditions agreed upon by the board and the church. (B) Any church finding itself unable to operate as such, may request mission status, or mission church status.

BYLAWS

Duties of the Officers: Section I-Chairman: He shall preside over each

session, preserve order, govern the body according to established parliamentary

usage and appoint all temporary committees. He shall have the right to call meetings when it is necessary and where.

Section II—Vice-Chairman: It shall be the duty of the vice-chairman to serve in the full capacity of the chairman when the chairman is absent.

Section III—Secretary and Treasurer: The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions and the board meetings and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office. Send out a report of the work of the board as often as the board requires. All funds shall be held and disbursed by the treasurer at the approval of the board.

Section IV—Ex Officio Member: The chairman shall be ex officio member of all committees.

Article I: Voting is restricted to members or their proxies. Quorum— Four members will compose a quorum.

Article II: Amendments—This constitution and bylaws may be amended by two thirds of the membership of the board voting favorable for the amendment.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

At 10:00 a. m., September 16, 1961, the executive board of the Georgia State Association convened at White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia. Members present were: Revs. C. R. Houston, moderator, E. C. Morris, promotional secretary, Paul Irvin, Bill Gardner, J. B. Lovering, and S. T. Shutes, clerk. A quorum being present, the moderator had the letter read concerning the placing of the association. White Oaks thought best not to have the association at this time, but the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church near Reynolds, Georgia, voted in convention to entertain the 61 session of the Georgia State Association. The executive board voted to accept the invitation. Rev. William J. Childree, moderator of the Chattahoochee Association, and the deacons from this church were present. This church is located six and one-half miles southwest of Reynolds. Rev. Frank Willis is the pastor.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the theme, "Pressing Towards Perfection in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:10-14).

Motion made, seconded and carried that Rev. James E. Ursery of Alma, Georgia, serve a music direction for the convention, and arrange as he sees fit for the specials and directing.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the executive board meet at 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, 14.

Tuesday will be the ladies' auxiliary day.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the clerk arrange registering sheets for clerks to use at the desk, in order to hurry the business.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the board members' expense for the day be paid out of the general fund.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

CAMP BOARD REPORT	i i
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1961	
Receipts	· .
Balance on Hand 1960 Session	\$1,0/1.1/
Total Received from Two Youth Sessions	<u> </u>
Deceived from Promotional Department	1907/07/
Gifts Received from Churches and Individuals	363.04
Total	\$5,011.95
Disbursements	
Paid Off Note Bank of Ashburn	\$2,152.50
Short and Paulk Supply Co., Rooting, Flooring, Tile	229./1
Lawson Furniture Co. for New Mattresses	135.96
I I Harrell Mattresses	
Miscellaneous and Other Expenses	1,913.01

Total Disbursements\$4	,520.68
Bank of Ashburn Rent on House\$	211.50
Paid Note at Bank of Ashburn	211.50

Leaving No Balance 000.00 Balance on Hand in Citizens Bank of Tifton \$ 491.27

Your camp board would like first to thank the Lord, and then each individual, church, or association, who has had any part in making this year a great success. We have had a wonderful year for our Lord. Many have come to know the Lord as their own personal Saviour through all the efforts that have been put forth at Camp Mt. Bethel this year.

Our many thanks also to Bro. Gaines Quinn for the deep freeze he so generously gave to the camp. May God bless each of you.

The Camp Board

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your committee on committees, recommend the following persons to serve on the various committees for this session of the State Association: Resolutions: J. B. Lovering, J. W. Franks, Hermon H. Watson. Temperance: Louis H. Moulton, Richard H. Sample, Mrs. J. B. Rice. Nominations: T. G. Hamilton, O. B. Everson, Ernest J. Barker. Allocations: J. E. Blanton, Paul Irvin, Mrs. L. E. Sheffield.

E. C. Morris W. J. Starr M. M. Franks

ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT The committee on allocations wish to make the following report:

We recommend that after the operational expenses of the promotional

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department have been deducted, the remaining money to be allocated as follows: 35% to the National Co-Operative Program of the National Association; and the remaining 65%, stay in the state as follows: National superannuation, 5%; state superannuation, 20%; state missions, 38%; Children's Home, 6%; state education, 6%; Camp Mt. Bethel, 25%.

We also recommend that the unified budget be set at \$25,000 and the designated budget \$10,000.

> Respectfully submitted, Rev. J. E. Blanton

Rev. Paul Irvin Mrs. L. E. Sheffield

OFFICERS

Moderator: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Route 2, Cordele, Georgia. Assistant Moderator: Rev. D. C. Dodd, Savannah, Georgia. Clerk: Rev. James C. Pelt, Glennville, Georgia. Assistant Clerk: Billy Ray Amerson, Chester, Georgia. Promotional Secretary: Rev. Mance R. Cason, Ashburn, Georgia.

STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

MISSION BOARD

Mrs. B. W. Clenny, Colquitt, Georgia, Martin Association, 1963. Rev. D. C. Dodd, Savannah, Georgia, South Georgia Association, 1963. Mr. Billy Hatcher, Moultrie, Georgia, Union Association, 1963. Mr. W. J. Starr, Arlington, Georgia, Midway Association, 1965. Rev. L. E. Sheffield, Pearson, Georgia, Little River Association, 1965. Rev. H. L. Knighton, Thomaston, Georgia, Chattahoochee Association, 1965. Mr. Hoyt Finley, Georgia Union Association, 1965.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Paul Irvin, Newton, Georgia, Midway Association, 1965. Rev. Irvin Hyman, Atlanta, Georgia, Chattahoochee Association, 1965. Mr. Frank Newberry, Colquitt, Georgia, Martin Association, 1965. Mr. C. J. Faison, Hartsfield, Georgia, Union Association, 1965. Rev. J. M. Cobb, Baxley, Georgia, South Georgia Association, 1963. Rev. Charles Clark, Chester, Georgia, Georgia Union Association, 1963. Mr. J. B. Rice, Valdosta, Georgia, Little River Association, 1963.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Lamar Parish, Union Association, 1965. Mr. Henry Nobles, Chester, Georgia, Georgia Union Association, 1965. Mr. Hermon Watson, Thomaston, Georgia, Chattahoochee Association, 1965. Mr. Jessie Griffin, Newton, Georgia, Midway Association, 1963. Mr. Oscar Brunson, Colquitt, Georgia, Martin Association, 1963. Mr. Henry Eason, Surrency, Georgia, South Georgia Association, 1963. Mr. Curtis Gay, Hartsfield, Georgia, Union Association, 1963.

