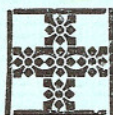


MINUTES
OF THE
Third Annual Session
OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF THE
Original Free Will Baptists
Of The United States
AND THE
Fourth Annual Session
OF THE
National Women's Auxiliary
Convention
Which Convened With
Bryan Free Will Baptist Church
Bryan, Texas
July 11 - 14, 1939

The next sessions will be held with the Paintsville Church, Paintsville, Ky. The Women's Auxiliary Convention convening Monday night after the 2nd Sunday in July, 1940 and the National Association convening Tuesday night following.



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PROCEEDINGS

The Third Annual Session of the National Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States convened with the Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas, on Tuesday evening, July 11, 1939. Song service was directed by Rev. F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Mo. Prayers were offered by Revs. I. J. Blackwelder, and J. A. Kemper. The opening sermon was delivered by Rev. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla. The text of the sermon was Psalms 90:17, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." The speaker related some of the work that we should do and how our efforts can meet with success. The sermon was very forcefully delivered with vivid illustrations and earnest admonition. At the close of the message, a hymn was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Geo. Dunbar.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association met according to the program, with the music director, Rev. R. E. Tripp, for the day in charge. The devotions were led by Rev. M. L. Hollis, after which the Clerk called the Association to order for the business of the session. Rev. Jas. F. Miller, the moderator took charge and the business of the day was begun.

A credential committee was appointed to examine the delegates appointed to this body and recommend those who shall compose the Association at this time. The committee recommended that the following states and associations be enrolled as members of the National Association.

Alabama—The Progressive Association, Delegate, Rev. Robert B. Crawford.

Georgia—The State Association, Delegates, A. D. Ivey, W. P. Richardson, Mrs. G. W. Cloud and John Hudson. Martin Association, Delegate, W. L. Cleveland. Midway Association, Delegate, Beauchamp Houston. South Geor-

gia Association, Delegate, G. W. Cloud.

Kentucky—State Association, Delegates, Elders Burns Conley, Millard Van Hoose, F. S. Van Hoose, L. E. Collier, Wm. W. Moore, Frank Rice and M. E. Province.

Mississippi—Northeast Mississippi Association, Delegate, L. E. Duncan.

Missouri—State Association, Delegates, Eunice Miller, Esther Apple, Eva Lashum, Pearl Allred, Christine Dees, Mary Wade and Belva Zinn.

North Carolina—State Association, Delegates, James Howard, Miss Alma Broughton and Mrs. Alice E. Lupton. Cape Fear Association, Delegates Mrs. C. B. Thompson. Eastern Association, Delegate, Mrs. J. R. Bennett. Central Conference, Delegate, Mrs. M. E. Tyson.

Ohio—Ohio River Yearly Meeting, and the Scioto Yearly Meeting, Delegates, Elders W. J. Sheppard and J. A. Kemper.

Oklahoma—State Association, and First Mission Association, Delegates, Mrs. B. F. Rogers, Alveta Bingham and Lois May Fincher.

Tennessee—State Association, Union, Association and Cumberland Association, Delegates, W. E. Coville, Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Miss Jean Welch, Miss Rebecca Stewart, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Paul Woolsey and Miss Mary Patton.

Texas—State Association and the Central Association, Delegates, A. Sullins, G. Moore, Lamar Williams, J. L. Edge, Mrs. Della Lawless and C. F. Goen.

Virginia—State Association, Delegates, Revs. E. J. Kilgore, Monroe Hubbard, Mack Fisher and J. W. Addington.

The various states and associations sent in contributions as follows:

The Progressive Association of Alabama.....	\$ 5.00
Georgia State Convention	10.00
Midway Association of Georgia.....	5.00
Martin Association of Georgia.....	5.00
South Georgia Association of Georgia	5.00
Northeast Mississippi Association.....	5.00
Missouri State Association.....	16.75
North Carolina State Association (vouched for)	5.00
Eastern Association of North Carolina	5.00
Cape Fear Association of North Carolina	5.00
Central Conference of North Carolina, (vouched for).....	5.00
Kentucky State Association	20.00
Ohio River Yearly Meeting	10.00
Ohio Yearly Meeting	5.00
Oklahoma State Association	10.00
First Union Mission Association of Okla.	5.00
Tennessee State Association	10.00
Union Association of Tennessee	5.00
Cumberland Association of Tennessee	5.00
Texas State Association	10.00
Central Texas Association of Texas	5.00
Virginia State Association	30.00

Total Cash and Vouched For\$195.75

Committee turned over to the Clerk \$175.75 in cash which was placed in the hand of the Treasurer.

Rev. Clarence Bowen, the Statistician, made his report at this time and same adopted. (See Reports).

The next item of interest was hearing reports of the various publishing concerns of the denomination, several publications were introduced as denominational organs and the same were endorsed by the body.

For a diversion of the program, the music director for the day was asked to render a song service. He directed the congregation in some hymns and then a male quartet composed of Revs. J. R. Davidson, I. J. Blackwelder, E. C. Morris and R. E. Tripp, sang "A Great Religion," and then Dr. L. E. Harris of Chicago, rendered a solo, "When They Ring the Golden Bells" another special number was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Zinn, entitled "Heaven Must Be a Wonderful Place."

After the special song service, the Moderator delivered his annual message to the Association. In his message, the Moderator pointed out some of the things which the denomination should be doing and admonished the Association to accept the task and go about the work with much interest and determination.

The time having arrived for the Associational sermon, the Rev. J. R. Bennett of Bridgeton, N. C. was introduced to the audience who performed his duty in delivering the sermon in a very proficient manner. His subject was "Come, Tarry, Go." These three verbs were so handled by the speaker that the large congregation present was moved and inspired to a greater degree of consecration, the necessity of a more prayerful life and willingness in service. At the close of the message the Association was dismissed for the noon hour, then all were invited to the Grammar School Cafeteria where reports).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together at the appointed time. A splendid song service was rendered by the leader of the day. A solo was sung by Dr. Harris entitled, "I Am Satisfied With Jesus." Rev. J. R. Davidson, the local pastor, gave the welcome address which was responded to by Rev. S. F. Van Hoose of Paintsville, Ky. This being the time for the election of officers, there was a motion made and carried that all officers be re-elected for the ensuing year.