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

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Rev. W. L. Purvis, Macon, Georgia, Chattahoochee Association, 1965.

Rev. C. D. Rentz, Brunswick, Georgia, South Georgia Association, 1965. Mr. M. M. Franks, Brookfield, Georgia, Little River Association, 1965. Mr. Wayne Faison, Moultrie, Georgia, Union Association, 1965. Mr. C. A. Williams, Colquitt, Georgia, Martin Association, 1963. Mr. J. W. Clower, Arlington, Georgia, Midway Association, 1963. Mr. Sherman Jones, Cochran, Georgia, Georgia Union Association, 1963.

CAMP BOARD

Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Glennville, Georgia, South Georgia Association, 1965. Mr. Walter Sloan, Moultrie, Georgia, Union Association, 1965. Rev. J. E. Wood, Colquitt, Georgia, Martin Association, 1965. Mr. Wallace Franks, Brookfield, Georgia, Little River Association, 1965. Rev. Frank Willis, Reynolds, Georgia, Chattahoochee Association, 1963. Mr. T. B. Ethridge, Georgia Union Association, 1963. Mr. Martin Murkerson, Blakely, Georgia, Midway Association, 1963.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga. Mr. Earnest J. Barker, Rochell, Ga. Rev. Richard Sample, Pearson, Ga.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The nominating committee appointed November 15, 1961, begs leave to submit the following report: The committee has agreed upon the following persons whom we recommend as candidates for the various offices.

MISSION BOARD

1. Mrs. B. W. Clenny, Martin Association, to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. B. W. Clenny, deceased, 1963.

2. Rev. Damon C. Dodd, South Georgia Association, to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Bill Gardner, resigned, 1963.

3. W. J. Starr, Midway Association, 1965.

4. Rev. L. E. Sheffield, Little River Association, 1965.

5. Rev. H. L. Knighton, Chattahoochee Association, 1965.

6. Hoyt Finnley, Georgia Union Association, 1965.

7. Billy Hatcher, Union Association, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Mance R. Cason who was elected to the office of promotional secretary, 1963.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Paul Irvin, Midway Association, 1965.

Rev. Irvin Hyman, Chattahoochee Association, 1965.

Frank Newberry, Martin Association, 1965.

C. J. Faison, Union Association, 1965.

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Rev. E. C. Morris, Earl Tabb.

GENERAL OFFICERS Moderator: Rev. J. R. Davidson Assistant Moderator: Rev. Damon C. Dodd Clerk: Rev. James Pelt Assistant Clerk: Billy Ray Amerson Promotional Secretary: Rev. Mance R. Cason

The Georgia Union Association invites the 1962 session of the State Association to convene with them at Pine Level Church.

Tom Hamilton O. B. Everson Ernest J. Barker

DELEGATES' NAMES

Chattahoochee Association: Mrs. Frank Willis, H. H. Watson, Frank Hallman and C. L. Lainery.

Churches: First Church, Muscogie County, John Grank; First Church of Atlanta, Mrs. Irvin Human; Mt. Olive, Mrs. Frank Willis; New Hope, Ezckiel Plymale.

Georgia Union Association: Shermon Jones and Earnest Barker.

Churches: Pine Level, Billy Amerson; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. J. R. Davidson.

Little River Association: M. M. Franks and J. M. Hartsfield.

Churches: Spring Hill, J. C. Branton, Mrs. M. M. Franks; Liberty Union, John Weeks.

Martin Association: Effie Kimbrel and Mrs. Eva Clenny.

Churches: Salem, by pastor; Belview, by letter.

Midway Association: Fred Boyd, Alvin Day, Mrs. Waynelle Clower, Mrs. Gleason Fowler and G. C. King.

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Churches: Bainbridge, by pastor; Mt. Zion, Leron Clower; Patmos, W. J. Starr; Macedonia, Earl Tabb and O. B. Everson; Travelers' Rest, William Irvin, Blakely, Jack Henderson.

Union Association: Mrs. J. B. Rice and Jack Faison.

Churches: Miss Sloan and Miss Lucille Murphy; Bay, Curtis Gay.

South Georgia Association: Mrs. Barbara Roberts, Donnis Kate Harrell and E. C. Davidson.

Churches: Brunswick, Mr. and Mrs. Odd Blanton.