By motion, Rev. Clarence Bowen was re-elected the statistician.

On motion, a committee of five be appointed to revise the constitution as the time may demand. The following were appointed as the Revision Committee: Revs. Geo. Dunbar, J. R. Bennett, I. J. Blackwelder, J. L. Waltman and C. T. Allred.

By motion a resolution committee be appointed, and the following constitute the Committee: Revs. M. L. Hollis, Melvin Bingham and Bro. C. F. Goin.

The Board of Education made its report and after due discussion it was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Davidson was reelected a member of the Board of Education for a term of five years.

Miss Jean Welch of Nashville, Tenn., delivered a heart touching challenge in behalf of the youth of the church at this time, and a prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. Dunbar. The challenge and prayer so gripped the hearts of all present that it resulted in a great educational rally such as many had never experienced before. The cash offering amounted to \$284.35 and pledges were made to the amount of \$1725.00.

After the rally, the Association stood adjourned until the evening session.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

At 7:30 o'clock, the delegates and visitors assembled for the evening session, and opened with usual singing by the congregation led by the director of the day. A solo was rendered by Rev. Bert Rogers, entitled, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone."

Rev. H. E. Staires of Drumright, Okla., led the devotions, and prayers were offered by Sister Lizzie McAdams and Rev. W. J. Sheppard. The sermon of the evening was delivered by Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. The text of the sermon was taken from Matt. 24:37, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." The speaker made a comparison of conditions now with those of Noah's day and admonished the audience to shun the sins that are so prevalent in these last days.

At the close of the message, Rev. and Mrs. Zinn of Purdy, Mo., were asked to sing a special number, which they did, and it was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Revision Committee's report was read and placed on the table for consideration on tomorrow, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Association met according to the program. The music director for the day being Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes of Lucama, N. C., she led in the singing of several congregational hymns, after which Dr. Harris rendered a special number, entitled, "Take Your Burden to The Lord and Leave It There."

The morning devotions were led by Rev. John B. Rollins of Monett, Mo.

The minutes of previous day were read and corrected.

The Sunday-School Board made a verbal report which was adopted, (See a sumptuous repast had been prepared by the ladies of the community for the physical benefit of the Association.

Bro. W. E. Coville, 705 Hart Ave., Nashville, Tenn., was elected a member of the Sunday-School Board for a five-year term.

The Revision Committee's report was adopted at this time. Board of Superannuation made report and same adopted. (See reports).

A few minutes recess was given at this time, after which Prof. I. L. Stanley directed the congregation in a song service and Dr. Harris rendered a solo, entitled, "Alone." Prayer was offered by Rev. M. E. Tyson, then Rev. J. W. Addington of Clincho, Va., brought a very timely message based on Job 2:1 "And Satan came also among them." The message was filled with heart touching illustrations portraying the results of so called no-harm sins and warning the audience of the audacity and tactics of Satan in his fight against the forces of righteousness. At the close of the service there were many to respond to an appeal to live a more consecrated life in service to God, then the meeting stood adjourned until the afternoon session. Again the congregation was invited to the School Cafeteria for the purpose of participating in the consumption of a bounteous meal which the ladies of the community had prepared.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at appointed time. Song service conducted by Prof. I. L. Stanley and the devotions were led by Rev. Monroe Hubbard of Jenkins, Ky.

Bros. A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga., and Clyde Goen, Bryan, Texas, were elected to the Superannuation Board, the first to serve for five years and the second to serve four years.

Rev. Self Jones, Mansfield, Mo., offered his resignation on the Board of Education. His resignation was accepted and Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., was elected to his place.

On motion, the final report of Credential Committee be accepted.

The report of the Home Mission Board was submitted, duly discussed and adopted.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss. was reelected to the Home Mission Board for a five year term.

Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. McAdams tendered their resignations on the Home Mission Board, same accepted and Rev. B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo., and Rev. J. W. Addington, Clinchco, Va., were elected in their places. Rev. Geo. Dunbar resigned from the Home Mission Board and Rev. M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, N. C. elected to serve his term.

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder was reelected for a five-year term on the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. J. R. Bennett resigned from the Foreign Mission Board and Rev. C. B. Thompson, Goldsboro, N. C., was elected to her place.

Rev. Robert Crawford of Samantha, Ala., was elected to succeed Rev. I. J. Blackwelder on the Executive Board.

Program Committee for the next session of the Association were elected as follows: Rev. M. E. Tyson, Bro. W. E. Coville and Rev. John B. Rollins.

A report of League work from Rev. Henry Melvin, General Secretary, was read by Rev. Clarence Bowen and same accepted.

At this time, the business was suspended for the National Declamation Contest on Stewardship to be held, after which, a few minutes recess was given.

The Moderator called the association to order and business was resumed.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C., was elected on the Free Will Baptist League Board for a term of five years.

Petitions for the next session was taken up at this time and by a motion the invitation from the church in Paintsville, Ky., be accepted.

Session adjourned by motion, until the evening hour. Benediction by Rev. C. B. Thompson.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Evening session which was devoted to the Cause of Missions begun at 7:30 o'clock with a lively song service under the direction of Mrs. George Frost Barnes.

The report of the Foreign Mission Secretary-Treasurer, and Board, was made but action on it was deferred until the next day.

Mrs. T. H. Willey, one of our missionaries to Latin America, was presented to the audience. She related the political, social and economical conditions of Latin America and told of the hardships of the missionaries, and their willingness to suffer for Christ's sake. Her message greatly stirred the hearts of the vast audience. At the close of the message, Mrs. Barnes was requested to sing "Follow Me." While she sang, Mrs. Willey asked the Chairmen of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards to stand at the altar while a call was extended to the youth of the congregation and there were 41 who came forward to dedicate their lives to definite service for the cause. The service was one that will long be remembered by all present and will never be forgotten by many. At the close of the altar service, there was a mission offering taken which amounted to \$126.15. The meeting then stood adjourned until the next morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Association met per adjournment. Rev. J. K. Warkentin, the music

director of the day, led the congregation in several hymns and then rendered a solo entitled, "The Wayward Traveler." Prayer was offered by Sister Tommie Franklin, after which the business of the day was resumed.

The Foreign Mission report was adopted (See Report).

The Women's Missionary Society made report and same was adopted.

By a motion, the Clerk be authorized to have printed 3,000 minutes and that the Women's Auxiliary Convention be permitted to have their minutes printed in connection with the National Association.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupin was elected to the Women's Board.

The final report of the Resolution Committee was submitted and received.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Church in Paintsville, Ky., Tuesday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

LIST OF MINISTERS ATTENDING THE ASSOCIATION

Robt. B. Crawford.....	Samantha, Ala.	W. J. Sheppard	Sciotosville, O.
C. J. Pitts.....	Jacksonville, Fla.	J. A. Kemper	Wheelersburg, O.
S. T. Shutes.....	Colquit, Ga.	W. E. Dearmore.....	Wanette, Okla.
K. V. Shutes.....	Glennville, Ga.	J. T. Waltham.....	Yale, Okla.
Monroe Hubbard.....	Jenkins, Ky.	B. F. Rogers.....	Wewoka, Okla.
F. S. Van Hoose.....	Paintsville, Ky.	Melvin Bingham	Tulsa, Okla.
M. L. Hollis.....	Tupelo, Miss.	Harry Staires	Drumright, Okla.
C. B. Dees.....	Flat River, Mo.	Mrs. Sadie Fincher, Drumright, Okla.	
Jas. F. Miller.....	Flat River, Mo.	Geo. Dunbar	Chucky, Tenn.
Miss Tommie Franklin.....	Dislodge, Mo.	Paul Woolsey	Tenn.
Kenneth Turner.....	Granby, Mo.	L. C. Johnson.....	Ashland City, Tenn.
Geo. Lashume.....	Monett, Mo.	I. J. Blackwelder.....	Nashville, Tenn.
J. B. Rollins.....	Monett, Mo.	E. J. Vaughn.....	North Zulch, Texas
Winford Davis.....	Monett, Mo.	J. L. Bounds.....	Waco, Texas
F. C. Zinn	Purdy, Mo.	Amanda J. Kester. Henderson, Texas	
B. F. Brown	Purdy, Mo.	H. M. McAdams	Midway, Texas
W. K. Wester	Monett, Mo.	Mrs. Lillie McAdams Midway. Texas	
J. R. Bennett	Bridgeton, N. C.	T. W. Smith	Beckville, Texas
E. C. Morris.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.	B. A. Grant	Henderson, Texas
Clarence Bowen.....	Durham, N. C.	Ashton Peguese ...	Normangee, Texas
M. E. Tyson.....	Middlesex, N. C.	John Swanwick	Bryan, Texas
W. L. Hart.....	Snow Hille, N. C.	J. R. Davidson	Bryan, Texas
C. B. Thompson	Goldsboro, N. C.	R. C. Wiggs	North Zulch, Texas
R. E. Tripp	Washington, N. C.	J. W. Addington	Clinchco, Va.
L. H. Weatherington Newbern, N. C.		Mack Fisher	Calvin, Va.
R. H. Jackson	Clinton, N. C.		
Mrs. T. H. Willey.....			Missionary to Central America

Note—The list of ministers were taken from the register by the local church and it is possible that all were not registered, however, this is the best that could be done and if there are omissions of names that should be in this list you know the reason why.

Col. George W. Poague, Dayton, Tenn., a member of the West Division of the Stone Association of Tenn., a lecturer of prophesy, was present and made welcome.

Boards, with members' term of office in order as written, one member's term expiring each year. The first on the list to be succeeded first and the

last serving a period of five years.

Executive Board—Revs. M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, N. C., Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., M. F. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Ky., J. K. Warkentin, 2001 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth, Texas, Robert Crawford, Samantha, Ala.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., B. F. Rogers, Wewoka, Okla., Layman C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas, Revs. C. B. Thompson, Goldsboro, N. C., and I. J. Blackwelder, 1115 E. Douglas Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Home Missions—Revs. J. K. Warkentin, 2001 Prairie Ave., Fort Worth, Texas, B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo., J. W. Addington, Clincho, Va., M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, N. C. and M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss.

Sunday School—L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss., Revs. R. P. Harris, Kinston, N. C., Paul Purell, Wewoka, Okla., Aston Pegues, Normangee, Texas, and Layman W. E. Coville, 705 Hart Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Free Will Baptist League—Revs. R. C. Wiggs, North Zulch, Texas, Miss Esther Apple, Aurora, Mo., Everett Kieffer, Tulsa, Okla., Allene Reed, Ashland City, Tenn., and Rev. Henry Melvin, 1211 E. Main St., Durham, N. C.

Education—Revs. Geo. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tenn., J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C., Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla., Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., and J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas.

Superannuation—Mrs. J. E. Simpson, 1310 Fatherland Ave., Nashville, Tenn., E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va., E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga., Clyde Goen, Bryan, Texas, and A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga.

Women's Missionary Society—Mrs. Fannie Polston, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. J. L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Eugene Miller, Flat River, Mo., Mrs. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C., Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, New Bern, N. C.

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REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS

General Secretary's Report of League Work

To the National Association of Free Will Baptist in session with Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas, July 11-14, 1939.

As National Secretary of Free Will Baptist Leagues, I present you my survey of the field in regards to the youth of our church:

In a day when youth is meeting severe criticism and finding a world that is rather disjointed and unfavorable to youth, I am happy to say that a great host of our young people are finding great truth and reality in putting "The Kingdom of God First" I am proud of the marshalled forces of the Free Will Baptist Church known as Free Will Baptist Leaguers, truly they are "a mighty army, marching as to war." They are preparing themselves for the conflict, ready to carry on when we shall have laid the armor down.

A great deal of preparatory work has been done concerning two very important phases of the youth work of our church. Considerable time and thought is being given to a National Convention of our young people which was authorized by this body in its last session. A program is being worked out, and a favorable time is being selected. Much good can result from such an organization.