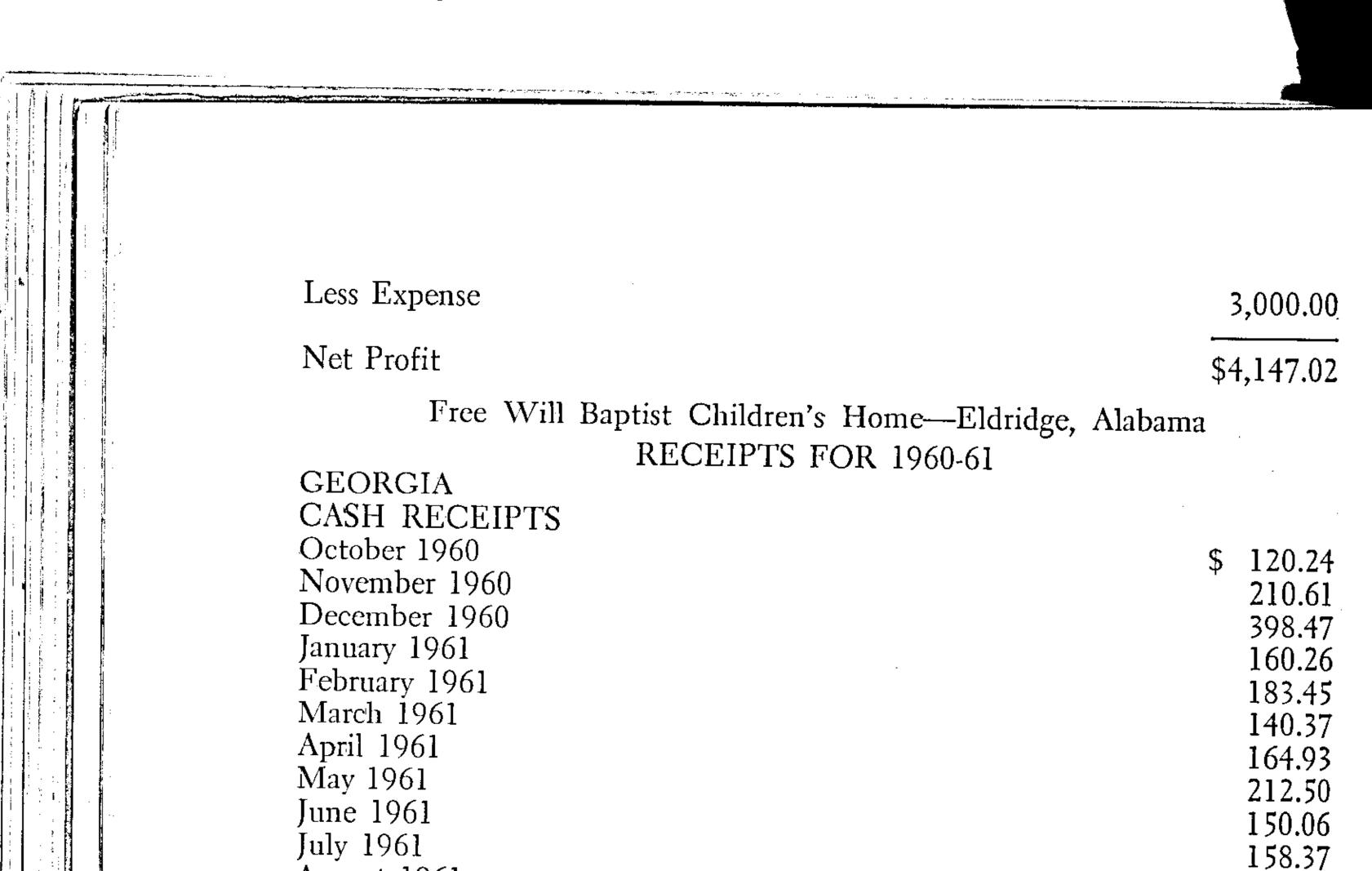
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA

Things Donated

Alabama	\$10,145.00
Georgia	835.00
Florida	880.00
Mississippi	1,813.81
Tennessee	36.00

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Missouri	20.50	
Total	\$13,730.31	
	419,790,91	
Professional Services Rendered	¢ 500.00	
Dr. Gaines W. Keith, Medical Care	\$ 500.00	
Dr. W. G. Kilgore, Dontal Care	350.00	
Dr. Fredrick Rosemore, Optometrist	200.00	
Dr. Benjamin Meyer, Wrist Operation	300.00	
Golden-Cross Foundation (Hospital Expense Paid)	293.73	
	\$1,643.75	
Things Donated	\$13,730.31	
Professional Services Rendered	1,643.75	
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Total	\$15,374.06	
FARM PROFITS		
Cotton	\$ 427.38	
Hogs, Calves, Cows, Plowing, Etc.	624.64	
Canned Food (2,000 Quarts) at 35c Each	700 00	
Frozen Foods	75.00	
Garden Vegetables	700.00	
Milk (3,300 Gallons) at 70c	2,310.00	
Pork, 4,200 lbs. (3,000 Pounds Dressed at 50c)	1,500.00	
Corn (600 Bushels at \$1.10)	660.00	
Hay (300 Bales at 50c)	150.00	





August 1961 September 1961

THINGS DONATED

195.41 \$2,272.13 \$ 835.00

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SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We, your board on superannuation, submit the following recommendations:

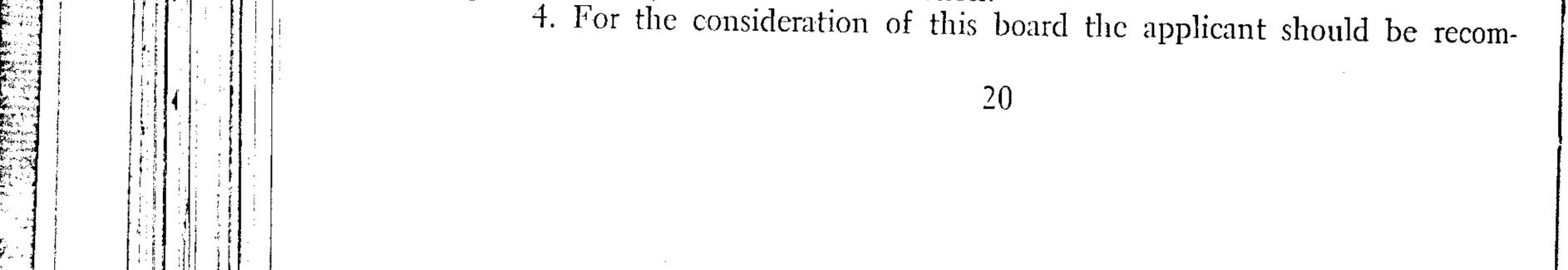
The state superannuation board met in a called session at Corinth Church on October 7, 1961, for the purpose of drawing up rules and regulations to govern the actions of the superannuation board. The following were present for the meeting: Bro. L. E. Wynn, Bro. Shermon Jones, Rev. E. C. Morris, as proxy, and Bro. J. W. Clower.

Rules as Follows

1. This board, consisting of seven members, elected by the State Association, shall be governed by the standard rules of the State Association of Free Will Baptists, and such rules as may be adopted by the board in cooperation with the state.

2. To qualify for superannuation the minister shall have served one or more churches for a reasonable period of time; and during his ministry he must have shown good faith in the welfare of his church and the denomination, and a willingness to co-operate in all denominational enterprises.

3. The widow of a deceased superannuate shall receive the same consideration as that of her husband so long as she remains a widow and in good standing with the denomination.



mended by the church where he holds membership, and the association of which affiliated; and further his local church must be in good fellowship with an affiliated association which is a member of the State Association.

5. The board shall have an annual session just prior to the convening of the State Association, and at the same place. And upon the call of the chairman, or his authorization, or any other time as may be necessary. In called sessions of the board mileage fees shall be paid as agreed upon by the board.