Several meetings have been held in preparation for the organization of our college groups. I have found our young people very responsive to the idea, which in brief is this: to publish a paper suited for the college group, designed to keep their spiritual life aflow, to keep them informed as to the

actual news of their church and to afford a medium of contact among this group of our church, which only too often we lose when they leave for college. In those schools, where there are sufficient number, we will set up an organization, and even in schools where they might only be one attending, he need not feel isolated, for our paper would keep in contact with him, and finally bring all this group into a state gathering once a year. The first actual meeting of this type is planned for the early fall for the college group in North Carolina to be held in my church in Durham. Plans for a complete survey of our organizations and the issuing of a charter are being developed. This will afford the Secretary more accurate information and be the means of enabling your League Board to put across any definite plans.

I believe the following facts will be of interest to this body: the combined circulation of all League literature has now reached an all time high of 24,000 copies per year. This gives us the very encouraging fact that within the last six (6) years we have made a 96% increase in circulation. The growth and health of any organization is readily reflected in the circulation of its publication. This being true, we have nothing of which to be ashamed.

The above facts easily puts me in position to say that we have this army of youth, 25,000 strong, proportioned as follows: 13,000 seniors; 5,000 intermediates and 6,000 juniors. Think what this group will mean to the church in the not far distant day.

May I take this method of expressing my appreciation to all that have helped make this report possible. I desire to express my appreciation also to those appointed to the League Board, their names I did not have until within the last few weeks. I plan to present to them some very important matters for consideration in the very near future.

Yours for the Kingdom First,

HENRY MELVIN, National Secretary Free Will Baptist Leagues.

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Report of The National Foreign Mission Board

We the National Board of Foreign Missions prayerfully submit the following report and recommendations.

In the first place, we wish to commend our people for the splendid support they have given the cause of foreign missions in the past, and we sincerely solicit their support in the future, especially for the next twelve months. That you may know what has been done for this great cause during the last eight months, the treasurer of the Board presents his report as follows: (see report):

In the next place, we offer five recommendations for your careful and prayerful consideration.

First, we recommend the approval of the change of the fields of labor of Brother and Sister Willey, namely, from Panama to Nicaragua. This change was made because of an intolerant government in Panama, which forced them to leave that country the first of July. We further recommend that Brother and Sister Willey's salary and allowance for mission work in Nicaragua be continued in the amount of \$150 per month. Moreover, that we supply them with needed helpers as early as possible.

Second, we recommend that we continue Miss Barnard's salary at \$50.00 per month. Also, we recommend the approval of Miss Barnard's efforts to establish a Free Will Baptist Mission in India, and that we supply her with funds and helpers with which to extend the work as rapidly as possible.

Third, we recommend that Miss Bessie Yeley be given \$250.00, \$200.00 of which is for her transportation to Venezuela, and \$50.00 of which as her salary for the first month on the field. She, too, is to receive \$50.00 per month as a salary, and she is to sail as early as possible.

Fourth, we recommend that the allowance of \$10.00 per month to Mr. R. Paul, a native missionary in India, be discontinued that our own missionaries may have all our support.

Finally, we recommend the following foreign mission budget, which extends from July 1, 1939, to July 1, 1940:

North Carolina, \$1,200.00; Missouri, \$600.00; Tennessee, \$600.00; Texas, \$400; Ohio, \$300; Oklahoma, \$250; Virginia, \$100, Georgia, \$150, South Carolina, \$100, Alabama, \$100, Kentucky, \$50, Mississippi, \$50, Florida, \$50,

Prayerfully submitted,

Rev. B. F. Rogers, Chairman

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Sec.-Treas.

Rev. Winford Davis

Clyde F. Goen

Mrs. J. R. Bennett

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

November 1, 1938, to July 1, 1939

RECEIPTS

North Carolina. State Association, by Rev. Willet L.

Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C. \$590.59

Individuals, churches, and auxiliaries..... 142.10

Total from North Carolina \$ 732.69

Missouri. State Association, by Rev. Winford Davis

Monett, Mo. \$ 331.76

Texas. State Association, by C. F. Goen, Bryan, Tex. \$218.35

Individuals, churches, and auxiliaries 37.69

Total from Texas \$ 256.04

Ohio. State of Ohio, by Mrs. James Peach,

Sciotoville, Ohio \$ 101.15

Tennessee. Cumberland Association, by G. W.

Fambrough.

Neptune, Tenn. \$ 93.38

Oklahoma. State of Oklahoma, by Rev. B. F. Rogers,

Wewoka, Okla. \$ 90.15

South Carolina. S. C. Union and Conference, by Rev.

E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C. \$ 40.00

Individuals, churches, and auxiliaries 14.75

Total from South Carolina \$ 54.75

Georgia. Individuals, churches, and auxiliaries..... \$ 36.16

Illinois. Mrs. J. E. Jones, Thompsonville, Ill. \$ 1.00

Rescue Church, by Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Ill. \$ 13.00

Total from Illinois \$ 14.00

Eastern General Association, by W. E. Coville,

Nashville, Tenn. \$ 12.64

Mississippi. Pearces Chapel Church, by Miss Maurine

Milican, Smithville, Miss.	\$ 8.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,730.97
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 421.60
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,152.57
Disbursements	
To Rev. T. H. Willey as salary	\$800.00
To Rev. T. H. Willey for mission work	179.43
To Miss Laura Belle Barnard as salary	450.00
To Miss Laura Belle Barnard as a special gift.....	5.00
To Rev. R. Paul as salary	90.00
Miscellaneous expenses	8.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,533.33
Balance On Hand July 1, 1939	\$ 619.24
Gratefully submitted, I. J. Blackwelder, Treas. Nat'l. Foreign Mission Board.	

Report Of Statistician

To the National Association of Free Will Baptists in third annual session, convening with the church in Bryan, Texas, July 11-14, 1939.