> Rev. K. V. Shutes Shermon Jones James C. Pelt J. W. Clower M. M. Franks

SUPERANNUATION TREASURER'S REPORT

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Amount Brought Forward

\$ 151.26

Total Received from Unified Program Total Received from Martin Associatio Total Received from Georgia Union	n 21.40	
Total Received and Brought For	ward \$1,389.36	
Paid Supe	erannuates	
Mrs. H. J. Kelly	\$300.00	
Rev. A. C. McKinnon	124.00	
Rev. E. C. Williams	124.00	
Rev. W. C. Coleman	124.00	
Mrs. J. B. Harris	124.00	
Mrs. S. E. Bowen	26.00	
Rev. E. L. Paulk Sr.	124.00	
Rev. Tom Henry	124.00	
Rev. A. B. Ard	124.00	
Mrs. J. D. Little	124.00	
Total	1,318.00	
Balance	Ş 71.36	
Traveling	Expense	
Sherman Jones Rev. E. C. Morris J. W. Clower Stamps and Envelopes Total	\$ 4.00 1.00 4.00 4.76 13.76	
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Balance in Treasury Rev. K. V. Shutes Shermon Jones James C. Pelt J. W. Clower M. M. Franks

MINISTERS, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Rev. C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Georgia, PL 8-2160 Rev. J. B. Lovering, Blakely, Georgia, 5714 Rev. Paul Irvin, Newton, Georgia, 2542 Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Georgia, 9861 Rev. E. R. Corbett, Lake Butler, Florida, HY 6-2033 Rev. Theron W. Long, Waycross, Georgia, AT 3-8735 Rev. J. E. Blanton, Jesup, Georgia, GA 7-2976 Rev. C. D. Rentz, Brunswick, Georgia, AM 5-7969 Rev. Charles L. Clark, Chester, Georgia, EL 1-5483 Rev. W. M. Gardner Jr., Hazlehurst, Georgia, FR 5-2968 Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Georgia, 382-2822 Rev. D. C. Dodd, 2354 Pinetree Road, Savannah, Georgia, EL 4-0971 Rev. J. R. Davidson, Route 2, Box 246, Cordele, Georgia, 273-3633 Rev. Tom Hamilton, Box 24, Glennville, Georgia, OL 4-2455 Rev. Mance R. Cason, Route 4, Moultrie, Georgia, YU 5-6366 Rev. James E. Ursery, Route 4, Alma, Georgia, 632-5240 Rev. J. M. Cobb, Baxley, Georgia, 367-3720 Rev. W. J. Childree, Reynolds, Georgia Rev. Larry Williams, Pinehurst, Georgia Rev. Louis H. Moulton, 8 Richmond Drive, Savannah, EL 4-5097 Rev. Irvin Hyman, 29 Clay Street, Atlanta 17, Georgia, DR 8-7086 Rev. Frank Willis, Box 31, Reynolds, Georgia, TI 7-3222 Rev. Lamar Parish, Route 1, Norman Park, Georgia Rev. Donald Franks, 118 W. Ninth Street, Tifton, Georgia Rev. M. T. Goff Rev. L. E. Sheffield, Box 55, Pearson, Georgia, 422-3543 Rev. Ralph Lightsey, P. O. Box 95, Mount Olive, North Carolina Rev. James C. Pelt, P. O. Box 11, Glennville, Georgia, OL 4-2621 Rev. Emmett McDuffic, Route 2, Rochelle, Georgia Rev. Coy Watson, Blakely, Georgia Rev. J. E. Blanton, Jesup, Georgia, GA 7-2976 Rev. H. L. Knighton, 323 East Street, Thomaston, Georgia, 7-4106 Rev. Riley Giddens, 407 Floyd Street, Valdosta, Georgia Rev. L. C. Johnson, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee Rev. K. V. Shutes, Fayett, Alabama Rev. J. E. Wood, 404 Bush Street, Colquitt, Georgia, PL 8-2349 Rev. Rickford Sample, Pearson, Georgia, 422-3312 Rev. Hoyt Findley, 2830-B South Zeigler, Warner Robin, Georgia Rev. Odel Harris, 612 Forty-Fourth Street, Columbus, Georgia, FA 7-7903



Rev. Walter E. Jones, 2011 Second Avenue, Phenix City, Alabama, CY 8-7954

Rev. John M. Holland, 2091 Third Avenue, Columbus, Georgia

Rev. G. L. Lanier, 3925 River Road

Rev. Chester Huckaby, Panama City, Florida

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the credential committee of the 1961 session being held with Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Reynolds, Georgia, wish to report as follows: We have received reports and contributions with delegates from all seven district associations of Georgia, one union meeting and 20 churches. The associations are Chattahoochee, Georgia Union, Little River, Martin, Midway, South Georgia and Union. The union meeting reporting was the Liberty Union Meetings. Churches reporting were: Chattahoochee Association—Mt. Olive and New Hope; Georgia Union Association—Double Branch, Pleasant Hill and Pine Level; Little River Association—Cool Springs and Corinth; Martin Association—Salem and Belview; Midway Association —Bainbridge, Blakely, Macedonia, Mt. Zion, Patmos and Travelers' Rest; Union Association—Midway and Bay; South Georgia Association—Pine Level and Brunswick. First Church of Columbus, Georgia, not affiliated with any association, incorporated. First Church of Atlanta, Georgia, in the Chattahoochee Association.

Total Contributions Received from District Associations\$140.00Total Contributions Received from Local Churches101.10For National Association5.005.005.00

Total

\$251.10

Respectfully submitted, Rev. T. B. Mellette, *Chairman* Rev. J. E. Wood Rev. B. Houston

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER E. C. Morris

Fourteen years ago, I was asked to assume the task of promoting all the causes being sponsored by the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia on a full-time basis. Eight months before, the late Rev. H. L. Catrett of Colquitt, had been employed by the Executive Board to devote half time to such endeavors. He visited many of the districts and churches over the state and edited a monthly mimeographed periodical. Through these mediums a foundation was carefully laid upon which the promotional efforts were to take permanent form. Upon the resignation of Bro. Catrett, your present promotional secretary was elected to the office and has remained on the job since.

It was readily seen that this was a vast field of pioneering, since Georgia

Free Will Baptists were the first to launch such a movement. It was with

much fear and trembling that the approach was made, but with a faltering faith in God and Free Will Baptists, we set our face toward the dim horizon of what was hoped to be a brighter and happier day. It is needless to say, that God has provided grace for every trial and supplied every need. These fourteen years have been happy ones, even though storm clouds have gathered at times, but every cloud had a silver lining and the sun of progress would eventually shine through. As we view the record of these years, encouraging facts are revealing. There have been 31 churches established, and even though some have failed, there are 23 more churches on the list at the present. The total membership has grown from 7,903 to 11,479. All the auxiliaries have made great advancéments. The total number of Sunday schools have increased from 59 to 110 with the enrollment more than doubling. The leagues have made astounding improvements numbers gaining from 16 to 74 with an enrollment making more than 300% increase. The woman's auxiliaries growing from 18 to 54. The midweek prayer services have advanced from 19 to 81. Fifteen years ago, there was hardly a full-time church, at least, not one with a full-time pastoral care and at least 85% of the churches were operating on quarter-time basis with a few having half time. The report for this year show only six quarter-time churches and 47 on a full-time schedule. When we consider the stewardship of giving the results have been almost phenomenal. Pastor's salaries have increased from \$19,835.77 to \$126,515.00. During this period, the building boom has surpassed any comparable time in history. The reported value of church property in 1945 was \$152,059.00 and now it stands at \$1,717,366.00. Fourteen years ago there were only two parsonages known in the state with a total value of probably \$6,000.00. Today, there are 18 reported with a combined value of \$163,000 with others under construction or being planned. There has been a mighty surge in giving to the world-wide ministry. The first year of the promotional program all gifts for denominational enterprises amounted to \$2,882.87, this year it probably runs beyond \$30.000.00. Progress has been made along other lines in proportion, but these few items show the trend. As we leave the office to another, the Lord forbid that we should boast save in the cross. No, the results have been achieved through co-operation and most of all by divine power. As we look to the future, may we continue to co-operate and stand with the one upon whose shoulders may rest the responsibilities of the promotional office and may even greater results be obtained through the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

With a deep sense of appreciation for the privilege granted to serve you these years, I now submit the statistical and financial report for the year.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE REV. E. C. MORRIS

"He that would be greatest among you, let him be servant," is the Biblical definition of greatness. No man who serves willingly serves out of a desire for fame, but out of a consuming passion to glorify God and advance the Kingdom's work. Such has been the motive that made E. C. Morris the faithful, valuable and effective servant which he has been to the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists over the past 14 years.

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Bro. Morris has served with an eye single to the glory of God and with a thoroughness and zeal which could come only from a complete yieldedness to God. Never has he sought for self-glory, or for the praise of men. He has served with a spirit of humbleness and understanding that has endeared him to the hearts of us all. He has served faithfully, never shirking any duty or passing over lightly an opportunity; having gone on serving when his physical condition was almost unequal to the task. His faithful wife has stood by his side and accepted his responsibility as hers to share with her husband.

Inasmuch as Bro. Morris is retiring from the office of promotional secretary of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, we, the executive committee, recommend to this association that we extend to Brother and Sister Morris a standing vote of thanks and appreciation for their many years of loyal and faithful service, and that we also pledge to them our continuing prayers and Christian love.

We further recommend that this resolution become a part of the minutes of the executive committee and this 1961 session of the State Association. Also that it be published in each of our Free Will Baptist periodicals.

The executive committee authorized Rev. D. C. Dodd and Rev. S. T. Shutes to draft this resolution, but the clerk being busy, asked Brother Dodd to write this and he did what we all thought was a wonderful and fitting job. As clerk, I took the liberty to add this so credit would go where it belongs.

Rev. S. T. Shutes, Clerk

COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS

Membership	1961	1960
Number of District Associations	7	7
Number of Affiliated Churches	126	120
Total Membership	11,479	10,884
Received by Baptism	539	473
Received by Letters	477	248
Received by Other Ways	95	62
Total Accessions	1,165	783
Lost by Letter	240	273
Lost by Expulsion	207	246
Lost by Death	143	87
Total Number Lost	590	606
Total Net Gain	575	89
Auxiliaries		
Number of Sunday Schools	110	107
Total Enrollment in Sunday Schools	6,525	6,401
Number of Leagues	7-1	68
Total Enrollment in Leagues	3,339	3,058
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries	54	51
Total Enrollment in Woman's Auxiliaries	693	688
Number of Master's Men Chapters	14	
Number of Weekly Prayer Services	81	71

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ACCEIVED AT THE 1900 DESSION	1/4.1.7	
From Martin Association for State and National	20.00	
From Liberty Union for State Fund	5.00	
From Woman's State Auxiliary	37.00	
From South Georgia Union Meeting for State Fund	5.00	
From State League Convention	20.00	
From State Sunday School Convention	60.00	
From South Georgia Association for State Dues	20.00	
From South Georgia Association for National Dues	5.00	<u>.</u>
Total Received	\$	464.26
Disbursement of General Funds	· · ·	-
Mileage to Moderator	\$	
S. T. Shutes, Clerk	25.00	
C. R. Houston, Moderator Honorarium	25.00	· · ·
State Minutes	297.38	· ·
National Association for Fee	45.00	
W. M. Gardner, Mileage to Board Meeting	10.00	
C. R. Houston, Mileage to Board Meeting	14.90	•
Total Disbursed	<u></u>	426.73
Balance in General Fund Account	\$	37.53
Received on Unified Program	,	•
Churches, Auxiliaries and Individuals	\$13	3,284.65
Designated Funds		•
Missions:	· · ·	
Foreign	\$4,328.03	
State	261.69	

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		Designated Funds	· · ·
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		Foreign	\$4,328.03
		State	261.69
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National	818.56	
Total for Missions State Superannuation Alabama Children's Home Bible College Youth Camp Dot Harvey Loan Fund National League Board Mt. Olive College State Temperance League State Education	5,408.28 \$ 129.72 554.35 625.12 281.60 107.00 20.18 55.50 50.00 29.00 464.26	
General Funds as Stated Grand Cash Total Received	\$21,009.66	
Disbursements Paid to the Promotional Department: Salary, Office and Promotional Co-Operative Plan Foreign Missions National Missions State Missions Children's Home Youth Camp Bible College State Education State Superannuation Mt. Olive College National League Board State Temperance League General Funds Paid Out	\$4,800.00 2,969.76 4,326.90 818.49 2,357.30 886.50 1,660.45 625.12 466.91 1,206.70 301.59 55.50 20.18 50.00 426.73	
Grand Total Paid Out	20,972.13	
Balance on Hand in General Fund	\$ 37.53	
Funds Sent to Other Treasurers Children's Home Youth Camp Foreign Missions Bible College State Missions Home Missions National Home Missions Co-Laborer Fund W. N. A. C.	\$ and Reported \$1,559.78 125.00 1,972.99 2,017.57 400.11 82.07 706.00 275.86 140.01	