Greetings—

I herewith present my statistical report of National Free Will Baptists. This report should give a full and accurate statement of the status of our church, nationally speaking, numerically as well as financially. This report is not full or accurate, however, in some respects. Most of the figures are correct and without guess work; some of them though, are based on estimation. We greatly appreciate the splendid cooperation of the various associational clerks and secretaries who sent copies of last year's minutes and we appreciate the valuable data sent to this office from every source such as Orphanages, schools, etc.

Membership Report

	1938	1939
Number of churches	1,143	1,185
Number of members	82,752	101,041
Members baptised		2,225
Members received by letter		668
Members restored		73
Total received in all		2,966
Members died		345
Dismissed by letter		255
Excommunicated		335
Total loss of members		935
Increase in membership		2,031
Number ordained ministers	1,095	1,154
Number licensed ministers		50

Financial Report

	1938	1939
Value of Church property	\$1,214,700	1,306,175
Value of denominational property	95,000	161,835
Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C.		\$81,500
Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn.		39,335

Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.	30,000
Dothan School property, Dothan, Ala.	5,500
Zion Bible School, Blakely, Ga.	1,000
Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Mo.	4,500
Total value of all property	\$1,309,700.00 \$1,468,010.00
Paid out for building and repairs	20,473.02
Paid Pastors	91,254.53
Paid Evangelists	3,031.78
Total paid pastors and evangelists.....	94,286.31
Paid to orphanages	44,179.30
Paid to foreign missions	1,131.83 2,582.86
Paid for home missions	
Paid for Christian Education	1,651.07
Total paid for all purposes	163,988.96

Miscellaneous Report

Free Will Baptist League enrollment	20,000	25,000
Sunday School enrollment		
Ladies Aid enrollment		

While the statistical table is not yet complete, this office has striven to make it so. We have at least built a foundation on which the next statistician may work. With a little cooperation from all associations and conferences in our denomination, we can present each year a table that would reflect in a marvelous way the grand strength of our great church and cause our people to assume a greater pride in their work and much lasting good shall be accomplished for the Glory of God and the salvation of souls.

With this in mind, may we make the following recommendations:

1. That the clerk of each association of conference in the denomination gather and send to the National Statistician the necessary data called for on the regular statistical report blank, from his association or conference as lies within his power. This material is to represent the statistics from one National Association to the next. (For example: July, 1938-July, 1939) Association is to meet each year.

2. That the small sum of \$5.00 be paid the National Statistician each year until such time that a larger sum will be needed, for mailing and purchasing of necessary material. (If cooperation is given by each clerk as suggested above, much expense will be eliminated.)

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE BOWEN, Statistician, 2513 Club Blvd., Durham, N. C.

Report of Home Mission Board

Realizing something of the importance of the work of missions in our homeland, of the opportunities that are presenting themselves to us as a church here in the homeland, and of a financial program in order that we accomplish greater work for our Master here in these fields "already white unto harvest," we thankfully make the following report of your home mission efforts this year.

The results of the program as published in our religious papers from those states carrying out this suggestion program is as follows:

States carrying out suggested home mission program and reporting same,

Financial results,

Total contributed before this Association.....	\$235.40
Paid to Mrs. McAdams	\$ 11.50
Balance	\$223.90

Total contributed during this Association	\$ 69.95
Total brought forward	\$293.85
Paid to Mrs. McAdams.....	38.70

Balance brought forward to date\$255.15

As a board, we sincerely and prayerfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That this Board be given the authority to collect and disburse funds for the promotion of a home mission program in place where the need is greatest.

2. That this Board be empowered to employ such field workers that it deems wise to carry on the above mentioned program.

Prayerfully submitted.

M. L. Hollis
J. K. Warkentin
Lizzie McAdams
Geo. Dunbar
Agnes B. Frazier

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Report of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention

The women of the National Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists submit the following report:

We met in regular session in Bryan, Texas, July 12 and 13. Seven states represented—five by delegation and two by letter. We have three state organizations and eighteen district conventions. There are 3851 women engaged in this work. Four states reported stewardship study classes and declamation contests held. The week of prayer was generally observed. Subscriptions to the papers, 1864.

Paid for missions \$1,820.08, paid for education \$602.36. Paid for orphanage \$8,378.79.

The following is the Treasurer's report:

Received June 20, 1938, from G. P. Best of Goldsboro, N. C.

for Zion Bible School	\$ 3.60
Received October 28, 1938, from Mrs. E. D. Coker of S. C.....	14.20
Received November 20, 1938, from Mrs. McAdams	19.01
Received from Mrs. Nell Hormick, Ashford, Ala., Dist. Con.....	4.00
Received from Mrs. Hermon Nobles, Treasurer, N. C. State Aux. Con	59.00
Received July 12, 1939, from Mrs. J. R. Davidson, Central Texas	
Auxiliary Convention	10.00
Received from Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Ga. State Con.	20.00
Received from Auxiliary Con. of Cumberland Association of Tenn.....	19.50
Received from Mrs. McAdams in mission barrell	7.03

TOTAL RECEIPTS\$156.34

BALANCE\$ 57.48

TOTAL\$213.82

Disbursements

Paid:

Zion Bible School	\$ 3.60
Convention by mistake the mission barrell	8.30
Mrs. McAdams, Nov. 20, 1938	10.00
Secretary for minutes	20.00

Mrs. McAdams	25.00
Recording Secretary	21.60
Field Secretary	15.00
Fifth Vice President	10.00
for declamation medals	8.00
for Programs	1.75
TOTAL	\$154.89
Total amount in treasury	\$ 58.93

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

We, your Board of Education respectfully submit the following:

The entire past year has been spent in an effort to create a greater interest in Christian Education. In our endeavor, we have gone beyond our fondest dream. There is not only an increasing interest, but a greater demand for Christian Education than we have even seen before. This interest is especially noticeable among the laity of our churches, and particularly among the youth. States which have proven their interest by financial contributions are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and New Mexico. The time is ripe for action in a definite way. Further delay will not only work a hardship, but will have a tendency to destroy present interest. By our delay we both deny the privilege of Christian Education to those so much in need of it, and we lose to other denominations the best talent, which might have become our greatest asset of tomorrow.

As a further evidence of the interest created, we now have in the treasury the sum of \$1,019.99. We also have pledges to the amount of \$202.00. Many others have expressed a willingness to assist in a very material way when something definite is offered, and evidence of success is assured. There is also a reserve reported in Tennessee of from six to seven hundred dollars.

The Board has at present some very interesting propositions under consideration. If present plans materialize, and if the Board receives proper support and backing from those of you on the field, we purpose to open school by September 1st. and not later than January first of next year, in property acquired in the name of the denomination.

We make the following recommendations:

First: That the Board of Education be empowered to obtain and hold in trust, property suited to the needs of conducting a school in the name of the denomination.

Second: That any expense incurred by the Board in investigating prospective property be paid from the funds now in hand.

Third: That the Board be authorized to establish and maintain a Bible College for the training of Ministers, and other Christian workers—this to include equipping the buildings, selecting a faculty, and necessary field workers.

Fourth: That the Board be empowered, or authorized to collect and expend funds necessary to the maintenance of the above program.

J. R. Davidson, Chairman.

J. R. Bennett,
Geo. D. Dunbar,
E. Self Jones,
Melvin Bingham.

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The Superannuation Board met in a short business session. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, and opened by prayer by Rev. Clarence Bowen.

The treasurer vacancy was discussed and it was agreed that Mrs. Simpson continue to act as temporary treasurer.

Rules governing the work of the Board was discussed and approved by the Board, and the Superannuation Board recommends to the National Association the following for consideration:

1. That the Board be given power to say when we shall begin to pay out of the Superannuation treasury.

2. That all money raised in the various states for superannuation be turned over to the National Board for distribution (States be permitted to use 50% of money raised to meet immediate superannuate needs until the Board names date of paying out to begin).

3. That the Board be given power to draw up a form for application blank and to pass on applications of superannuates only who are affiliated with the National work either by local, district or state work.

4. That the Board be allowed to devise plans for raising funds for superannuation.

5. That the Board be given power to appoint superannuation workers in the various states.

That the Board be permitted to use any expense money necessary to the proper promotion of its work (Not including salaries.)

The Superannuation Treasury reports the following contributions by states:

Virginia	\$ 55.00
North Carolina	31.35
Tennessee	30.71
Missouri	30.00
Texas	23.45
Georgia	12.25
West Virginia	5.00
Oklahoma	2.26
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TOTAL	\$190.24

Submitted by

Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Chairman

E. J. Kilgore,

Rev. Clarence Bowen

Proxy for Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT

Received from the last session of the Association	\$69.85
Received from Johnson Co. Pike and Ohio Qr. Meetings	15.00
TOTAL	\$84.85
Amount Paid Out—	
To E. C. Morris for Clerk Service	\$13.00
To E. C. Morris for Minute Printing	71.85

TOTAL\$84.85

Leaving nothing in treasury.

F. S. Van Hoose, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF REVISION COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that article III of the Constitution be changed so as to read as follows: This Association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the organization they represent, and of all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers who are of good repute in the Free Will Baptist Church.

2. That paragraph two of the By-Laws be changed to read as follows: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Association. In case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to a Credential Committee.

3. That section one of article V of the Constitution be changed to read: Each state association representing in this body shall send the sum of \$10.00 with its report. District or subordinate association, representing directly, shall send the sum of \$5.00 with their reports.

O. T. Allred.

Geo. D. Dunbar, Chairman.

I. J. Blackwelder.

J. R. Bennett.

J. L. Waltman

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RESOLUTION ON ENTERTAINMENT

Whereas the entertainment of our National Association may outgrow the possibilities of local hospitality and become too great a burden upon the local church; therefore be it resolved:

First, that the National Association shall have the privilege of charging a fee of \$1.00 of each person registering for free entertainment.

Second, That the National Association also have the privilege of limiting the free entertainment to those who pay the registration fee.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Wiggs

R. E. Tripp.

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RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Be it resolved that we, the ministers, delegates and visitors of the National Association, tender our most sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Bryan Church and friends of the Church, for the unexcelled spirit of hospitality shown us while in their midst. Our prayers shall always be for the blessings of the Lord to rest upon them and prosper them in His work.

Be it further resolved that we tender our thanks and appreciation to the papers of Bryan and the Radio station for the publicity they have given to our National Association.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Hollis, Chairman

Resolution Committee.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble. From long experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and co-ordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

ARTICLE I

Name. This organization shall be known as the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II.

Purpose. The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing this National Association, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may hereafter be represented therein.

ARTICLE III

Composition. This Association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the organization they represent, and of all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers who are of good repute in the Free Will Baptist church.

ARTICLE IV

Representation. Representation to the National Association to be by states. Each state association shall be entitled to five delegates to be elected from the laity regardless of the number of district associations in the state; but in addition to the five delegates each state shall be entitled to one delegate for each district association within the state association. Said additional delegates to be elected by their respective associations.

District associations in states having no state association shall elect and send their delegate direct to the National Association.

Section 2. This National Association shall have no Power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.

ARTICLE V

Finance. Each state association representing in this body shall send the sum of \$10.00 with its report. District or subordinate association, representing directly, shall send the sum of \$5.00 with their report.

Section 2. The moderator and clerk shall be paid the sum of fifteen dollars each annually. All other expenditures not specified herein shall be made at the direction of the body.

ARTICLE VI

Discipline. This National Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization of the National Association of the Free Will Baptist Church or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to this National Association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, and its decision shall be final. Such appeals are to come before the National Association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

Section 2. All appeals coming before the National Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the National Association when sitting in a Committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

Officers. The officers of this National Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of which shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session.

Section 2. Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VIII

Boards: All boards shall be composed of five members. The following boards, namely: Executive, foreign mission, home mission, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist league, women's auxiliary, education and superannuation shall be elected as follows: The first named for a term of one year, the second, for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years and the fifth for a term of five years. Thereafter, one member to be elected each year for a term of five years to fill the vacancy of the retiring member.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have power to act in behalf of and for the National Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the National Association.