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Superannuation 320.00 Total \$ 7,653.39 464.26 The General Fund Brought Over The Grand Total Raised for All Purposes \$28,663.05

Total raised on state budget, \$28,198.79; and credited to each association as follows:

	Unified		
Association	Quota	Paid	Balance
South Georgia	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,295.69	\$ 3,204.31
Chattahoochee	3,000.00	1,776.60	1,223.40
Georgia Union	2,000.00	1,589.91	410.09
Little River	2,000.00	875.18	1,124.82
Union	2,000.00	898.93	1,101.07
Martin	2,000.00	882.34	1,117.66
Midway	6,500.00	2,966.00	3,534.00

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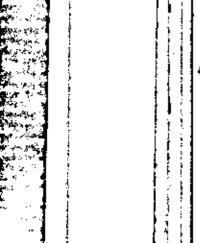
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Georgia State Sunday School Convention Of Free Will Baptists

Morning Session

The annual session of the Georgia State Sunday School Convention was held at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Ga., on June 10, 1961.

In the absence of the president, Rev. C. A. Huckaby, the convention was called to order by the vice-president, Rev. Larry Williams. In the absence of the secretary and assistant secretary, Bro. Larry Langford was appointed at the job for the session.

The singing was led by Mr. Russell Home, with Mrs. Janice Cason as pianist.

The theme for the session was, "Evangelism in Sunday School." The Scripture taken from James 1:22.

A very inspiring devotional was given by Rev. Frank Willis, followed by the welcome by Mr. J. W. Franks in behalf of the State Camp Board.

The committees were then appointed for the session. All churches and district conventions gave their report to the digest committee. (See report of committees.)

Mrs. Edith Shiver gave a wonderful talk on "The Sunday School Seeking the Lost," followed by "The Sunday School Winning the Lost," by Mrs. Ilene Boyd. These were enjoyed by all.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. T. G. Hamilton. He brought a wonderful message on soul winning.

Following the message, we were dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by singing and prayer, followed by a short devotional by the acting president.

An offering was received to pay for the lunch.

We then had a panel discussion on "How We Adults Can Better Help the Young People?" The panel was composed of young people.

The business session was opened with prayer.

It was moved and carried that the next session convene with Mt. Bethel Youth Camp, June 9, 1962.

The committees made their reports and were adopted as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES FINANCE COMMITTEE

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We, the finance committee, report as follows: Balance on Hand from 1960 Districts Reporting, Seven Churches Reporting, Thirty

\$ 55.68 35.00 47.00

Total Money on Hand				137.68
Dis	bursements	· · · · ·		•
Rev. E. C. Morris for Printing of	Minutes	\$3	0.00	
Rev. Larry Williams, Presiding	,	•	5.00	
Secretary		1	0.00	
Printing of Programs and Postage		1	2.00	
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We, your digest committee, report as follows: Number of Sunday Schools Reporting by Districts Number on Roll Average Attendance Total Amount Received Total Expenditures Total Number of Delegates as Reported

You will please note the reports handed the committee were incomplete. We urge and recommend that all reports hereafter be filled out, otherwise only a partial and incomplete report can be made.

> Rev. T. B. Mellette, Chairman Mrs. Harvey King Miss Judy Creel

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee, report as follows: President, Rev. James Ursery Vice-President, Curtis Gay Secretary and Treasurer, Sandra Dean Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Harritt Lane

> Respectfully submitted, Rev. J. B. Lovering, Chairman

Helen Tomlin Larry Powell

Rev. L. E. Sheffield declared the new officers installed. The convention was closed with prayer.

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Rev. Larry Williams, President Presiding Mr. Larry Lanford, Secretary pro tem

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Constitution

PREAMBLE

The Sunday school 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 for herein.

Article 1. 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 co-operation 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 which 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 second Saturday 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 any 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 be a member of the executive committee and 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, 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 twothirds 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.

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Minutes of the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Novmber 14, 1961

Proceedings of the twenty-fifth session of the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Reynolds, Georgia, November 14, 1961.

Theme: "Victory Practiced" (Romans 12:1, 2).

Thought: "Living the Transformed Life."

The convention was called to order by the president. Prelude by Mrs. J. B. Rice. Opening songs with Mrs. Mance Cason leading: "Victory in Jesus" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Devotional was given by Rev. H. L. Knighton representing the Chattahoochee District, using 1 John 5 and Romans 1 and 2.

Welcome was extended by pastor of host church, Rev. Frank Willis. Response by the president, Mrs. Edith Shiver.

Credentials committee report was given by Mrs. B. W. Clenny, chairman. (See report.)

Motion made, seconded and carried that delegates be seated and the program be adopted.

Report of National Association was given by Mrs. O. B. Everson (a very informative report).

Report of youth fellowship day was given by Mrs. J. W. Franks, youth chairman, along with a personal report. It was a very inspirational report.

Committees were appointed as follows: Finance-Mrs. G. N. Fowler, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Mrs. Frank Willis, Mrs. O. B. Everson and Mrs. Mary Williams. Resolutions-Mrs. W. E. McDowell, Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. Eloise Wainwright, Mrs. J. W. Franks and Mrs. John Grant. Nominating-Mrs. Ida Tabb, Mrs Jewell Patrige, Mrs. Mance Cason, Mrs. M. M. Franks, Mrs. Eill Gardner, Mrs. Sara Knighton and Mrs. Effie Kimbrell.

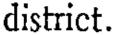
Motion made, seconded and carried that these delegates be elected by acclamation.

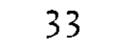
Credentials committee: Mrs. B. W. Clenny, Mrs. Sallie Woodard and Mrs. J. E. Blanton; registration committee: Mrs. Steve Bush and Mrs. Nancy Johnson.

Special music by Rev. Bill Gardner, "Down from His Glory," very beautifully rendered, with Mrs. Gardner at the piano.

Song and offerings which characters prepared for the play. Playlet by Midway District, entitled, "Crossroads of Life," which was written by Mrs. Doris Sheffield.

Prayer by Bro. Shutes. Announcements about lunch by Bro. Willis. Prayer by Bro. Davidson. A most wonderful lunch was served by the host





AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening hymns: "There's Power in the Blood" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," with Mrs. Mance Cason leading and Mrs. Pauline Bush at the piano.

Devotional by Mrs. D. C. Dodd.

The president gave a report on the state workshop. The last year's minutes were read and accepted as read.

Personal reports were given by the corresponding secretary, personal service chairman, stewardship-prayer chairman and the president Motion made, seconded and carried that chairmen's reports be accepted as read.

Report from Dot Harvey Loan Fund committee was given by Mrs. J. B. Rice.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. G. N. Fowler in the absence of Mrs. Billy Houston. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's report as read.

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's report as read.

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Motion made, seconded and carried that the secretary's report be accepted as read and further additions if they come in before time for the national report to be sent in.

Had the reading of a resolution of gratitude from the Atlanta Church to the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Report of the resolutions committee. (See report.) Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt resolution number one as read.

Motion made, seconded and carried that an amendment be made to resolutions number two and three and reads, "Since a greater need has arisen in Brazil, etc." (See resolution number two.)

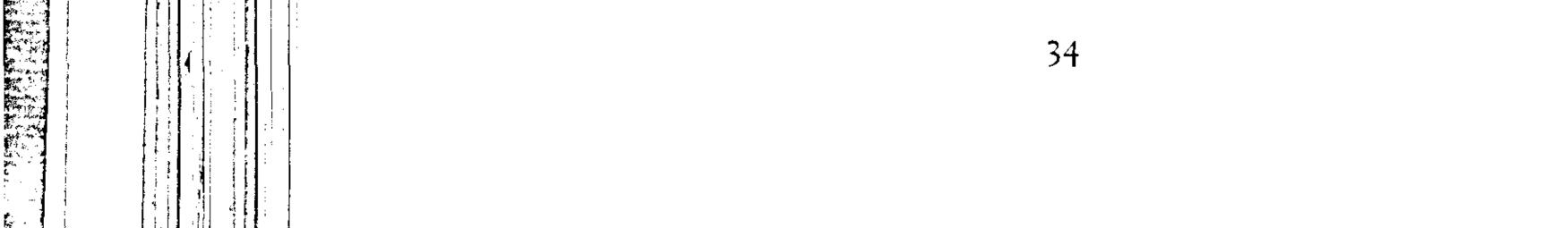
A rising vote of thanks was given to Mt. Olive Church and district for their splendid hospitality.

Finance committee report was given. (See report.) Motion made, seconded and carried that finance report be amended to include \$20.00 each for declamation contestants to the National Convention. Motion made, seconded and carried that the finance report be adopted.

Report of Youth Fellowship Day was given by Mrs. J. W. Franks, youth chairman.

A committee was appointed for "Wheels for Wilkinsons," Mrs. Eloise Wainwright to act as chairman of this committee and all district presidents to serve with her. Motion made, seconded and carried that the chairman of this committee be given \$15.00 to help get this project started and have it done by Christmas.

Nominating committee report was given by Ida Tabb, chairman. (See report.)



Registration committee reported 78 registered.

Installation service was held by Mrs. J. W. Clower, entitled, "A Handful of Corn."

Dismissed with prayer of consecration by Bro. Mance Cason.

REPORTS

Resolutions Committee

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

1. That we discontinue the state workshops at the present and place emphasis on district workshops. That the state study course chairman assist the district study course chairman in planning their workshops, and that all the state officers be encouraged to attend at least one workshop in each district this ensuing year.

2. Whereas greater need has arisen in Brazil for some form of transportation for the Sammy Wilkinsons, who have moved into a smaller town and are forced to walk several miles in their work; and whereas, we fell that since the Wilkinsons are from Georgia, they are our very own; therefore, be it resolved that we adopt as our project for the coming year the "Wheels for Wilkinsons" project and that we raise money to purchase a Volkswagen for use in their work.

3. We suggest that the president appoint a committee for the promotion of this project.

4. That the corresponding secretary mimeograph enough copies of these resolutions for the local auxiliaries and mail to the dictrict corresponding secretaries so that they may get them by December 1.

5. That each woman's auxiliary in the state send in \$5.00 by the first of May toward the expenses of Youth Fellowship Day.

6. That each district convention recommend someone to serve on the nominating committee to the annual state convention.

7. That the Dot Harvey loan committee make an annual report to the convention which would supply information as well as promote this project.

8. That names, addresses and district of each state officer be listed in the minutes.

9. That the field secretary send monthly notices concerning our current projects, state and national, to the promotional secretary to be included in the bulletin.

10. That the corresponding secretary send quarterly letters to the district presidents and district corresponding secretaries supplying them with the latest figures and urging them to promote the project in their respective districts.

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11. That the state treasurer be bonded for \$3,000.

12. That we give this church and this convention district a rising vote of thanks for entertaining this convention in such a splendid way.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Ruby Wells, Chairman Mrs. Eloise Wainwright Mrs. J. W. Franks Mrs. W. E. McDowell Mrs. John A. Grant

FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT

There were 54 auxiliaries in the state reported through letters to district associations with a total enrollment of 693.

The number and enrollment by districts: South Georgia, 15 auxiliaries with 279 enrolled; Chattahoochee, 4 auxiliaries with 51 enrolled; Georgia Union, 3 auxiliaries with 27 enrolled; Little River, 5 auxiliaries with 53 enrolled; Union, 2 Auxiliaries with 35 enrolled; Martin, 2 auxiliaries with 24 enrolled; Midway, 17 auxiliaries with 214 enrolled. The three auxiliaries reported from the Georgia Union were organized this year.

Recording Secretary's Report

The recording secretary reports for the convention year, 1960-61, as follows:

President, Mrs. D. C. Dodd, 2354 Pinetree Road, Savannah; treasurer, Mrs. G. N. Fowler, 1604 Gillespie Avenue, Albany. There were 26 auxiliaries reporting with \$195.90 in per capita dues sent in. There was one "A-1" auxiliary; and three No. "C" auxiliaries.