Section 3. This Executive Board shall have power to fill irregular vacancies that may occur in its own body, and shall also have power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of the work. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to the next regular session of the National Association.

Sections 4. The duties of the various boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves, and such regulations for their work may become necessary for the successful accomplishment of the same; such to be in harmony with the principles and tenets of the National Association.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings. This National Association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The place of meeting to be alternated each year: east of the Mississippi River one year and west of the Mississippi the next year; and place of meeting to be decided by a vote of the body. The time of meeting to be on Tuesday following the Second Sunday in July, and to remain in session until its work is completed.

ARTICLE X

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the National Association by a two-thirds vote provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

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BY-LAWS

1. The clerk or assistant, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Association. In

case of questionable representation, however, the case under question shall be referred to a credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

6. The Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

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13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION FOR YEARS 1939-41

President—Mrs. Clarence Bowen, 2513 Club Bldg..... Durham, N. C.
 First Vice-President—Mrs. J. E. Frazier 7624 E. Cahal Ave. Nashville Tenn.
 Second Vice President—Mrs. J. R. Bennett.....Bridgeton, N. C.
 Third Vice President—Mrs. Lizzie McAdams,Huntsville, Tex.
 Fourth Vice President—Mrs. Georgia Frost.....Barnes, Lucoma, N. C.
 Fifth Vice President—C. B. Thompson,.....400 N. Leslie St. Goldsboro, N. C.
 Recording Secretary—Miss Lola Johnson,.....Alma, Ga.
 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. T. B. Mellette,.....Blakely, Ga.
 Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie Polston 318 Woodland St.....Nashville, Tenn.
 Field Secretary—Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St.....Nashville, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Fourth Annual Session of the National Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary Convention was opened with remarks by the President, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton and singing our theme song "Jesus Calls Us."

Prayer by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

Greetings by Mrs. J. R. Davidson of the local church.

Response by Mrs. Ray of Tennessee.

The Watchword, Aim and Motto of the organization were said in unison.

Recognition of State and District Presidents,

State Pres.	}	Mrs. C. B. Thompson, North Carolina.
		Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, Texas.
		Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Georgia.

Dis't. Presidents	}	Mrs. L. J. Lawless, Central Texas.
		Mrs. Clarence Bowen, Western Aux. of N. C.

Enrollment of delegates:

North Carolina	}	Mrs. Georgia F. Barnes.
		Mrs. C. B. Thompson.
		Mrs. Crumpler.

Eastern District of N. C.—Mrs. E. W. Turnage.

Cumberland Dis't. Con. of Tenn.	}	Mrs. J. E. Frazier.
		Mrs. J. W. Maxey.
		Miss Rebecca Stewart
		Miss Jean Welch
		Miss Mary Patten
	}	Mrs. Eva Ray

Union Association Tennessee—Mrs. Paul Woolsey.

South Georgia—Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Texas Dis. Con.	}	Mrs. Covy Wondsor.
		Mrs. C. F. Goen.

Missouri State—Miss Melba White.

Ruling in this meeting that those who are Presidents of State or district

convention acting as delegates are entitled to only one vote.

Motion that all ladies from either states who are not affiliated with the National Association be extended courtesy from this body to sit with us throughout the convention.

Appointment of Committees:

Resolution committee } Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Tenn. Chairman.
 } Mrs. Covy Wondsor, Texas.
 } Mrs. C. B. Thompson, N. C.

Motion carried that all resolutions be placed in hands of committee to be brought before the house.

Adjournment for preaching.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After an executive session the body reassembled to continue the business.

Appointment of apportionment committee: } Mrs. Fannie Polston, Tenn.
 } Mrs. E. W. Turnage, N. C.
 } Miss Mary Patten, Tenn.
 } Mrs. C. F. Goen, Texas.
 } Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Ga.

Appointment of manager for Stewardship Contest: Mrs. Georgia F. Barnes.

A motion was carried that the National Convention convene Monday night through Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1940, preceeding the National Association.

An explanation concerning the representation of State and District Convention to the National Convention was made by Mrs. J. E. Frazier; that the states making up the National Convention be represented thru the State where there is a state organization, by the District Convention where there is no State Convention.

A motion was carried that the National Auxiliary Convention ask the National Association to print our minutes for this session within the binding of the National Association minutes.

Adjournment:

THURSDAY MORNING

This session was opened by singing the theme song "Jesus Calls Us." With the president, Mrs. Lupton, presiding.

Prayer by Mrs. K. V. Shutes. A letter and report from Mrs. M. H. Mellette, chairman of the Stewardship work, was read.

A letter and report from the Second Vice President who has charge of Education, was read.

The President's report was read.

Mrs. Barnes gave plans for the Stewardship Contest appointing judges.

Adjournment for preaching.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Nominating Committee was appointed.

Mrs. Ray, Tenn.

Mrs. Shutes, Ga.

Mrs. Wiggs, Tex.

Mrs. Bowen, N. C.

Miss Patten, Tenn.

The report of the fifth Vice President was read.

Mrs. Georgia F. Barnes, delegate from N. C., gave a report of their

work. This report was very interesting. Very helpful suggestions came from it.

The report on missions was read by Mrs. McAdams.

Mrs. Fannie Polston gave the report of the work of the women of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

Among the most interesting parts of this report was that of an orphanage purchased by the women of the Cumberland Association.

Surely this report was an inspiration to all present.

The report of the Union Association District Conference of Tennessee, was made by Mrs. Paul Woolsey.

Mrs. R. C. Wiggs reported for the State of Texas and Central district Convention of Texas.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes reported for Georgia.

Mrs. Polston gave interesting reports of work in Missouri and South Eastern Alabama.

All these reports were very encouraging, sustaining the fact that the women of the Free Will Baptist Church are answering the call of the Master to advance His kingdom.

The report of the apportionment was read and adopted (see report in National Association minutes).

Rules for the Stewardship contest were read by the director, Mrs. Barnes and accepted. (See rules elsewhere.)

The report of the resolution committee was read and adopted (see report elsewhere).

The report of the nominating committee was read and adopted. Officers were elected by private ballot.