I. Enlistment Department:

1. Enrollment at beginning of convention year, 354; present enrollment, 349.

2. Number new members, 47; number lost, 32; average attendance, 223.

II. Youth Department:

- 1. Number of youth organizations: G. T. A., 13; Y. P. A., 13; B. A., 2.
- 2. Total membership: Ğ. T. A., 140; Y. P. A., 124; B. A., 13.
- 3. Number stewardship declamation contests held, 1.
- 4. Number vacation Bible schools assisted in, 15.
- 5. Number active church libraries, 4.
- 6. Number Bible College students assisted, 10.
- 7. Other activities, aided Wilkinsons and Owens.

III. Study Course Department:

1. Courses Conducted	Attendance
Missions, 11	143
Stewardship, 11	119
Manual, 12	81
Evangelism, 8	81

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Prayer, 12 2. Number of daily Bible readers, 151.

IV. Program-Prayer Department:

1. Number special programs held, 30.

2. Number weeks of prayer conducted, 66.

3. Total amount of self-denial offering resulted from weeks of prayer, \$336.03.

4. Total number family altars, 134.

5. Total members observing prayer fellowship, 96.

6. Word day of prayer, 23.

V. Personal Service Department:

- 1. Number making soul-winning efforts, 103.
- 2. Number souls won, 8.
- 3. Number active in community missions, 184.
- 4. Total value of all contributions to Children's Home, \$554.52.

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5. Number of coupons, $4,986\frac{1}{2}$.

VI. Publicity Department:

- 1. Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers, 140.
- 2. Number articles written for publication, 45.
- 3. Other publicity work done, 24.

VII. Personal Gifts:

Special Offerings	Amount
Missions	\$649.74
Free Will Baptist Bible College	46.00
Children's Home	284.48
Superannuation	.50
Other	609.99

Total

\$1,590.71

Mrs. J. W. Clower, Recording Secretary Arlington, Georgia

Nominating Committee's Report

We, the nominating committee, offer the following slate of officers for the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary:

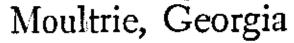
President, South Georgia, Mrs. D. C. Dodd, 2354 Pinetree Road, Savannah, Georgia

Vice-President, Midway, Mrs. M. G. Shiver, Elmodel, Georgia

Recording Secretary, Midway, Mrs. J. W. Clower, Arlington, Georgia

Assistant Recording Secretary, Martin, Mrs. B. W. Clenny, Route 3, Colquitt, Georgia

Corresponding Secretary, Georgia Union, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Route 4,



Treasurer, Midway, Mrs. G. N. Fowler, 1604 Gillespie Avenue, Albany, Georgia

Field Secretary, Midway, Mrs. Mance Cason, Moultrie, Georgia

Youth Chairman, Chattahoochee, Mrs. John A. Grant, 4901 18th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia

Study Course Chairman, Midway, Mrs. Ida Tabb, Colquitt, Georgia Steward-Prayer Chairman, Chattahoochee, Mrs. Ruby Wells, 315 Deluxe Circle, Thomaston, Georgia

Personal Service Chairman, South Georgia, Mrs. Eloise Wainwright, 2116 Glynnwood Drive, Savannah, Georgia

Dot Harvey Loan Fund Committee, Mrs. M. M. Franks, Tifton, Georgia; Mrs. Pauline Bush, Leary, Georgia; Mrs. Frank Willis, Reynolds, Georgia

Mission Board Representative, Mrs. H. L. Knighton, Thomaston, Geor-

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Ida Tabb Mrs. H. L. Knighton Mrs. M. M. Franks Mrs. Mance Cason Mrs. E. R. Patridge Mrs. Effie Kimbrel Mrs. Bill Gardner

LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

At this time last year there were six loans. Two have been paid in full and two are making payments. At the present time we have one student receiving aid, Miss Inez Hart, who is attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. There has been \$124.00 received from the woman's auxiliary for the Dot Harvey Loan Fund this past year.

All applicants for loans are now required to sign a note along with two co-signers who are solvent, as well as recommended from his church and pastor.

As of today, November 14, 1961, there is a balance of \$763.33 in the treasury. We feel that there will be a better understanding between the students wishing a loan and the loan fund committee in the future; there-fore, making it more appealing to them what we want to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. O. B. Everson Mrs. D. C. Dodd Mrs. J. B. Rice

FINANCE REPORT

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Balance on Hand November 14, 1961 Dues Received Today

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Offering Today	25.63	
Total Cash on Hand	\$232.42	
Disbursements	10 00	
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	40.00	
Total Disbursements	202.80	
Balance in Treasury	\$ 29.62	
WNAC dues will have to paid out of this amount for the reported today.	e members who	
Respectfully submitted,		
Mrs. G. N. Fowler Mrs. J. B. Rice Mrs. Frank Willis Mrs. O. B. Everson Mrs. Mary Williams		
TREASURER'S REPORT		
1. Stewardship of Possessions: Number of Auxiliary Members Contributing to Missions Numbers of Tithers on Roll at Beginning of Convention Yea Number of Tithers as Result of Stewardship Study Course Number of New Tithers this Convention Year	230 ar 108 2 27	
Present Number of Tithers	145	
2. Financial Report:		
 Amount of Offering Sent to WNAC Co-Laborer Fund Amount of Easter Offering for Foreign Missions Amount of Thanksgiving Offering for State Home Missions Amount of Christmas Offering for National Home Missions Cash Gifts to Orphanage Value of Boxes to Orphanage Cash Gifts to Free Will Baptist Bible College Total Gifts to Missions Sent to WNAC Treasurer this Year by Woman's Auxiliary 	\$223.63 170.06 132.49 103.31 121.65 175.08 225.50	
By G. T. A.'s By Y. P. A.'s Cash Gifts to Aged Ministers	62.70 .00 30.35	
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Total Amount Spent for Auxiliary Literature Total Amount Spent this Year for Local Church Activities	495.13 1,029.59	



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Total Amount Sent for Unified Program Total Amount Sent for Dot Harvey Loan Fund Total Amount Sent for State Workshop Others

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