Moved and carried that the Secretary send a letter of appreciation to the retiring officers for the splendid work they have done in their respective departments.

This body at this time went to the main building for the Stewardship declamation contest held before the National Association.

These declamations were well given by each contestant, those entering the contest were:

Intermediates	}	Lorena Morgan, North Carolina.
		Frances Boyte, Tennessee.
		Lynette Edge, Texas.
		John Hudson, Georgia.

Juniors	}	Jackie Henserling, jr., Texas.
		Addie Elizabeth Johnson, Georgia.
		Francis Coville, Tennessee.
		Madge Davis, North Carolina.

After the contest the winner of the Intermediate group, Frances Boyte of Tennessee, and winner for the Junior group, Madge Davis, North Carolina, were each awarded a beautiful gold pin with the word Stewardship and year engraved on them.

FRIDAY MORNING

After attending the devotions in the main building the ladies reassembled for a short business session.

Minute of Thursday's session were read and adopted.

A motion was carried that we recommend to the National Association that we do not need a board as suggested by the Association but that our

Vice Presidents have charge of our departmental work and that we be represented by our Field Secretary.

A motion was carried that Mrs. J. L. Welch be paid \$10.00 as a gift for appreciation for the work she has done as an officer of the National Convention.

The report of the First Vice President was read.

Adjournment.

REPORTS

Resolutions: We, the resolutions committee, submit the following report:

1. Resolved that the annual convention reports be in the hands of the Vice Presidents at least 3 days before this annual convention.

2. Resolved that each National Vice President turn in a written report of the work accomplished in her department for the year to this convention.

3. Resolved that each local district, and State Association make special effort this coming year to see that each member of their respective organizations turn in to the National Treasurer at least ten cents (10c) per capita national dues.

4. Since our women feel very keenly our need as a demonination of a Christian Educational Institution, we recommend that the Second Vice President in every organization make a special effort to collect 10c per member from each member and same be turned over to the National Convention treasurer.

5. Resolved, that a winning contestant in the Stewardship Declamation Contest be eligible for one year only.

6. Inasmuch as this convention has been so wonderfully entertained and splendidly conducted, be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to Bryan church and community for its hospitality and to our president and other officers who have made valuable contributions to this convention.

Respectfully submitted.

Agnes B. Frazier
Mrs. Covy Wondsor
Mary Patton
Mrs. C. B. Thompson

DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP DECLAMATION CONTEST

The points for the judges' consideration are as follows:

1. Judge each contestant by number, not by name or state.

2. Judge recitations by the following points.

(a) Mastery of subject matter.....	50%
(b). Posture and gesture	20%
(c). Pronounciation and diction	30%

100%

See report of Field Secretary and Treasurer in National Association Minutes.

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the National Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Article II. Object

The object of this Convention shall be to bring the women of each state

together for the purpose of transacting business pertaining to the promotion of the work in general. ?ggew

Article III. Membership

This convention shall be composed of the officers of said convention together with the presidents and delegates from the state or district conventions which will include one delegate at large and one for each 25 members or major fraction thereof.

Article IV. General Officers

The officers of this convention shall be a president, five vice presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and field worker and these officers shall compose the executive committee, five of which shall constitute a quorum.

Article V. Annual Meeting

This national convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the Convention while in session.

Article VI. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a two-third vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: The president shall preside over all meetings, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee together when necessary and perform such duties as usually devolve upon such an officer.

Section 2. First Vice President: The first vice president shall act as president in her absence or by her request and shall be in charge of the department of publications and literature.

Section 3. Second Vice President: The 2nd vice president shall act as president in the absence of the president and 1st. vice president and shall have charge of the department of Christian Education.

Section 4. Third Vice President. The 3rd vice president shall act as president in the absence of the president and 1st and 2nd vice presidents and shall have charge of the department of missions.

Section 5. Fourth Vice President: The 4th vice president shall act as president in the absence of the president and the first three vice presidents and shall have charge of the department of Stewardship.

Section 6. Fifth Vice President: The 5th vice president shall act as president in the absence of the president and the first four vice presidents and shall have charge of the department of Benevolences.

Section 7. The Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record, in a well-bound book provided by the Convention, of all annual meetings of the Convention and of meetings of the Executive Committee; shall notify all officers of their election or appointment and edit the minutes of all meetings held. She shall take care of all papers of value and turn them over to her successor in office.

Section 8. The Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all necessary correspondence for the Convention, send out report blanks and award winners for Standard of Excellence.

Section 9. Treasurer: The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this Convention and shall pay out same only when authorized by the Convention at its annual meetings on order from the secretary signed by the President. She shall keep a correct record of all funds received and

disbursed and shall give a detailed written report at the annual meeting.

Section 10. Field Worker: A national field worker, or organizer, shall be elected annually by the Convention, who shall compile statistics from the district Conventions and present them to the annual meetings of the national convention.

Section 11. The Executive Committee: The duty of the executive committee shall be to maintain an oversight of the work at large, fill vacancies in the interim of meetings, and act for the Convention, same to be subject to the will of the Convention at its regular meetnig.

Article II. Directors of Departments

The Vice Presidents shall originate and direct plans of work for their department in harmony with the plan of work arranged and approved by the Convention, secure reports and compile them for report to the annual meeting and to be printed in the minutes.

Article III. Elections

The genera officers and field worker shall be elected by private ballot every two years of the convention.

Article IV. Expenses

The expenses of the General Officers and the Field Worker to all official meetings shall be paid from the National treasury. The expense of printing the minutes shall be paid from the treasury and an appropriation of ten dollars be made to secretary for transcribing and superintending printing minutes. Postage and stationery shall be furnished the General Officers and Field Worker. Other appropriations may be decided upon by the Finance Committee and passed on by the Convention.

Article V. Committees

Section 1. Credentials: The National Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman of the Credentials Committee and other members may be appointed by the President.

Section 2. Finance: The National Treasurer shall be chairman of the Finance Committee and four other members may be appointed by the President.

Article VI. Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular annual meeting of the National Convention.

Article VII. Dues

Ten cents (10c) per capita shall be paid yearly to the National secretary for convention dues.

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